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Greetings, Friends!

Summer has arrived in full bloom and Friends is preparing to celebrate the season. We’re kicking off the summer in style with the first ‘On the Terrace at 5’ event on June 18 at 5 p.m. featuring live music, special wine selections, and a seasonal menu from Kravitz.

Plans are also underway for our Annual Summer Garden Party, scheduled for July 25. The theme for this year’s event is ‘Rhythm and Blues’ where you will enjoy an enchanting evening in the Gardens filled with a variety of live music, refreshing cocktails, and dinner under the summer skies. You will not want to miss it.

You will soon see some new growth in Fellows Riverside Gardens. The Children’s Garden, a project to which Friends has made a significant donation, is officially under construction. Designed to create an interactive and educational experience, it will be comprised of several smaller component units with unique characteristics for children and adults to enjoy. We eagerly anticipate the completion of this project, an exciting milestone for us all.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our members for their dedication and unwavering support of our events and activities. Our Annual Meeting, held April 17, welcomed over 70 members who joined us in celebrating our achievements of the past year and provided input to help provide a forward looking plan for the future.

Whether you attend a special activity, visit our Shop in the Gardens, or carry the mission of our organization with you in the community, your continued involvement makes all the difference.

Together, as Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, we strive to maintain the vision of Elizabeth Fellows to promote, improve, and maintain this free public garden which is named after her. Through care and collaboration, what began as an idea has blossomed into something truly remarkable!

The Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

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Since 1988, the Friends have been dedicated to the promotion, improvement and preservation of Fellows Riverside Gardens, a free public garden, through advocacy and fund raising. 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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Farewell to Board Member  
Deb Metzger *by Kathleen Krantz*

The Board of Directors would like to thank outgoing board member Deb Metzger for her six years of service to Friends. During her time on the board, she was the chair of the annual plant sales and horticulture committees. She also served on the finance team, Garden Party and On the Terrace at 5! events and volunteered with the Shop in the Gardens.

*Following are comments from Deb regarding her time serving the Friends organization.*

PLANT SALES

“Of all the committees I have served on the plant sale has been my favorite and I hope to continue to be active with this event. I steered these various sales events, but our very talented volunteers were the ones that went to the nurseries to choose both popular and unusual plants. Most of the volunteers are master gardeners who also grew vegetables from seeds and nurtured the plants up to the day of the sale.

Our spring sale was always followed by the planting of mum plugs in early summer and then sold in September. The bulbs were also sold in the Fall at a separate sale close to the time of planting. We have also had dahlia tubers and succulent sales. Through working with these volunteers, I was also able to gain more knowledge on gardening than I could have ever imagined. I am so grateful for the friendships made with this group and for their dedication and hard work to make these fundraisers a success. I am also thankful for the support from the garden staff of Mill Creek Metroparks and look forward to continuing to work with all of them in the future.”



HORTICULTURE

“For several years I have managed the educational horticultural events. I relied on area master gardeners who had connections and contacts across the United States and here in Ohio for speakers and programs that would appeal to diverse audiences. It was rewarding to meet the speakers and bring programs to our community. This past year we collaborated with the Gardeners of Greater Youngstown for an all-day seminar in February that brought together about 80 gardeners for a day of learning and fellowship and we look forward to future collaborations next winter.”

ON THE TERRACE AT 5!

“Talk about summer fun! I have been the sidekick to wonderful chairpersons for this event. I was akin to the Walmart greeter to guide guests as they entered to the wine area and then assist with set up and tear down. This is one of my favorite relaxing events as we enjoy

good music, good wine and the beautiful views from the Café Terrace at Fellows.”

Deb has lived in Youngstown her whole life except for a brief period when she lived in Virginia. She did her undergraduate studies at YSU and also holds a master degree in Chemistry from YSU and an MBA from Baldwin Wallace.

