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Greetings, Friends!

As we wind down our summer season, I am happy to report this has been an exciting and rewarding summer for Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens. The return of our annual plant sale in May provided the successful opportunity to reconnect with Friends' members, gardeners, and horticultural experts despite some weather challenges. Deb Metzger, Plant Sale Chairperson, and other representatives of our board were proud to attend the June 10 meeting of the Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Commissioners where a check was presented for \$4,175.11 with a request that the profits go toward the maintenance of the Rose Garden.

Our 'On the Terrace at 5' events continue to inspire monthly gatherings welcoming Friends members, guests, and even some newcomers to the Gardens to enjoy wine, music and refreshments on the Cafe Terrace. A new twist is being planned for our final fall event on Sept. 18 featuring an Oktoberfest theme with a local brewery. Look for details in this issue.

Without a doubt, the high point of our summer activities is the annual Summer Garden Party. This year's sellout event featured the theme 'A Night in Italy' with an exceptional menu of Italian food, an Italian-American singer, and --what else but-- a Youngstown Cookie Table! Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Jeanne Simeone, Garden Party Chairperson, and her committee who worked tirelessly for months planning this event and assisting with all of the hundreds of details that go into hosting an event of this magnitude. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors and contributors, without whom this would not have been possible.

And last, but not least, in line with our mission to provide a vibrant hub for community education and learning, Friends is pleased to present lectures and educational programs through a grant from the John and Doris Andrews Educational Endowment. There are currently two fall events planned. On Sept. 28, 'Pumpkin Palooza' will feature two sessions: one for adults and the second for a child with an adult featuring pumpkin and fall decorating. Registration is required along with a fee for supplies. Look for more details in this issue.

For the second event, Friends is excited to feature a presentation entitled "A Rich Spot of Earth--Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello" by well-known speaker and author Peter Hatch, Director Emeritus of the Gardens and Grounds for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. This lecture on Sunday, Oct. 6 is free and open to the public, but we request that you call so that we can ensure we have a proper setup in the auditorium. See the article in this issue for more details.

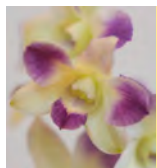
Fall events will be here soon. What better place to be than Fellows Riverside Gardens to enjoy all of the seasons!

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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 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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Board Member Spotlight: Eric Clark

by Kathleen Krantz

Met Friends of Fellows Treasurer Eric Clark. In addition to his dedication to Friends the past three years, he has been a CPA for over 40 years working for various public accounting firms. He currently operates his own tax business while also instructing at Westminster College.

Eric is passionate about giving back. He is on the parish council and finance committee at Immaculate Heart of Mary, where he also volunteers for fundraising activities and sings in the church choir. This year, along with the annual Christmas concert, the choir will be at the Playhouse to kick off the 2024-2025 season. Eric has also served as Treasurer for the English Center and coached both youth softball and baseball and taught youth ministry.

Somehow Eric also finds time to engage in his favorite activity, bowling (ask him about his perfect game), along with golf, reading and traveling.

Eric has been married for 51 years to his wife Deby and they have three children and seven grandchildren. He shared with me that Mill Creek MetroParks has played an important role in his life since moving to this area around 1970. One of his first dates with Deby was golfing at the MetroParks par three golf course. Soon after they were married, they moved into a house that was situated right across from the Gardens.

“Our children grew up there and even today we oftentimes picnic at the park with our children and grandchildren. I will continue to do whatever I can to assure that the Park and Gardens continue to be the jewel of the valley for many more years.”

Stop and say hello to Eric at one of our “On the Terrace at 5!” events. He will happily pour you a glass of wine and maybe even share some bowling tips.



What's Growing – A Slice of Summer.

The Sights of Fellows Riverside Gardens By Lisa Frederick

The multitude of vibrant colors, textures, and fragrances of the various annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees delight spectators and visitors from all over the area this summer, greeting them as soon as they enter the main gates to the Gardens.

This immersive display creates a sensory feast, with each garden area offering its own unique and captivating scene. As visitors meander through the pathways, they are treated to an ever-changing tapestry of blooms and foliage that reflects the beauty of each season. This carefully curated landscape not only enhances the visual appeal but also enriches the overall experience, making every visit to the Gardens a memorable and enchanting journey.

