



THE WILDERNESS CENTER

# Wilderness Connections

## A Night of

September | October 2021

## Enchantment



As an added safety precaution this year, we will only be opening 1 trail at a time, but we are adding extra times in the afternoon on Saturday. The Enchanted Forest will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased online where you will be able to select your preferred times. Members: You will receive an exclusive first chance at getting your tickets online! Watch your email!

The Wilderness Center's Enchanted Forest is returning in 2021! Visitors will meet the much-loved characters of Dirt, Bat, Slug, Opossum, Crayfish, and Coyote as they are escorted along our pumpkin-lit trails. These friendly characters will sing, tell jokes and share stories of life in the woodlands. The experience is a fun, safe event for families. The educational focus of the evening is on the interconnectedness and importance of nocturnal species.



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volunteers and event partners!  
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# Hello!

On behalf of all of us at TWC, I am honored to extend our shared gratitude to all of those who joined our Strategic Visioning Engagement Sessions. As we plan for the future of TWC, we wanted to get as much input from our community and constituency as possible. To that end, the team at Sustainable Economies Consulting facilitated 6 sessions with a wide variety of attendees from Stark, Wayne, Holmes, and Tuscarawas counties: teachers, conservation experts, foundation partners, local government officials, members of the business community, and TWC committee members and volunteers. Each session brought new insights into the needs of the communities we serve and the role that we should be playing. Participants helped identify possible goals, pathways, and programs that TWC could adopt to fill that role.

The next phase will be the design of those projects identified as priorities through the public comment process. The design process will be led by the leadership team of Envirosience Inc. We are really excited by the projects that have bubbled up to the top thus far, including building new trails, the creation of functional wetlands as a destination for migrating wildlife, wildlife watchers, and students of all ages, as well as some projects that surprised even us.

Between our engagement sessions and those that responded to our onsite or emailed questionnaire, we heard from hundreds of you. Thank you for the terrific response. Hearing from you is exactly what we needed to help move these projects forward. We are now ready to kick off the design phase. Stay tuned for more and I look forward to updating all of you this fall.

Jeanne M. Gural



Executive Director

## Growth for Foxfield Preserve

Over the past few years TWC has experienced increased interest in our Foxfield Preserve conservation burial ground. More people are choosing conservation burial to reduce their impact and as a more environmentally friendly option. Foxfield Preserve is leading the way in our state. In response to this growth, Sara Brink was recently promoted to Director of the Foxfield Preserve. In this role, Sara will oversee all operations, sales and family services, while also promoting conservation burial nationally and across Ohio.

Candidates are also being sought to fill a part-time Family Services Associate position. A successful candidate will provide a supportive presence to companion families through the burial experience, while also informing the choices of others by offering educational presentations throughout northeast Ohio. For more details on the position, as well as our services, visit [foxfieldpreserve.org](http://foxfieldpreserve.org).

**If you are interested in learning more about conservation burial, join us for a guided public tour:**

Thursday, September 23, 6:00 pm.

Saturday, November 6, 10:00 am.

Registration required. Register at [www.wildernesscenter.org](http://www.wildernesscenter.org) or by calling 330-359-5235.



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**PUBLIC TOUR**  
THURS., SEPT. 23 @ 6:00 PM

Registration required  
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# Partnering for Community Conservation

The Wilderness Center launched its Community Conservation Partnership Program earlier in 2021, and now, we are gathering support and partners for this cause. TWC's Community Conservation Partnership Program couples our involvement in the International Dark Sky Initiative with our local, community-focused Backyard Habitat Program. Together these programs focus on how our local families, schools, and even businesses can pitch in to help protect and increase the needed resources for our vastly important populations of native pollinators, bees, moths, birds, and other wildlife while enhancing enjoyment of and learning from our shared natural communities. There are small steps each of us can take, and this program will inform and engage on what those steps can be.



*Photograph courtesy of Steve Upperman*

To fund this important program, TWC has entered a community supported grant program through A Community Thrives, a nationwide grantmaking and crowdfunding initiative presented through the USA Today Network and the Gannet Foundation. Through this initiative, TWC has already raised over \$8,000 and will be eligible for a larger grant to fully fund the program.

Closer to home, TWC is proud to be the recipient of The Buzz Maker!® marketing firm Save Ohio Bees™ campaign. Through this campaign, local artists teamed up to sell their pollinator and bee related



work with a portion of the proceeds going directly to The Wilderness Center and Pollinator Partnership. TWC even hosted a virtual “Bee Bootcamp” to encourage people to increase their knowledge of our winged friends!

Look for opportunities to learn more and contribute to this Partnership. After all, just as all parts of an ecosystem work together to balance that system, we all must work together to conserve nature in our backyards and our night sky to make them enjoyable for generations to come.

*Photograph courtesy of Steve Upperman*



## Zoar Woods Additions

**Exciting News!** The Wilderness Center is pleased to announce the “Grand Reopening” of our Zoar Woods Preserve coming this fall. We do not yet have a date as we are waiting completion of some major changes, but thanks to the hard work of our conservation and land steward staff, along with our neighbors and partner, Cavanaugh Building of Akron, our Zoar Woods Preserve will offer additional parking, interpretive signage, and a brand-new entrance. Stay tuned!