She was the Director of Laboratories for Western Reserve Health Care and then finished her professional career with Akron General Medical Center as Director of Laboratories and Outpatient Center Labs. Deb’s proudest achievements are her two sons, Scott who is an engineer with NASA, and Drew, Master Sgt US Airforce. She relishes the time she spends with them, her wonderful daughters-in-law Ashlee and Whitney, and her two grandchildren, Wyatt and Sabine.



# SPRING AT THE GARDENS: A Season of Renewal and Transformation

By Lisa Frederick



Spring's arrival is heralded by the gentle awakening of nature—the slow unfurling of vibrant colors and the return of life and energy throughout the Gardens. From the moment visitors arrive, they are welcomed by beautifully redesigned landscaped beds completed in the summer of 2024 near the parking area, brimming with a carefully curated array of perennials. These beds serve as a vivid prelude to the seasonal splendor ahead.

The Head Gardener, Marcy Dubec, and the entire Garden Staff are diligently overseeing various new plantings and projects initiated in the fall of 2024, with anticipation of an even more spectacular display of colors and textures as the season progresses.

Visitors will observe significant alterations preceding the main Gardens entrance. Large construction fences now encircle the Children's Garden in preparation for a much-anticipated Groundbreaking Ceremony and landscape renovation project, set to begin June 12. This transformative undertaking is expected to last approximately seven months, contingent on weather conditions. In anticipation of the completed project, the outdoor restrooms were upgraded and completed in early spring with heating and insulation, ensuring their readiness upon the Children's Garden's grand reopening. Utilities and greenhouse tunnels were also relocated—an effort completed in April—to make way for this exciting addition.

The Dahlia Garden, lovingly and meticulously curated and tended by Stan Vuletich, will also find a new home in the Main Lawn QRS beds, which include three large seasonal display areas. Meanwhile, over 20,000 annuals, propagated from tiny 1-inch plugs since autumn, have been carefully nurtured in preparation for planting throughout the Garden beds in June. Tropical plants, which overwintered in the Margaret Cushwa Outdoor Education Building due to the relocation of the greenhouse tunnels, will soon bring their exotic flair to the Long Mall and to containers placed throughout the Gardens.

The Muransky Perennial Walk has blossomed into a fragrant tapestry of color, featuring an eclectic mix of blooming perennials that delight visitors creating an enchanting atmosphere as they leisurely stroll through the Gardens. Improvements aimed at enhancing the Total Garden Experience are not only underway—they are already bearing fruit. A particular highlight is the collection of 75 David Austin English Garden Shrub Roses, planted just last spring around the Gazebo. These prized varieties are now flourishing, offering their signature fragrance, elegant form, and rich color palettes.

Numerous improvements have been planned and executed to enhance the Total Garden Experience. Several improvement projects are concurrently underway throughout the Gardens. Notably, Brickwell Masonry has been contracted to specialize in replacing all damaged flagstone on the South Terrace surrounding the Kidston Pavilion. Garden staff member Luke Manary has completely reimagined the T bed—located off the southwest corner of the North Terrace—which will soon feature a vibrant mix of trees, shrubs, and new perennials. The two Knot Gardens, framing the side entrance to the Davis Center and the DeYor Concourse, are also slated for complete renovation using shade-tolerant plantings. Finally, the Price Road entrance sign will be beautifully refreshed with a new design and plantings of shade-loving shrubs and perennials, including Helleborus Merlin in charming shades of pink and purple, complemented by cheerful daffodils.

As spring deepens and the Gardens awaken in full, each new bloom and project speaks to a larger story of renewal, vision, and care. Whether you're a first-time guest or a longtime admirer, now is the perfect moment to witness the Gardens' ongoing transformation—where every path leads to discovery, and every blossom tells a story of beauty and growth.



Tony Tamburino from Brickwell Masonry



# 2025 Annual Meeting: A Resounding Success

By Lisa Frederick

On Thursday, April 17, Fellows Riverside Gardens buzzed with renewed energy as the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens convened their 2025 Annual Meeting. This significant gathering marked a welcome return to in-person engagement, being the first such meeting held since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The atmosphere was one of palpable enthusiasm as members reconnected and looked forward to the organization’s continued growth and impact.