In addition to the main areas of the Gardens, the revitalization project in the parking lot has made significant strides. The 10 curated landscape beds were completed by the end of June,

featuring more than 1,600 new pollinator-friendly perennials, including Delosperma, Sedum, Salvia, Phlox, and Dianthus, as well as low-growing shrubs like Hydrangeas, Thuja, and Taxus, and ornamental grasses. Existing Arctic Sun Dogwood and Red Twig Dogwood Shrubs were preserved to maintain continuity. These beds were designed to showcase a variety of colors, textures, and bloom times throughout every season, contributing to the Gardens' overall aesthetic.

Strategically arranged annuals

By June 15th, all 30,000 annuals were planted throughout the Gardens, with large, colorful hanging baskets placed to enhance the Café Terrace and the Kidston Pavilion. A variety of color schemes, heights, and textures of annuals were carefully curated in front of the Davis Center, the DeYor Concourse, the Axtmann, the Long Mall, the Centennial Beds, the QRS (seasonal display) beds, both the North and



South Terraces, the Watson White Garden, the Seasonal Celebration Plaza around the Sommer Fountain, and the six newly installed gazebo planter boxes. These thoughtful arrangements were designed to enhance the public's viewing experience, providing a vibrant and visually stimulating environment.

As summer progresses, the staff in the Gardens are in full maintenance mode, diligently tending to the seasonal displays. Mowing, trimming, weeding, and fertilizing are part of the daily routine, ensuring that every corner of the Gardens remains vibrant and well-kept. Special attention is given to the Joanne F. Beeghly Rose Garden, which has its own dedicated horticulture program. This program includes daily and biweekly tasks such as deadheading the roses, applying fertilizer, and treating the plants with insecticides and fungicides to keep them in peak condition. In July, PPW, Perfect Pressure Washing Company, meticulously

cleaned all walkways, pavers, and the fountain, restoring their appearance and enhancing the overall visitor experience. The combined efforts of the staff and service providers ensure that the Gardens continue to offer a pristine and welcoming environment for all who visit.

Staying a step or two ahead

Looking ahead, 600 different varieties and colors of mums are currently being nurtured in the greenhouses, eagerly awaiting their debut in early fall. The Garden Staff is also busy cleaning and disinfecting all the greenhouses in preparation for winter, ensuring a healthy environment for the plants during the colder months. Additionally, the Gazebo is scheduled to be painted by the end of September, refreshing its appearance and enhancing its charm as a focal point in the Gardens. These ongoing efforts reflect a commitment to maintaining the beauty and vibrancy of the Gardens year-round, offering visitors a continually evolving and picturesque landscape.

As the seasons change, the Gardens continue to evolve, showcasing the tireless dedication and artistry of the staff who work behind the scenes. From the vibrant summer displays to the carefully planned fall blooms, every detail is meticulously crafted to offer visitors a serene and captivating escape. The ongoing maintenance and enhancement efforts ensure that the Gardens remain a place of beauty and inspiration, where nature and creativity converge. Whether visiting for the first time or returning to witness the changing landscape, guests are sure to find something new and enchanting with each visit, making the Gardens a cherished destination year-round.





Shop in the Gardens readies for the Holidays *By Kathleen Krantz*

Get ready to update your Fall and Halloween décor by visiting the Shop in the Gardens. Our Shop buyer and Manager Jeanne Simeone just returned from a buying trip and has the Shop switched from Summer to Fall. Stop in to see the selection of items she has chosen for this season.

Don't forget we have special promotions each week: **Wall Art Wednesdays**, 10% off all Wall Art items (in addition to the Friends 10% discount), **Friday with Friends** – Friends members can choose one item of their choice for 20% off (some exclusions apply) and Stonewall Saturdays – all Stonewall food items 20% off all day Saturday.

Holiday Open House Nov. 7

Mark your calendars now for the Shop in the Gardens Annual Friends Members Holiday Open House on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a **Friends members-only** event. Members will receive a 20% discount on everything in the Shop. Complimentary wine, appetizers and gift wrap will be available.

