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## Greetings Friends,

We know fall is coming when.....  
the days begin to get shorter.....  
the sun slowly changes directions in the sky....  
and, pumpkins appear in the Shop in the Gardens !

In anticipation of fall, we begin to wind down our outdoor events. The final 'On the Terrace at 5' is scheduled for September 22. For the last time this season, members and guests will be able to enjoy music from the YSU Alumni Jazz band while relaxing and enjoying wine on the Beecher Terrace outside of the cafe at the Davis Center. Our fall plant sale originally scheduled for September 18-19 was moved up because our beautiful mum plants, perhaps due to the expert care provided by the Plant Sale Committee headed by Deb Metzger-- and with a little help from Mother Nature, didn't want to wait any longer to bloom! Finally, as we approach the holidays, plans are underway for a favorite event of Friends' members, the Holiday Open House. This event is scheduled for November 4 where members receive a discount on holiday purchases in the Shop in the Gardens. Watch for more details soon.

As we reflect back on the events held during the summer months, we have had a very successful season. Our series of plant sales has maintained a consistent following. Using a smaller format for each of four plant sales has enabled us to continue our tradition while gradually returning to community events. 'On the Terrace at 5' has continued to be a popular and well-attended event and has been welcomed back by our members and supporters. This year's summer Garden Party, 'Welcome Back to the Gardens' was a sellout! Our Garden Party Committee, headed by Chris Soller, carefully and cautiously planned this event taking full advantage of the extensive garden setting, allowing guests to spread out and enjoy a beautiful summer evening in the gardens. I would like to express the immense gratitude of Friends for your support of these events. Through fundraisers such as these, Friends is able to continue our mission to promote, improve and preserve Fellows Riverside Gardens. Your dedication is a testament to the value and importance these gardens provide to our community.

Looking forward, we are excited to witness the construction of the Margaret Cushwa Outdoor Education Building at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Through a donation entrusted to Friends approximately 15 years ago from the Commercial Intertech Foundation, along with an additional donation of \$100,000 provided by Friends and \$100,000 contributed by Mill Creek MetroParks, this project has become possible. Providing a space for environmental education and a fun-filled garden experience for children and families will inspire a connection with nature, building a tradition that will ensure these gardens will be here for generations to come.

As the newsletter committee discussed topics for the fall newsletter, Janet Yaniglos, committee member, Friends member, and past president, piqued our interest in the Katsura Tree that stands at the north end of the gazebo. In this newsletter, you will learn that this tree has an aroma of cotton candy and/or burnt sugar in autumn. Bertha Damon, author and lecturer, reminds us that "Autumn is the best season in which to sniff..." You may want to remember this when you visit Fellows Riverside Gardens this fall!

*Denise Stewart*

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### FRIENDS OF FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

Since 1988, the Friends have been dedicated to the promotion, improvement and preservation of Fellows Riverside Gardens, a free public garden, through advocacy and fundraising. As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Friends are independent of the Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks, yet work in steady collaboration with them to sponsor events and programs and to fund large-scale garden projects.

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## Garden Spotlight: Fall 2021

By Sarah Lowry

The arrival of the “dog days of summer” signals an equally dreaded and anticipated seasonal shift is around the corner: The days become shorter, the shadows become longer, and the baton conducting the evening song is passed from frogs and toads to crickets and cicadas.

Golden hour, just near dusk, washes over landscapes and faces, showing off the gilding of gardens, meadows, and roadsides alike. Black-eyed and brown-eyed susans greet passers-by with a wink and a smile; sunflowers stand proud looking over their soon-to-be wilting kingdoms; and goldenrod cozies up next to joe-pye and iron weed for a spectacular splash of contrasting colors. These tall purple-crowned beauties are a couple of the unfortunate plants whose reputations have been permanently besmirched by the inclusion of “weed” in their names. Sneezeweed, another sister golden flower, shares a similar fate. But all of these “weeds,” when in the right place, create beautiful blossoms to be enjoyed by people and pollinators alike.

Much like the nighttime sonic shifts, eyes will start shifting upwards, from flowers to foliage as the leaves begin to turn from deep greens to brilliant oranges, reds, and yellows.

Also attracting attention skyward is progress on the MetroParks’ 2021 Capital Improvement Project: the Margaret Cushwa Outdoor Education Building. The frame has been erected and the future vision of the building and surrounding grounds are taking shape. Construction of this 4-season indoor/outdoor structure will be followed in 2022 by the design and construction of the new Children’s Garden site.