The Annual Meeting serves as a cornerstone event for Friends, providing a vital platform for its dedicated members. It offers a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the organization’s core mission – to support and enhance the beauty and educational opportunities offered by Fellows Riverside Gardens. Attendees gained valuable insights into the diverse array of activities undertaken throughout the preceding year, celebrating the collective achievements and the dedication of staff and volunteers.

Beyond reviewing past accomplishments, the meeting fostered an environment of open dialogue and collaboration. Members were actively encouraged to share their perspectives, insights, and personal experiences related to the organization and the Gardens themselves by completing written feedback. This exchange of ideas is invaluable, helping to shape future initiatives and ensuring that the Friends remains responsive to the needs and interests of its community. The opportunity to connect directly with fellow members and organizational leaders strengthens this sense of community and shared purpose that defines the Friends.

The 2025 Annual Meeting was undoubtedly a resounding success, not only for its informative content and engaging discussions, but also for the simple joy of reconnecting in person. It reaffirmed the strong bonds within the Friends



organization and set a positive and forward-looking tone for the year ahead. The insights and enthusiasm generated at this meeting will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success and vital role of Friends in supporting the enduring beauty and mission of Fellows Riverside Gardens.

### THE MISSION

Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, maintenance and improvement of Fellows Riverside Side Gardens and the D.D. and Velma Davis Education and Visitor Center. Our mission is to support the gardens as a cultural, educational, and aesthetic center and ensure the gardens remain a vibrant hub for community engagement and learning. Through efficient management of the endowments held by the Corporation, The D.D. and Velma Davis Endowment, The John S. and Doris Andrews Educational Endowment, The Elizabeth Fellows Endowment and direct funding, Friends seeks to support and maintain Fellows Riverside Gardens, a free public garden in our community that truly assists with improving the quality of life for residents and sponsors programs which encourage interest in environmental awareness, conservation and horticulture.



# Welcome Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens New Board Members

### MEET KAREN SEIDLER

“I retired from St. Elizabeth hospital where I was a respiratory therapist and asthma educator for 43 years. I’ve also lived in the Old Furnace District for over 40 years. My sons and I utilized all the programs in the park.



Wanting to give back, I have been a park volunteer for many years. After retiring, our love of nature, plants and flowers led my husband and I to volunteer at an organic farm owned by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary at their Villa Maria Convent in Villa Marie, Pa.

Fellows Riverside Gardens are very special to my family. My son was married and had his reception there. My husband and I have participated as vendors in the Annual Christmas Craft show.

I am excited to offer my input in keeping Fellows Riverside Gardens a jewel in the community.”

### MEET CAROL ANNE KNOCK

Carol Anne is a Master Gardener, Retired Veterinary Technician and Animal Science/Management Educator.



“I grew up in Champion Township with dogs, cats, and various other animals. Collies are my breed. At age 14 I had my first Collie that I took to training school, was successful, and began showing him. Then I learned the proper way to groom a long hair dog plus how to use scissors to trim and shape. That’s when the excitement of becoming a groomer/trainer was realized.

Kent State University was my next stop, which led me to my teaching career.

In 1996, I retired from my high school teaching career. I taught Animal Science at Trumbull County Joint Vocational School. I also ran a business known as Animal Insights. I continue after 50 plus years teaching the public privately as well as publicly how to train their dogs and cats.

In 1998 I became an OSU Master Gardener. My passion for gardening is an addiction. My home sat on three acres of land. Two acres accommodated the house with the entire perimeter planted in gardens designed by me. Bus tours visited my former home. My love for Hostas, Sedums, Daylilies, and ornamental grasses kept me shopping. However, the remaining 1,000 perennials, shrubs, trees, and annuals continued to keep me energized, young and with an empty pocketbook.

I now live in a retirement community. Ohio Living allows the residents to plant gardens around their villas. I continue to have gardens with all my favorite plants.