The Shop will be decorated with holiday merchandise, including serving pieces and linens that make great accompaniments for dinners and parties. Our unique décor items, candles, lotions, soaps, and Stonewall kitchen items also make great gifts!

If you cannot make the open house event, the Friends member 20% discount will be good through Sunday, Nov. 10 for all active members. If you need to renew your membership, please go online at friendsoffellows.org or stop into the Shop during normal business hours.



A Chautauqua Experience *By Janet Yaniglos*

Fifty passengers signed on for Friends' overnight trip in July to the Chautauqua Lake region in northwestern New York.

The first stop was Jamestown, the hometown of Lucille Ball. A tour of the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum showed what a remarkable performer and innovative business-woman Lucy was. Nearby was the recently opened National Comedy Center, offering immersion into all forms of comedy – stand-up, movies, TV, radio, cartoons and comic strips. An amazing hi-tech experience for us all! Interactive technology personalized each visitor's experience with samples of their favorite comedians' performances.

Supper and relaxation along the lake at the beautiful Chautauqua Harbor Hotel brought the first day to a restful close.

Day 2: Chautauqua Institution

The next day was spent on the grounds of the picturesque Chautauqua Institution, now 150 years old. A walking tour with the president of Chautauqua's historic Bird & Tree Garden Club took us along picket fence-lined streets, with hydrangeas tumbling and bicycles passing. Pollinator gardens and grand old trees abounded. Wide porches were strung with hanging baskets of flowers. We all had time to explore the streets and historic buildings on our own, and find a spot for lunch, before departure on a steam-powered paddleboat across the Lake.

Tornado sirens halted all plans for the paddleboat cruise, though. Amidst shifts of sunshine and pouring rain, our group switched to an indoor experience. Any disappointment of stepping into a museum dedicated to another Jamestown hero, Supreme Court Justice James H. Jackson, was quickly replaced by a sense of awe, as we learned that Judge Jackson oversaw the Nuremberg Trials, as well as the landmark cases of *Brown v. Board of Education* (school segregation), the Japanese internment camps, and President Truman's attempt to take over Youngstown Sheet & Tube.

Our final stop in New York was at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. This nature-centric museum features Peterson's life work of sketches and paintings of birds from around the world. He painstakingly annotated these, creating the popular guidebooks that earned him the title of the father of the modern field guide.

Dinner in Kinsman on way home

By evening, our tour bus was homeward bound. Supper at Peter Allen Inn in Kinsman made for easygoing conversation across delicious food.

Exploring gardens, discovering a region's cherished places, sharing observations and stories with friends new and old ... these are the ways we learn together, and come back to our Gardens, inspired.



A Night in Italy – Summer Garden Party 2024

By Kathleen Krantz

In Italy, the coming together of friends and family is a quintessential part of daily life. Whether it's over a quick espresso in the morning or a long and leisurely dinner, there are multiple points throughout the day where Italians stop and take a minute to enjoy each other's company.

When planning for this year's party, Chair Jeanne Simeone, Bar Chair Amanda Banner, Friends Operations Manager Kathleen Krantz, and the committee focused on the Italian expression "la dolce vitta" (the sweet life) and some key elements that make for an unforgettable Italian evening.

- **Invite your dearest friends and family members....** more than 300 guests were greeted on the DeYor terrace with a welcome cocktail and then headed to the Kidston Pavilion overlooking Lake Glacier
- **Antipasto before the meal begins as people gather....** guests enjoyed an array of meats, cheese

and vegetables along with background music from cello player Ed Madej.

- **Make sure you've got the best wine!....** Evan and Marisa -Sergi Schumann owners of L'uva Bella Winery along with winemaker Garrett Lattanzio hosted a pre-dinner wine tasting featuring a variety of their reserve wines on the terrace.
- **Serve your dinner the way Italians do....** Inspired Catering created a menu that included fresh herb focaccia, panzanella salad, a variety of pasta dishes, beef braciola, and Italian greens.
- **Embrace good music....** Moreno Fruzzetti, a native of Pisa, gave a performance in which he shared his passion for all genres of music. Song selections ranged from the 1940's to present and of course his love for the Golden Era of Italian music along with

*"Un amico è un tesoro"
(A friend is a treasure).*



classical music from centuries ago. Youngstown's Vegas Band then brought guests to their feet for dancing under the stars on the lawn in front of the Beeghly Gazebo.