Seasonal transition and transformation will also take root out of sight underground. “We will begin to transition from

summer to fall plantings in September,” Sarah Spetsios, Garden Supervisor, noted. “We grow 400 mums to be planted on the grounds and in containers,” she said. Already planning ahead for next year, Ms. Spetsios shared that staff are “adding over 100 Lupine to the perennial walkway [and] have an order placed for some new shrub additions to be planted in the gardens.”

The Gardens are as picturesque as a prize-winning painting, but their value is beyond static aesthetics: The Gardens are alive and serve as an active, gathering place, for all occasions and generations. In this spirit, Ms. Spetsios encourages “volunteers who are interested in helping with fall decorating, pumpkin walk, or bulb planting” to get in touch. Many hands make light work and contribute to the unique beauty of the Gardens.

### *Come smell the cotton candy tree*

Late summer and early fall is also the season of spectacular sunsets. Skies are sometimes a blaze and others the colors are more blended and soft, like cotton candy.

These cotton candy skies are a perfect complement to the “cotton candy tree,” the Katsura Tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*), located at the north end of the Gazebo, a gift to the Gardens dating back to 1968. This delicate drought-sensitive tree is native to Japan and China, but this one has made its home here in Ohio. Its heart-shaped leaves turn a bright yellow in autumn, joining the yellowing. Once the leaves have fallen, visitors may notice the smell of cotton candy or caramelized sugar when passing by.

As always, the Gardens are the best place to see, hear, smell, and experience the mini-miracles that appear in every season.



# Garden Party Recap and Highlights 2021

By Sarah Lowry

It is rare, some may say impossible, for something planned and put together by people to be perfect. But this year's Garden Party, aptly themed "Welcome Back to the Gardens," was perfect—or at least pretty close to it.

For starters, the weather could not have been better, especially for late July in northeast Ohio. Sun shining in a bright blue sky, fluffy clouds passing by on a brisk breeze. As the sun stepped aside for the moon to rise, the backdrop transitioned to a calm, clear, cool star-speckled evening, matching the twinkle of the lights suspended overhead party-goers at their jewel-toned tables. Observing the scene, this event creates the crown to house the brilliant gems that are the Gardens.

The Gardens were simply stunning and dressed to impress—bright blooms added splashes of color in every direction, including the dazzling centerpieces from Green's Floral Shop, catching the setting sunlight in every petal. And, so too were their guests. Everyone was excited to be back together in such a special place for such a special occasion.

Every element blended together as intended. The hors d'oeuvres, courtesy of Inspired Catering, were as beautiful as they were delicious and impeccably paired with refreshing wine and beer (hats off to Penguin City and North High breweries), which appropriately foreshadowed the drawings for the winners of the Barrel Full of Booze raffle.

Music floated betwixt and between the events of the evening. Beginning with soft piano with Jason Volovar and stepping up the tempo--and turning up the volume--as the party continued led by Rudy and the Professionals.

Old friends and new acquaintances shared smiles and laughter after having been apart for over a year. Feelings of sadness and loss because of the persistent pandemic were replaced by joy and gratitude. If just for one evening, the Gardens and the Garden Party created a space to be filled with good people, good food, and a good time. If that's not perfect, it'd be difficult to find something more fitting.





**GARDEN PARTY VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU.**

The Board of Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for the generous donation of time and energy for the 2021 Summer Gardens Party. We could not do this without YOU!

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| Linda Evans   | Elaine Klempay | Linda Oma       |
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**2021 GARDEN PARTY SPONSORS**

Friends would like to acknowledge and thank the following Mahoning Valley Business and Community Leaders for their generosity in supporting this annual fundraiser for our beloved Fellows Riverside Gardens.

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## Member Spotlight: Pam Nock

We caught up with Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens member Pam Nock in one of her favorite places, the Maxine Antonucci Library. Pam has volunteered at the library, located in the D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center, for many years.

As a lover of the Gardens, she also volunteers for special events such as plant sales, the pumpkin walk, the winter celebration, as well as helping to care for the plants.

At home, Pam enjoys the company of her two cats, rescued from Angels for Animals, an organization she has volunteered with for 20 years. She cherishes her hours spent as a Radio Reader volunteer for Goodwill, as well.

When Pam is not lending her time to her many volunteer efforts, she can be found working on her beloved crafts. She makes beautiful bead, paper and wool creations under the name, Pam's Pastimes.