It has been quite an adventure. Grooming, training, growing plants, and speaking has given me the opportunity to travel and speak on various topics ... from Boca Raton to Toronto. What Fun!!”

### MEET ANDY DETESCO

“I am very pleased to return to the Friends of Fellows Riverside Garden Board. As a life-long Youngstown resident, I have always appreciated the good work done by this excellent group. I have regarded volunteering as an important component of community involvement, both while working in the commercial insurance industry for 40 years at James & Sons and now while retired.



Prior volunteer experiences include former Vice President of Friends, as a member of the Board of the Better Business Bureau, and as a long-time volunteer reader to the visually impaired via the Goodwill radio station maintained for that purpose. I look forward to helping promote the mission of Friends wherever possible.”





# Rhythm and Blues

## SUMMER GARDEN PARTY 2025 *By Kathleen Krantz*

The Friends’ Summer Garden Party is always an anticipated event in the Mahoning Valley. For over 33 years, it continues to be the primary fundraiser for the Friends organization, striking the right balance of a formal occasion with a casual garden vibe.

We look forward to bringing together our community of passionate bright-minded business leaders, supporters and individuals to celebrate the beauty and wonder of our beloved Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Traditionally held the last Friday evening of July, this year’s Garden Party is Friday, July 26. The theme this year is “Rhythm and Blues.” Come enjoy an exceptional evening as nothing matches the sweep of colors of Fellows Riverside Gardens under the summer sky at twilight.

Guests will be welcomed with a glass of champagne starting at 5 p.m. Enjoy the view from the newly remodeled flagstone on Kidston Pavilion or mingle in the rose garden grass walkways sampling appetizers along with top shelf cocktails, wine and beer from the cash bar. Cocktail hour music will be provided by David Kana on the saxophone and guitarist Osa Otabar Omoregie as you stroll the garden paths.

At 6:15 p.m., guests will be seated at elegant outdoor tables for a grand dinner by Inspired Catering. Garden Party Chairperson Jeanne Simeone recently attended a tasting prepared by Chef Chris Pinter and together they have selected a sophisticated menu of classic entrees accompanied by elegant sides and, of course, desserts for a wonderful dining experience.

Dinner music will be followed by dancing tunes from popular local band, **Total Package**.

In addition to our Simeone, who is also the Shop in the Gardens Manager and Buyer, other party committee members include Jennifer Aronson, Amanda Banner, Kathleen Krantz, Talva Maslach, Deb Metzger, Liz Johnson, Marica Haire Ellis, Susan Moorer, Joan Moheral and Gene Pusateri.

**For this event to be a success we need your support.** Please give your friends, family and colleagues a ring and make plans to join us for this very special social event. Various levels of sponsorship are available along with reserved table for six or individual tickets. Go to [friendsoffellows.org/events](http://friendsoffellows.org/events) for more details on pricing and to reserve online or visit the Shop in the Gardens. Invitations will be mailing soon to all current members.

Whether you are a sponsor or an individual your contribution is welcome and needed. We offer an unforgettable evening of food, music and good friends under the stars.



# On the Terrace at 5 “Wines Up” for 2025

*By Lisa Frederick*



As the 2025 season of “On the Terrace at 5” begins, all dates are set for a fantastic summer lineup. This season’s roster of professional musical entertainers brings years of performing experience, and we’re thrilled to showcase their incredible talent.

**Wednesday, June 18:** We kick off the season with Doc Robert Walton and Ellie Kovell of **Take II Band**. They’ll be performing classics by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Connie Francis, and more—alongside favorites from old and new country, easy listening, and light rock. With a repertoire of over 1,600 songs, their music spans the 1960s to today’s hits—offering something for everyone.

**Wednesday, July 16:** Enjoy the smooth vocals and saxophone stylings of **Stan Miller**. With over 50 years as a saxophonist and 25 as a vocalist, Stan’s set includes blues, bebop, contemporary, Latin, pop, R&B, and all types of jazz. His vocal selections feature standards, blues, R&B, pop, and Latin, while his instrumental work ranges from swing and bebop to smooth and contemporary jazz.