- **The Youngstown Cookie Table**....a time-honored tradition at wedding receptions, Friends board members, along with many other Friend's members, volunteers, and Jimmy's Italian bakery stepped in to

provide an amazing display of homemade cookies savored by attendees. Candy bags were handed out at the end of the evening thanks to the generosity of Giannios Candy Company.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our valued sponsors, guests and volunteers who supported this event. We are grateful that you chose to support the Friends organization in raising more than \$23,000 for our beloved Fellows Riverside Gardens.



Garden Staff Gifted Table by Former Friends Board Member

Long-time Friends supporter, volunteer and former Board member Janet Yaniglos couldn't personally attend this year's Garden Party, but she found a heartfelt way to support the event. She purchased a table and invited members of the Gardens staff and volunteers to attend.

"It was an impressive gesture and we're thankful to Janet because she's one of us," said gardener Marcy Dubec. "She has been a boots-on-the-ground volunteer. She does through volunteering what we do as a staff. We all appreciate having somebody behind us, even somebody who says, 'Good job.' Janet is very much in the mindset of making sure we know we're appreciated."

Garden Supervisor Joe Tucker also attended the event and expressed his appreciation to Janet on behalf of his staff and volunteers, albeit humbly and reluctantly.

"We enjoy what we do," he said. "It was very kind of her to think of us in this way."



THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers – the evening would not have been possible without you!

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Thank You!

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"A Rich Spot of Earth"

Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello

PETER J. HATCH



FOREWORD BY ALICE WATERS

Free Lecture: A Rich Spot of Earth - Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello *by Kathleen Krantz*

The gardens at Monticello are considered a botanical masterpiece. Monticello's gardens served as a botanic showpiece, a source of food, and an experimental laboratory of ornamental and useful plants from around the world.

Join us Sunday October 6 at 2 p.m. at Fellows Riverside Gardens in the Rossi Auditorium at the D.D. and Velma Davis Education and Visitor Center to hear how this treasured landmark in American history was transformed into a breathtaking estate.

Friends of Fellows horticulture team is proud to host this FREE lecture given by Peter J. Hatch, Director Emeritus of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello. In his 35-year career at Monticello Mr. Hatch was responsible for maintenance, interpretation and restoration of the 2,400-acre landscape that encompasses this historic site. He is the author of several books on the gardens at Monticello, which will be available for purchase at the event.

Of particular note about Monticello gardens:

- Jefferson's collection of flowers included both ornamental and useful plants.
- In his vegetable garden, he grew over 300 varieties on a 1,000-foot-long terrace.
- His fruit gardens were also impressive. Jefferson grew 170 different varieties of apples, peaches, grapes, and more in his orchards.

We kindly request that you call 330-740-7116 during normal business hours (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) Tuesday through Sunday and ask for the Shop in the Gardens to let us know you are interested so that we can plan for adequate seating in the auditorium.

Friends Member Spotlight: Natalie Lariccia *by Jim Houck*

One of Friends member Natalie Lariccia's favorite pastimes is distance running, and she'd be the first to tell you how fortunate runners are to have the picturesque Mill Creek MetroParks to use as a training ground.

She's been running recreationally since college, and her accomplishments include several half-marathons and the annual Peace Race through Mill Creek MetroParks.

The Mahoning Valley native and financial planner enjoys being in nature, both running and hiking in the Park whenever she can.

Natalie and her husband Dr. Gregory Huang have run and hiked the roads and trails in and around the Gardens so many times that when they planned their wedding in 2016 one of their must-haves was to exchange their vows at the Kidston Pavilion. The reception followed at the Davis Center.

"That's why the Gardens are such a special place for us," she said. "The Gardens are a jewel of our community. They're really stunning, especially when everything is in bloom."