Pam is a lifelong Austintown native where she still resides today with her husband of 38 years. A YSU alum, she worked locally at Mercy Health in the field of addiction treatment up until her retirement in 2020.

We thank Pam – and all the other Friends members – for her continued support of the Gardens.

*Is there someone you think we should feature in an upcoming edition of "Member Spotlight?"*

*Contact Kathleen Krantz at [krantzffrg19@gmail.com](mailto:krantzffrg19@gmail.com) with your suggestion.*



## Veggie Gardens' Success Rooted in Nearly 30 Years of Friends' Support

“Miss Lynn” calls Veggie Gardens “one of the most loved programs we have at the park.”

Miss Lynn is longtime park educator Lynn Zocolo, and Veggie Gardens is a 28-year-old children's gardening program that Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens has supported from the start in 1992.

“It's significant because we're growing gardeners,” Zocolo, coordinator of the program since 2006, said. “It's all about the kids getting their hands dirty while having good, clean fun.”

Veggie Gardens is a 2-year program that runs March through August. Participants are 8 and older. The objective is to teach them gardening basics, such as planting, growing, weeding, watering and harvesting. There's also an education component that teaches leaf identification, weed identification, plant parts, cooking and kitchen safety.

In their first year it's all about the basics. “Some kids don't know how to dig a hole or water properly, so we take it slow,” Zocolo said. With an influx of new gardeners each year, all are always practicing basic gardens skills.

Sixteen participants plus adult volunteers and Veggie Garden graduates – called Green Thumbs – come back to assist and mentor the newbies.

“We call ourselves a Veggie Garden family because there's a camaraderie and support system between the kids and adults,” Zocolo said.

Making scarecrows is another annual favorite activity. The family harvest picnic at the end of the season is a tradition

that started the first year.

All of classes take place at the MetroParks Farm in Canfield where each child is allotted a 3x10 foot raised bed garden. They plant a variety of veggies including carrots, zucchini, cucumbers, broccoli, and cauliflower.

The mammoth sunflowers are a favorite of all. “Two years ago one of our gardeners entered her sunflower at the Canfield Fair and won Best of Show,” Zocolo beamed.

With this season's harvest and picnic already in the books, plans are underway for next year's program. Space constraints limit participation to 16. Parents interested in more information or joining the waiting list can contact [lynn@millcreekmetroparks.org](mailto:lynn@millcreekmetroparks.org).



# Friends' Support Doesn't Waver During Pandemic

One of the ways Friends supports Fellows Riverside Gardens is through an endowment established by D.D. and Velma Davis to maintain the visitor center that bears their name.

Though 2020 was an unusual year, with the building being closed from mid-March because of the pandemic, important maintenance projects were able to be carried out. Hardwood floors throughout the Davis Center were resurfaced. Automated sun shades were installed in the Garden Cafe, and the Cafe terrace mortar was tuckpointed to protect against water damage. HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) automation system improvements were made.

Visitors to the Davis Center since the building's reopening this past May would also notice several renovations in line with smart Covid precautions: touchless automatic door sensors have been installed, along with an automatic/handicap button door opener at the Cafe terrace entrance.

Approximately \$75,000 was withdrawn from the Friends' Davis building endowment so that Mill Creek MetroParks could fund these efforts.

Even during the closure brought about by the pandemic, Friends continued its support of Fellows Riverside Gardens and the beautiful Davis Center.



## Donations to Fellows Riverside Gardens

Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations this year to support the gardens:

- BSHM Architects
- Becker Funeral Homes
- Mary Ann Eicher
- Mary DePiore Hlebovy
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- Rebecca Natale
- John Renner
- Patty Rush
- Leslie Thornton
- Janet Yaniglos and Clyde Morris
- David and Stacia Yaniglos



## Meet the new visitor services manager for Fellows Riverside Gardens –

### *an interview with Jessica Jablonski*

#### **T**ell us a little about yourself?

I was born and raised in Ellet, Ohio, which is near Akron and went to Ellet High School. I come from a very close-knit family and my grandparents, parents and siblings still live in Ellet. I went to Kent State and the University of Akron. I have been married for seven years and currently live in Liberty with my husband, Tim. We have two sons, Rowan and Jensen.