**Wednesday, August 20:** The **Queen of Bossa Nova, Diane Drapcho**, will perform her mellow, jazzy pop repertoire. Playing

both acoustic and nylon-string electric guitar, Diane covers the music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Amy Winehouse, Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, and Bill Withers—along with newer artists like Laufey and Maggie Rogers. She also brings beloved hits from The Great American Songbook (think *Moon River*) to life with her soothing style.

**Wednesday, September 17:** We’ll host our **Second Annual Oktoberfest**, featuring beer selections from a local brewery.

More details will be announced soon!

**Kravitz** will offer a limited menu each evening. Based on your feedback, we’ve added indoor seating at Kravitz, along with extra tables on the terrace. Patio heaters will be strategically placed to provide warmth on cooler nights—ensuring

your comfort throughout the season.

Come and join us for enchanting evenings filled with great music, gentle summer breezes, and the tantalizing flavors of savory wines. Nestled beside the picturesque beauty of **Lake Glacier** and surrounded by the lush gardens, the Terrace offers the perfect setting for unforgettable moments with friends.





**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) or call 330-740-7116 and speak to a receptionist.

**Please note** – Registration is required for many of the classes in this listing – check the specific event for drop-in class availability.

EXHIBITS

**Mill Creek MetroParks History**  
Ongoing | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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.

**Through Our Eyes**  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens: Weller Gallery  
5/4 – 7/6, closed Mondays | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
“Through Our Eyes” is a joint art exhibition featuring the work of artists Noreen Yazvac and Elizabeth Ford, and primarily features nature-oriented works in watercolor, acrylic, pastel and ink. It includes flowers in bloom, landscapes and some scenes from Mill Creek MetroParks. Each artist has a distinct style, and both love color. Both artists are past presidents and current members of the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society and studied at Youngstown State University.

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Silent Idora; The Memories Remain - a Paranormal Investigation**  
Lanterman’s Mill  
7/26 | 8-11 p.m.  
Did you know that the overflow parking lot for Lanterman’s Mill was once part of Idora Park? Join Park staff and the Collective Paranormal Research Society for our first ever paranormal investigation of this small piece of Idora history. Wonder if there is spirit energy there just waiting to tell their stories? This is an exclusive outdoor investigation. Bring a flashlight, a chair, and your own ghost hunting equipment. Dress for the weather. Registration required. Register/pay by 7/24, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. No walk-ins. \$40

**Bug Day!**  
Location: Ford Nature Center  
719 | 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Join us for Ford Nature Center Bug Day 2025! There will be a live bug exhibit featuring “The BugMan”, Mark Berman, from Columbus, where guests will be able (and encouraged) to touch and hold some of the creatures for an up-close bug experience that is second to none. Other fun activities will include gentle and respectful bug-catching and release, bug crafts, and a bug tattoo station. Make plans to attend and get your fill of some creepy-crawlies! Limited free parking is available on site, as well as at Pioneer Pavilion and Slippery Rock pavilion which are just a short walk to the Nature Center. Snacks and a framed photo at our Bug-themed photo booth that includes lots of different bug costumes available for purchase (cash only).

HEALTHY LIVING

**Yoga Basics Course**  
Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Program Classroom  
Sundays. 6/29 – 8/17 | 9:15-10:30 a.m.  
8/24 – 10/12 | 9:15-10:30 a.m.  
Release physical and mental tensions while gradually improving strength & flexibility. Gentle but thorough classes guided by experienced instructor Karres Cvetkovich. register online or call 330.740.7116 ext230. \$96-8 week course. . \*\*Outdoors when weather permits in morning splendor with birdsong\*\*