Pumpkin Palooza: Welcoming the Fall Season

Fall is here! Have some fun and discover your creative side while adding a "living" piece to your Fall home décor or give it as a gift to someone special.

Join the Friends of Fellows horticulture committee along with instructor Joyce Hamilton on Saturday Sept. 28 for one of two classes being held at Fellows Riverside Gardens in the Margaret Cushwa Education Building (rear parking lot of the gardens). We will guide you in decorating a pumpkin or gourd with a variety of dried flowers, acorns, pine cones, moss as well as live succulents.

Our first class will be at 11 a.m. and

will be limited to 20 adults. The second class, for children, will start at 1:30 p.m. with up to 10 children (ages 10-14) accompanied by one adult.

The cost per person for materials for each class is \$18 for Friends members and \$20 for non-members.

To secure your spot for this fun hands-on experience, please call or stop in the Shop in the Gardens during normal business hours Tuesday through Sunday and let us know which class you would like to attend. Call 330-740-7116 and ask for the Shop. Deadline for registration and payment is Saturday September 21.



Oktoberfest On the Terrace at 5!

by Lisa Frederick

Many have asked for it, so we are delivering it! We are very excited to offer our very first Oktoberfest on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. featuring beer from Youngstown microbrewery Biker Brewhouse.

The price for members will be \$10.00 per person and non-members, \$15.00 per person. This includes two 10 oz. of beers of your choice.

We are thrilled to partner with founder and brewer Larry Wilson of Biker Brewhouse, the only microbrewery located inside a Harley Davidson dealership. Biker Brewhouse has been crafting beers since 2015 and opened its doors in 2017. They pride themselves on sourcing only local, pure, fresh ingredients. Local honey and maple syrup from their family farm instill pure profound flavors that resonate throughout their ales. Four carefully curated offerings from their wide selection will be available the evening of the event. Kravitz Inspired Catering will be creating a special à la carte menu that will be available, as well.

Diane Drapcho, a Youngstown native who used to be known as The Singing Art Teacher but goes by The Queen of Bossa Nova since retiring 10 years ago, will be providing the entertainment for the evening. Diane focuses on mellow, jazzy pop music playing both acoustic guitar and nylon electric guitar. She performs hits from the Great American Songbook and covers the music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Amy Winehouse, Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, and Bill Withers, along with newcomers such as Laufey and Maggie Rogers. Her soothing and mellow vocal style, combined with soft guitar accompaniment, creates an ideal setting on the Terrace and enjoyment on an early fall evening.

Come join us for this joyous evening! The Terrace is the perfect early fall spot overlooking Lake Glacier to come together to celebrate, listen to music, indulge in delicious food and drink, and create lasting memories with friends and family. What better place to celebrate Oktoberfest?



Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their donations and or memorials the past three months to support Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens:

Robert and Eva Doyle



CLASSES AND EVENTS

Note: For more information on any of these events or classes or to register online please go to 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.

Watercolor Exhibit

Fellows Riverside Gardens: Weller Gallery

9/1 –10/16 | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Mill Creek MetroParks presents A Watercolor Exhibit showcasing works from artist Beth Basista. This free exhibit will be displayed September 1, through October 16, 2024 within the Weller Gallery inside the Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens, during normal operating hours of Tuesdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., closed Mondays.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Haunted Mill? in the Dark of the Night

Lanternman's Mill

9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. or 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Is Lanternman's Mill haunted? Join local paranormal group to investigate the mill in the dark of night and decide for yourself. Lanterns will guide your path during your visit. Adults only; 18 and up. Space limited. Registration required.