#### **What is your previous work experience and what drew you to a career in events management?**

I worked for the past 14 years in various retail positions starting with the garden department at Kmart in high school and then moved to positions with Children's Place, Gymboree and Carters prior to coming to the MetroParks. I have always been a very creative person and having the position as an events manager allows me to share my creativity with current and potential guests in planning their events at Fellows Riverside Gardens and the Davis Center. My goal is for our guests to have the best possible experience and beautiful memories for their special event.

#### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I love to decorate my home and reinvent with new or current

items. Currently I am working on our kitchen changing it from farmhouse to a more classic modern look.

#### **What famous person would you like to meet?**

Figure skater and two-time Olympic medalist Michele Kwan. In my earlier years I was a competitive figure skater and Michelle was one of my inspirations along with Scott Hamilton, who I was fortunate enough to meet in person.

#### **What is your favorite aspect or feature of Fellows Riverside Gardens?**

I feel so fortunate to be here that it is hard to name just one favorite. I love the Perennial walkway as it is always changing and provides such a "welcome" to the rest of the gardens for each season. Today when I walk out to this space, I feel like I am on a tropical island. My favorite place however is the Café Terrace and the view I feel is the best in the whole Valley.

We have many new faces here at Fellows Riverside Gardens and our entire staff is passionate about the park and ensuring a positive visitor experience. We have spent the last several weeks cleaning and organizing the Davis Center after many months of being closed and want to ensure our visitors that this is a safe environment. It has also increased efficiencies for the staff.



# CLASS SCHEDULE

**Note:** For more information on any of these events or classes or to register online please go to [www.millcreekmetroparks.org](http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org).

**Please note** – for the safety of staff and attendees all current CDC and state health guidelines will be observed. There will be a limit on the maximum number of people in each class. Registration is required for many of the classes in this listing - there are NO drop-in classes.

## EXHIBIT

### Mill Creek MetroParks History

Ongoing | Tuesday – Sunday,  
10 am – 5 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens

The Melnick Museum offers the visitor a peek into the unique history of Mill Creek MetroParks. Look back and discover how Volney Rogers garnered property and how that land has grown into Mill Creek MetroParks. Learn about the generosity of Elizabeth Fellows that was the beginning of Fellows Riverside Gardens. And take time to learn about the early days of McGuffey and his boyhood homestead located in Coitsville and now known as the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve.

### The Joy of Wildlife and Nature

Artist: Tom Antonishak  
Through 10/9  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens,  
Weller Gallery

Mill Creek MetroParks is proud to welcome back Tom Antonishak to the Weller Gallery. Such an immensely talented artist and one whose paintings and sculptures can be seen throughout the Mahoning Valley. Tom's Mill Creek MetroParks connections include: "the Morning Glory Fountain" in Fellows Riverside Gardens; his painting, "Seasons" and his illustrations were provided for signage in the Newport Wetlands boardwalk signs; and "Along the Bluebird Trail" painting of MetroParks Farm is featured in the Administration Office lobby. Tom was the first artist to exhibit in the Weller Gallery in 2001. This current exhibit demonstrates the challenges of the research it takes to learn the animal's habitat. It brings the viewer's attention to the wonder and beauty of nature and how fragile it is becoming.

## EXPRESS YOURSELF

### Autumn Patio Container

9/18 | 10:00 am - Noon  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens –  
Kidston Classroom

Create a beautiful autumn container garden using mums, cabbages and sedums for your home with Instructor Judy Stanislaw. Register / pay by 9/16, online or call 330.740.7116. \$26 R; \$28 NR.

### Autumn Arrangement with Silk Flowers

10/16 | 10:00 am - Noon  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens –  
Kidston Classroom

Create a beautiful autumn arrangement using silk and dried florals for your home with instructor Judy Stanislaw. Register / pay by 10/14 online or call 330.740.7116. \$28 R; \$32 NR

### PIX in the Park

9/9 | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
9/11 | 10:00 am – Noon  
Location: Lanterman's Mill /  
Covered Bridge

Love photos of the Park? Learn how to take better landscape photos while exploring different gems in the Park. After learning basic photographic compositions, hike around Lanterman's Falls, the covered bridge and the East Gorge Trail. Bring a camera or cell phone and wear closed-toe shoes. Call 330.740.7116 for details. Walk-ins welcome. Free