**Yoga Basics Course**  
Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Program Classroom  
Sundays, 5/4– 6/22  
Release physical and mental tensions while gradually improving strength & flexibility. Gentle but thorough classes guided by experienced instructor Karres Cvetkovich. register online or call 330.740.7116 ext230. \$96-8 week course  
**Yoga in the Gardens**  
Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Program Classroom  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, through 12/19 | 9:30-11 a.m.  
Elevate your yoga practice and discover a healthier you with Marina. All levels are welcome to join. Don’t

forget to bring your mat and a small blanket for ultimate comfort during the session. Invest in yourself for just \$15 per class. Let’s find balance together! To secure your spot, register and pay online or call 330.740.7116 ext. 230. Walk-ins are also welcome! NO CLASSES: May 27, July 1 & 3, September 2, November 27 and December 23,35,30.

**T’ai Chi Step One in the Gardens**  
Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Program Classroom  
Wednesdays, through 12/18 | Noon -1 p.m.  
Ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Join Marie Lew in warm-ups, breathing exercises, instruction of selected movements and narrated practice of a classic Chen T’ai Chi form. Register online or call 330.740.7116 ext230. Walk-ins welcome. \$12/class

**T’ai Chi Basics for Beginners Course**  
Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Program Classroom  
Thursdays, 3/6–5/8 | Noon -1 p.m.  
Learn this classic art of energy balancing while developing coordination, flexibility and leg strength. Designed for beginners, this course includes warm-ups, breathing exercises and the first steps of a classic T’ai Chi form. Learn to flow through your day feeling centered and attuned!Register online or call 330.740.7116 ext230. course \$120

HORTICULTURE / NATURE

**Birding the Sanctuary**  
Location: George L. Fordyce Park(formerly Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary)  
7/19, 8/16 | 8-9:30 a.m.  
Enjoy birding with Jeff Harvey on this early morning hike at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, 2650 W. Calla Rd. Space limited. Boots required. Moderate. 1.25 mi. Register online or call Ford Nature Center 330.740.7107 x 129. Free.

KIDS & FAMILIES

**An Evening in Nature**  
Ford Nature Center Education Classroom  
6/20 | 8-9:30 p.m.  
Join a Park Educator as we enjoy an evening

around the Ford Nature Center fire pit and an optional stroll around the Ford Nature Center Grounds. Learn to identify the sights and sounds of an evening in nature. Bring your own lawn chair. Registration required. Register online by 6/18 or call 330.740.7107 x 129. No walk-ins. No Pets. FREE

**Tractor-Wagon Rides at the MetroParks Farm**  
MetroParks Farm  
6/29, 7/27, 8/24 | 1-2 p.m.

It’s summertime at the MetroParks Farm. Come and see all that is happening at the farm during a guided tractor-wagon tour. Barns are open. Meet at the Education Building. Register/pay online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. \$3 per person

**Nature Explorers - Bubble Science**  
Ford Nature Center Education Classroom  
Calling all 1st-3rd graders! Join our new program - Nature Explorers - where each month we will explore nature through experiments and hands-on activities. This month is Bubble Science! Learn why bubbles are part fun and part science. This is a child only program. Parents will drop off and pick up. Register/ pay by 7/10, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. \$7

**Nature Explorers - Kitchen Science**  
MetroParks Farm: McMahon Hall  
8/9 | 1-2 pm  
Calling all 1st-3rd graders! Join our new program - Nature Explorers - where each month we will explore

nature through experiments and hands-on activities. This month is Kitchen Science! Let’s whip up a little kitchen chemistry with food science including some tasty treats. This is a child only program. Parents will drop off and pick up. Register/pay by 8/7, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. \$7

TROLLEY TOURS

**Rock the Park - a Geological Exploration of Mill Creek Park**  
Fellows Riverside Gardens  
6/21 | 10 a.m.-Noon  
7/10 | 6-8 p.m.  
8/23 | 10 a.m.-Noon

Ever wonder how Mill Creek Park was formed? For much of geologic history, Ohio was underwater and near the equator! Join us on the Cohasset Express Trolley as we travel back over 300 million years and explore the formation of the Park throughout geologic time. Learn about the bedrock of the Park and how the Ice Age shaped the Park that we all love. Where possible, we will hop off to investigate geologic features up close. Trolley boards at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Register/pay by three days prior, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Adults: \$10 R, \$12 NR; Seniors/Youth: \$7 R, \$9 NR. Accessibility Notice: The Cohasset Express Trolley is not accessible for individuals using wheelchairs or with certain mobility impairments.