Register/pay by 9/26, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Fee \$25

Pumpkin Carving

Fellows Riverside Gardens: Cushwa Outdoor

Education Pavilion

10/19 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Have fun helping to carve pumpkins for display at our annual Pumpkin Walk at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Carving tools available or bring your own. Meet at the Cushwa Outdoor Pavilion at the far end of the parking lot. No registration required. Call 330.740.7107 x 129 for details. Free

Pumpkin Walk at Twilight

Fellows Riverside Gardens

10/20 | 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at Pumpkin Walk at Twilight at Fellows Riverside Gardens! As the sun sets and the moon rises, immerse yourself in the magic of our pumpkin-lined pathways. Indulge in the spirit of fall as you meander through our beautifully adorned gardens, illuminated by glowing pumpkins. Bring your family and friends to join in on this fun seasonal celebration. No registration required. Call 330.740.7107 x 129 for details. Free

HEALTHY LIVING

Outdoor Yoga Basics Course

Fellows Riverside Gardens:

Radius Program Classroom

Sundays, 8/25–10/13 | 8-9:15 a.m.

Release physical and mental tensions while gradually improving strength & flexibility. Gentle but thorough classes guided outdoors amid the splendor of the gardens by experienced instructor Karres Cvetkovich. register online or call 330.740.7116 ext 230. 8-week course \$96.00

Outdoor Yoga Basics Course

Fellows Riverside Gardens:

Radius Program Classroom

Tuesdays, 8/27–10/1 | 6-7:15 p.m.

Release physical and mental tensions while gradually improving strength & flexibility. Gentle but thorough classes guided outdoors amid the splendor of the gardens by experienced instructor Karres Cvetkovich. register online or call 330.740.7116 ext 230. 6-week course \$72.00

Yoga Basics Course

Fellows Riverside Gardens:

Radius Program Classroom

Sundays, 10/20–12/8 | 9:15-10:30 a.m.

\$ 96.00 Fee; Pre-registration required before November 3

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 ON JULY 4TH, OCTOBER 22nd 24th & NOVEMBER 28.

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

HORTICULTURE / NATURE

Birding the Springfield Forest

Springfield Forest

9/14 | 8-9:30 a.m.

Enjoy birding with Jeff Harvey on this early morning hike at the Springfield Forest located at 11840 Springfield Rd., North Lima. Boots required. Moderate. 1.25 mi. Register by 9/12, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Free

Coffee With the Birds

Ford Nature Center

9/21 | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sit and enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and watch our feathered friends at our feeders in Nancy's Nook at the Ford Nature Center! An Educator will provide assistance in identifying birds that frequently visit our nature center. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate provided. Registration required; space is limited. Ages 12+. Please register/ pay by 9/19 online or call 330.740.7107 ext. 129. No walk-ins. \$5

Birding the Sanctuary

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
9/28 | 8-9:30 a.m.

Enjoy birding with Jeff Harvey on this early morning hike at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. Space limited. Boots required. Up to a moderate 2-mile hike depending on the weather. Register by 9/19, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Free

The Big Sit

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
10/13 | 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join Audubon & 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 help count as we record all the bird species seen or heard from the observation deck. Reservations requested, not required. Call Ford Nature Center 330.740.7107 x 129 for details. Free

Park Wanderings

Fellows Riverside Gardens
10/25 | 9-10 a.m.

Join Educator Miss Lynn for Park Wanderings, a leisurely stroll at different Park locations. This month let's wander around the Park on the Cohasset Express Trolley and enjoy the fall colors. Meet at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Limited seating. Dress for the weather as the trolley has no heat. Register/pay by 10/23, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. No walk-ins. No pets. \$5

Recreational Hikes

Fellows Riverside Gardens
11/6 | 9-10 a.m.

Meet at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Easy 2-4 miles. Volunteer led hikes focusing on exercising in the outdoors. Call Wick Recreation Area for details 330-740-7114.

KIDS & FAMILIES

Critter Tales *Farm Edition* - Goats

MetroParks Farm: Classroom A
9/4 | 3-4 p.m.

Join a Park Educator and learn all about this month's featured critters, GOATS! Ages 3-6 with an adult. Story time and hands-on activities are part of the fun. This month we will be meeting at the Mill Creek MetroParks Farm Education Building in Classroom A. Register/pay online by 9/2 or call 330.740.7107 ext. 129. Please bring only the child/children you have registered. \$7

Forest Babies

Ford Nature Center Education Building
9/11 | 2-3 p.m.