### PIX in the Park Fall Colors

10/14 | 5:30pm – 7:30 pm  
10/16 | 10:00 am – Noon  
Location: The Flats

Love photographing the Fall colors in the Park? Learn how to take better photos of wildlife and landscape while exploring hidden fall gems in the Park. Hike Cascade Run, East & West Cascade Trails after learning basic photographic compositions. Bring a camera and or cell phone and wear closed toe shoes. Register online or call 330.740.7116 – registrations encouraged but not required. Rain or shine Walk-ins welcome. FREE

### PIX in the Park Fall Colors

10/23 | 10:00 am – Noon  
Location: Old Log Cabin

Love photographing the Fall colors in the Park? Learn how to take better photos of wildlife and landscape while exploring hidden fall gems in the Park. Hike Cascade Run, East & West Cascade Trails after learning basic photographic compositions. Bring a camera and or cell phone and wear closed toe shoes. Register online or call 330.740.7116 – registrations encouraged but not required. Rain or shine Walk-ins welcome. FREE

## HEALTHY LIVING

### Outdoor Gentle Yoga

9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Location: Yellow Creek

This gentle yoga class with Kristina Householder focuses on mindful movement. Expect a variety of sitting, standing and laying poses that concentrate on alignment, balance and flexibility. No experience needed. Register/pay 2 days before session on

line on call 330.740.7116. Walk-ins welcome. \$10/class.

### Yoga in the Gardens –

Tuesday and Thursday mornings  
9/2, 9/7, 9/9, 9/14, 9/16, 9/21, 9/23,  
9/28, 9/30 | 9:30am – 11:00 am  
10/5, 10/7, 10/12, 10/14, 10/19, 10/21,  
10/26, 10/28 | 9:30am – 11:00 am

\*Note 10/12 class gallery  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Room

Join Marina Perdos for a blend of energizing yoga styles that will help you keep a healthy outlook. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and small blanket. Register / pay by 2 days prior to session, online or call 330.740.7116. Walk -ins welcome. \$15/class

### Yoga Basics Course –

Sundays or Tuesday  
9/5 – 12/5 | Sundays 9:00 am – 10:00  
am or  
9/7 – 12/7 | Tuesdays 6:00 pm – 7:00  
pm

Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Room

\*Note: 10/12 and 11/7 class in gallery  
Learn the basics of Yoga in a safe way with Karres Cvetkovich. Benefit from an experienced teacher and a welcoming environment. Focus on the fundamentals: ease of movement, being more limber, standing strong on your own two feet, and breathing well for positivity and alertness. Bring a mat and a blanket, pillow if desired. Choose either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this nine-week course. Register / pay by 8/1, online or call 330.740.7116. \$90

### T'ai Chi Step One in the Gardens

9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6,  
10/13, 10/20, 10/27 | Noon – 1:00 pm  
(Wednesdays)  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens –  
Radius Room

Ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Join Marie Lew in warm-ups, breathing exercises and selected movements from a classic Chen T'ai Chi form. Register / pay by 2 days prior to session online or call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330-740-7116 for details. Walk-ins welcome. \$10/class

### T'ai Chi Basics for Beginners Course

9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14,  
10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11 | Noon – 1:00  
p.m. (Thursdays)  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens –  
Radius Room

Learn this classis art of energy balancing while developing coordination, flexibility

and leg strength. Designed for beginner, this course includes warm-ups, breathing exercises and the first steps of a classis T'ai Chi form. Learn to flow through your day feeling centered and attuned. Register/pay by 9/7 online or call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330-740-7116 for details. \$10/class

## HORTICULTURE

### Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Fall Plant Sale

9/11, 9/12 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
9/25, 9/26 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens  
DeYor Concourse

Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens will have Mums and Asters for sale on 9/11 & 9/12  
Bulbs will be for sale on 9/25 & 9/26  
Call 330-740-7116 for details.

### Botanical Mornings

9/24 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens

Discover the progress of seasons here at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Then, enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or tea in Kravitz's Garden Café. Dress for the weather. Register/pay by 9/22, online or call 330.740.7116. \$5

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### Gardeners of Greater Youngstown Talk

9/8 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
10/6 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location : Fellows Riverside Gardens –  
Auditorium

The Gardeners of Greater Youngstown invite you to attend their general meeting. Drop-in. FREE

## FOR THE BIRDS

### Birding the Sanctuary

9/18 | 8:00 am – 9:30 am  
10/16 | 8:00 am – 9:30 am  
Location: Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy fall birding with Jeff Harvey on this early morning hike at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. Space is limited. Boots required. Register by calling 330.740.7116 by 9/16.  
Moderate 1.25-mile hike. FREE

## **"The Big Sit" Bird Count**

10/9 | 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Location: Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

Join the Audubon and Mill Creek MetroParks for the Big Sit at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. This dawn-to-dusk international birding event gives us the opportunity to showcase the phenomenal diversity of bird species found at the site. Rain or shine. Bring a comfortable chair and binoculars; stay for an hour or for the whole day, and count as we record all bird species seen or heard from the observation deck. Call 330.740.7116 for details.