**Summer Trolley Tours**  
Ford Nature Center  
6/22 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
6/24 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
6/29 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/1 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/6 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/8 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/13 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/22 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/27 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
7/29 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/3 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/5 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/7 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/10 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/12 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/17 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/19 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/24 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/26 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.  
8/31 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-4 p.m.

Enjoy Summer in Mill Creek Park with natural and historic views aboard the Cohasset Express. Limited seating. Boards at Ford Nature Center. Register/pay by 6/20, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Adults: \$10 R, \$12 NR; Seniors/Youth: \$7 R, \$9 NR. Accessibility Notice: The Cohasset Express Trolley is not accessible for individuals using wheelchairs or with certain mobility impairments.Accessibility Notice: The Cohasset Express Trolley is not accessible for individuals using wheelchairs or with certain mobility impairments.

Preview of Friends of Fellows Horticulture Programs for 2025 By Carol Anne Knock

*Horticulture Chairperson Carol Anne Knock and committee member Deb Metzger are in the process of organizing a variety of programs for 2025. Friends members and nonmember guests can look forward to engaging talks, informative workshops, and inspiring demonstrations throughout the year.*

**Monarch Butterflies**  
When: Wednesday August 20, 2025 at 11 a.m.  
Where: Rossi Auditorium – D.D. & Velma Davis Education Center, Fellows Riverside Gardens

Join us and learn from our speaker, Karen Beran, about the alarming decline of the Monarch, and how you can protect them by planting butterfly-friendly flowers to provide essential habitats and food sources for these delicate creatures. Karen will also share with us some ways these creatures are tracked. Small tags are placed on a wing with information from the person releasing the butterfly.

Monarchs are also tagged with tiny “backpacks” (about the size of a grain of rice) that use radio frequencies to track their movements and behaviors.

Fee and registration required, class size will be limited. Watch for email and Facebook posts for cost and registration deadline.

**Autumn Harvest Kitchen**  
Thursday October 16, 2025 at 11 a.m.  
Kidston Classroom – D.D. & Velma Davis Education Center, Fellows Riverside Gardens

Enjoy the heartwarming taste of the fall harvest season, sharing the joy of homemade soups and fall treats. Dill pickle soup is on the menu along with pumpkin delights.

The presenters for this delightful journey, Becky Bucco and Marylou Jarrett, are longtime gardeners, excellent cooks, and members of the Warren Junior Women’s League. You may remember their names from our



cooking with herbs class.  
Fee and registration will be required and class size will be limited. Watch for email and Facebook posts for cost and registration deadline.

*Programs “under construction” include workshops on ikebana, photography and holiday wreaths. If you have additional ideas or requests, submit them to info@friendsoffellows.org.*



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**Mill Creek MetroParks - Fellows Riverside Gardens**

Free and open daily, dawn until dusk

**D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center**

Information Desk 330.740.7116

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm

Closed: Mondays

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and 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 about Fellows Riverside Gardens

*email:* [info@friendsoffellows.org](mailto:info@friendsoffellows.org)

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## Save The Date:

**On the Terrace at 5! See dates below: 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

***Café Terrace, Fellows Riverside Gardens***

No Reservation required – pay at event

Wednesday, June 18 • Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, August 20 • Wednesday, September 17

**Annual Summer Garden Party Friday July 25 – 5 to 9 p.m.**

***“Evening of Rhythm and Blues”***

Fellows Riverside Gardens

Music by Total Package

Invitations will be mailed mid June

**Monarch Butterflies – Horticulture Class**

Wednesday August 20 11 a.m.

Registration and cost TBD – watch for email blast and FB post