Join Park staff for Forest Babies, a program for your youngest ones, ages 1-3 years old. We will explore the trails at Ford Nature Center and create a simple nature craft. Please be sure you and your little one are dressed for the weather as this program will include outdoor nature time. Register/pay by 9/9, online or call 330.740.7107 ext. 129. No walk-ins. No pets. \$5 per child.

Stream Stomps

Slippery Rock Pavilion
9/14 | 2-3 p.m.

Kids 6-12, plus adult. Join a Park Educator and volunteers for some stream stompin' discovery! We will learn to catch and identify small aquatic critters, study specimens under microscopes, and assess stream water quality. Meet at the Education Building behind the Ford Nature Center (840 Old Furnace Rd). Please wear water-appropriate footwear. Children must be accompanied by adult. Registration required. Register by 9/12 online or call 330.740.7107 ext. 129. No pets. No walk-ins. Free.

Sprout Club - Hummingbirds

Ford Nature Center Education Building
9/19 | 1-2 p.m.

Ages 3-5; plus adult. Join Sprout Club for fun and hands-on activities learning all about hummingbirds. Meet at Ford Nature Center, 840 Old Furnace Rd. Register/pay by 9/17, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. \$7

First Day of Fall: Scavenger Hunt Hike

Yellow Creek Park: Struthers Pavilion
9/22 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Let's celebrate the first day of fall! Join Park Staff for this scavenger hunt hike to scout early signs of autumn and take home a simple leaf rubbing craft! Meet at the Captain John Struthers Pavilion in Yellow Creek Park (17 Lowellville Rd.) Hike will be 1-2 miles, moderate difficulty. Register by 9/20, online or call 330.740.7107 ext. 129. No walk-ins. No pets. Free.

Sprout Club - Pick a Pumpkin at the MetroParks Farm

MetroParks Farm
10/17 | 1-2 p.m.

Ages 3-5; plus adult. Join Sprout Club for fun and hands-on activities learning all about pumpkins including a tractor and wagon ride to the pumpkin patch where everyone will get to pick their very own pumpkin to take home. Meet at the MetroParks Farm 7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd. Register/pay by 10/15, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. \$7

TROLLEY TOURS

End of Summer Trolley Tour

Ford Nature Center
9/1, 9/3, 9/8, 9/10, 9/12, 9/15, 9/21
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 8/30, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Adults: \$10 R, \$12 NR; Seniors/Youth: \$7 R, \$9 NR

Rock the Park - a Geological Exploration of Mill Creek Park

Fellows Riverside Gardens
9/12, 10/10 | 6-8 p.m.

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 9/10, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Adults: \$10 R, \$12 NR; Seniors/Youth: \$7 R, \$9 NR

Rock the Park - a Geological Exploration of Mill Creek Park

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9/21 | 10 a.m.-Noon

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Autumn Trolley Tour

Ford Nature Center
9/22, 9/24, 9/29, 10/1, 10/6, 10/8, 10/10, 10/13, 10/15, 10/20, 10/22, 10/27, 10/29, 11/3, 11/5 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3 - 4 p.m.

Enjoy the last days Summer in Mill Creek Park with natural and historic views aboard the Cohasset Express. Limited seating. Boards at Ford Nature Center. Register/pay by 9/20, online or call 330.740.7107 x 129. Adults: \$10 R, \$12 NR; Seniors/Youth: \$7 R, \$9 NR



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Information Desk 330.740.7116

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

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Save The Date:

Tuesday, Sept. 10 thru Sunday, Sept. 15: Shop in the Gardens Fall Sales Event

Wednesday, Sept. 18: Octoberfest on the Terrace at 5! 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28: Pumpkin Palooza -Two class times (see inside for details)"

Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday Oct. 6: Fall Bulb Sale on the DeYor Terrace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6: Lecture: A Rich Spot of Earth – Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello with Peter Hatch. See inside for details

Thursday, Nov. 7 Annual Member-Only Event: Shop in the Garden Holiday Open House from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Garden Bus Tours: December Holiday Day Trip to Pittsburgh – early Dec/exact date TBD – members will receive a brochure in the mail in the next few weeks.

For more information, please email us at info@friendsoffellows.org or call or stop by the Shop in the Gardens during normal business hours.