## **KIDS & FAMILIES**

### **Sprout Club: Corn**

9/16 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens: Kidston Classroom

Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join Sprout Club for learning and fun with hands-on activities while learning about corn. Register/pay by 9/14, online or call 330.740.7116. \$7

### **Sprout Club: Pumpkins**

10/21 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Location: MetroParks Farm – Classroom A

Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join Sprout Club for learning and fun with hands-on activities with pumpkins, includes a trip to the pumpkin patch. Register/pay by 10/19, online or call 330.740.7116. \$7

### **Tractor-Wagon Rides**

9/9 | 10:00 am & 11:00 am  
9/19 | 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
Location: MetroParks Farm

Fall is coming to the Farm. See how the crops are doing and what's ready for harvest during a guided tractor-wagon tour of the farm leaving at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm. No reservations. Barns are open to visit the animals. Call 330.740.7116 for details. FREE  
Max number of people per wagon is 30 per tour. Dress for the weather

### **Lake Newport Kayak**

9/12 | 10:00 am  
Location: Lake Newport – East Newport Boat Launch

Grab your kayaks and join naturalist Julie Bartolone of WILDYOU for a morning paddle on Lake Newport in Mill Creek MetroParks. We will be exploring the wetlands and taking in the wildlife from the water. BYOK - Bring your own kayak. Arrive early to fill out waivers and unload equipment. Participants should wear clothes that can get wet. Suggested personal items to bring: sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, drinking water, snacks and binoculars. Please wear shoes that can get wet and have a back strap (no flip-flops). Meet at East Newport Boat Launch on East Newport Drive. Enter via Kiwata Rd. (off Glenwood), due to road closure

at other entrance. 18+ All skill levels welcome! Register/pay by 9/10, online or call 330.740.7116. \$15

### **Pick a Pumpkin / Tractor -Wagon Rides**

10/10, 10/17, 10/24 | 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm  
Location: MetroParks Farm

Take a tractor-wagon ride to the pumpkin patch to pick a cannonball size pumpkin. Barns are open to visit the animals. Register/pay by 2 days prior to selected date online or call 330.740.7116. Seniors/Youth R \$3, NR \$6 and Adults \$5R, \$8 NR.  
Max number of people per wagon is 30 per tour. Dress for the weather

## **LECTURES**

### **Zoom Naturalist Series Lecture: Ponds Through the Seasons**

9/16 | 6:30 pm  
Location: Zoom

Ponds in our region are remarkably dynamic habitats that change naturally - but drastically - with the season. We will discuss how the pond environment changes over the course of a year and how life persists under ice. Virtual presentation via Zoom. To register, go to <https://go.osu.edu/aquaticlifeinwinter> FREE

## **HIKES, WALKS and KAYAK**

### **Kayak Evening Paddle**

9/18 | 5:30pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: East Newport Boat Launch

For those 18 years and older. Enjoy the evening sights and sounds of Lake Newport and Wetlands with a park educator. Bring your own kayak (BYOK). Register / pay online or call 330.740.7116. \$12R; \$15 NR

### **Bike and Bird**

9/22, 10/22 | 9:00 am – Noon  
Location: East Golf and East Newport Hike & Bike Trails

Enjoy a new and casual way to birdwatch. Join an educator as we ride down East Golf and East Newport Hike & Bike Trails stopping along the way to look for birds. Riding will be at a relaxed pace with a focus on birding. This program is designed for new birders and participants looking for a new way to enjoy riding your bike. There will be a limited number of binoculars and field guides available, so please bring your own if you can. Bring your own bike and helmet. Meet at the East Golf Hike & Bike parking lot off the West Golf Drive, across from the golf course parking lot, not the parking off Rt. 224. Moderate, up to 6 miles. Register online or call 330.740.7116. FREE

### **Habitat Scavenger Hunt**

9/25 | 1:00pm – 2:30 pm  
Location: Bears Den

Curious about where some of your favorite animals live within Mill Creek park? Join a park educator as we learn about and search for park wildlife and their homes by going on an interactive hike based around scavenger hunts. Call 330.740.7116 for details. FREE