# What's Best for the Birds

Many of us were saddened by the news that we would have to take down our bird feeders this summer due to a spreading illness in several species of birds. Unfortunately, the precaution is still necessary. The Wilderness Center has been following guidelines from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. An unknown disease has been plaguing birds since June, and at that time, we were all instructed to put away our bird feeders and bird baths in order to stop the birds from congregating and spreading the disease.

If you find dead or diseased birds on your property, it helps to report them to track the mysterious illness. You can report them at this link: <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/speciessighting/>

You can continue to feed the birds all summer and fall even if you don't fill your feeders. The native plants of our area provide seed and important insect protein for the birds. Feed the birds in your yard by planting composite, daisy like flowers. Then do not dead-head the blooms, leave them to go to seed for the birds. Some suggestions: Lance-leaved Coreopsis, Purple Coneflower, Ox-eye or

False Sunflower, Black and Brown-eyed Susan and native sunflowers like Sawtooth Sunflower.

Because we want to discourage the spread of this disease, we will be postponing our fall birdseed sale, but watch your email and social media... as soon as we get the green light, we'll have the feeders out again and the birdseed for sale!



## What's Happening at TWC

You may have noticed that this doesn't look like our regular newsletter. We hope you still find plenty of interest within these pages, but you may be asking, "Where are all the programs?" Because of our Strategic Visioning and the precarious situation with the pandemic, we are waiting to finalize our programming for the fall. When we have everything set, we will post about it on social media, on our website, and send out friendly emails. We know not everyone enjoys going online, so if you have any questions about our calendar this fall, don't hesitate to call us (330-359-5235) and we can let you know about the good stuff going on here at TWC!

## Nature Fest Returns!

The 2021 Nature Fest Artists' Market will take place on September 12, 11am-4pm, at The Wilderness Center. While this event was traditionally held in November, we have decided to move it outdoors to ensure everyone's safety and to have an enjoyable, carefree day!

Shop from local artists featuring nature-themed pieces including pottery, jewelry, fine art, botanical art, bath and body products, photography, woodworking and more. This year, you can be an artist too... we'll be hosting special classes throughout the day to develop your skills in designing with nature in mind! Watch your email and social media for more details.



# Observe the Moon Month at TWC

*We'll be celebrating our celestial neighbor, the Moon, for the month of October!  
Join us for several events that are out of this world:*

-Explore the Moon, Virtual Program, Oct. 7, 7pm

-Storytime Sprouts: Moon Trip, At TWC,  
Oct. 13 & 26, 11am

-Artemis: To the Moon and Beyond,  
Virtual Program, 2:00pm

All Culminating in:  
*International Observe the Moon Night*, Astronomy  
Education Building, Oct. 16, 7:30pm

You will be joining people all around the world in viewing  
and learning about the Moon!

More details at [wildernesscenter.org](http://wildernesscenter.org).



*Waning Gibbous Moon, Credit Brian Gray*

## Wine and Wilderness Returns to Troutman Vineyards

*Join us for these indulgent and informative programs with our partners at Troutman Vineyards:*

*History of Backyard Bird-feeding, Sept. 3, 6:30pm • Secret Life of your Garden, Oct. 15, 6:30pm*

### THESE EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT

Troutman Vineyards, 4243 S. Columbus Rd, Wooster, OH 44691.

\$10 includes program and 1 glass of wine. Registration required! Space is limited.

Register online at [www.wildernesscenter.org](http://www.wildernesscenter.org)

## — Club Meetings —

TWC is proud to have active clubs! Check out these meeting dates and email [lynda@wildernesscenter.org](mailto:lynda@wildernesscenter.org) if you would like more info. More info on meeting topics and presentations at [wildernesscenter.org](http://wildernesscenter.org)

**Backpackers' and Dayhikers' Club:** Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 7:00pm

**Wilderness Center Woodcarvers:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month, 9:30am

**Nature Photo Club:** Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, 9:30am

**Special event at TWC:** *Beginner and Intermediate "Learn your Camera: Photography Seminar,"*  
October 2, 9:00am-2:00pm.

### Astronomy Club

**Star Watches:** Sept. 3, 8:30pm; Oct. 1, 8:00pm • Meetings: Sept. 24, Oct. 29, 7:30pm

# Tree of Life

The Wilderness Center's Tree of Life Program supports a significant conservation project at TWC each year. Often, these projects include planting trees in order to reforest old fields, provide wildlife habitat, and protect our natural waterways. As they grow, the trees will add beauty to The Wilderness Center and will be enjoyed by thousands of people.

Are you looking for a meaningful way to acknowledge one of life's special moments?  
Visit [wildernesscenter.org/donate](http://wildernesscenter.org/donate) to learn more.

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To honor **the 200th Anniversary of**  
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*Ushers of St. Paul Catholic Church*

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*Susan DiNarda*

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*Norma Elavsky*

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*Your Breakfast Bunch*

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