### **Kayak Fall Paddle**

10/9 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Location: Lake Newport – East Newport Boat Launch

For those 18 and older. Join a Park Educator for a cool fall morning paddle around Lake Newport and the wetlands looking for signs of Fall and enjoying the local wildlife. Bring your own kayak (BYOK). Register / pay online or call 330.740.7116. \$10 R; \$12 NR

### **Fall Color Kayak**

10/23 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bring your kayaks and join Naturalist Julie Bartolone of WILDYOU and Mill Creek MetroParks for an autumn paddle on Lake Glacier. We will be taking in the amazing fall color display and learn about the biology of the color change. BYOK - Bring your own kayak. Arrive early to fill out waivers and unload equipment. Participants should wear clothes that can get wet. Suggested personal items to bring: sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, drinking water, snacks and binoculars. Please wear shoes that can get wet and have a back strap (no flip-flops). Meet at Lake Glacier Boat House on West Glacier Drive. 18+ All skill levels welcome! Register/pay by 10/21, online or call 330.740.7116. \$15

## **THIS AND THAT**

### **Traveling Naturalist**

9/8 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Location: Lily Pond

While visiting the Lily Pond stop by to chat with an educator about the different plants & wildlife that are in the Park. Call 330.740.7116 for details. FREE

### **Trolley Tour – Picnic in the Park**

9/22 | 11:00 – 2:00 pm  
Location: Boarding begins at Fellows Riverside Gardens

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season of the Park, stopping for a picnic along the way. Register/pay by 9/15, online or call 330.740.7116. Adults: \$21 R \$23 NR; Ages 12 & under / 60+ \$19 R \$22 NR

### **On the Terrace at 5!**

9/22 | 5:00 pm – 7:30 PM  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens Outdoor Terrace

Enjoy a view of Lake Glacier with a glass of wine or beer while listening to music. Limited menu from Kravitz Café available. In event of rain, event will be moved indoors. Friends Members \$10 pp and Non-Members \$15 pp. Price includes two glasses of wine per person.

### **Traveling Naturalist**

10/6 | 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: The Flats

While enjoying your evening at MillCreek Park, stop by the Flats to chat with an educator about the different plants and animals you may see. Call 330.740.7116 for details. FREE

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## **SPECIAL EVENT**

### **Big Foot Weekend**

10/2 and 10/3  
Location, Times and prices – see details below

Join us for our second family-friendly Bigfoot weekend in Mill Creek Park. Be immersed in all things Bigfoot as local investigator and educator Amy Bue shares her knowledge on how to conduct an investigation, how to collect evidence and talks about her own Bigfoot sighting. Activities include a kid-friendly afternoon, and a night investigation for teens and adults and a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday where Amy and other local investigators will share their stories. Register / pay by 9/29, online or call 330.740.7116.

10/2 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Kid-Friendly Activities  
Location: Slippery Rock Pavilion  
Ages 5+, plus adult  
\$5R; \$7 NR

10/2 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Night Investigation  
Location: Slippery Rock Pavilion  
Ages: 13+  
\$7R; \$9 NR

10/3 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Town Hall Meeting Big Foot Stories  
Location: Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens  
FREE



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Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm

Closed: Mondays

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

**Shop in the Gardens**

Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday - Noon - 5 pm

**Garden Café**

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

General inquiries regarding Fellows Riverside Gardens

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## On the Terrace at 5!

Join us for the end of season event on the Café terrace, **Wednesday, September 22 at 5 pm**, Wine, beer and music by All That Jazz. Kravitz will have a limited menu available. In the event of rain, the event will be held indoors in the Café and first floor lobby area. Member price is \$10 pp and Non-member price \$15 pp.

## Fall Bulb Sale

Please support the last plant sale of the season on **Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26** from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Packages of "Fellows Favorite" daffodil, Snow Drops, Allium, Muscari and Hyacinthoides will be available for sale on the DeYor Terrace. Master Gardeners will be available to help you with planting tips and answer questions.

## Shop in the Gardens Christmas Open House

FFRG Member Only Event – **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

As a member benefit you will receive 20% off purchase of most items in the Shop. Shop for unique items to decorate your home this holiday season along with special gifts for your family and friends. Free gift wrapping available and food and wine will be served. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door – bring a friend!