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Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society

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Southwestern Ohio Chapter of the Ohio Native Plant Society

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Newsletter for January – April 2023

Hard to believe the botanizing season is almost here with sightings of skunk cabbage in IN and OH; spring ephemerals siren songs seem to call every January for me. Hopefully many of you have been out enjoying our parks and preserves as we have learned to live and cope with COVID-19. We are excited to bring back in person events and look forward to socializing at our monthly events and hope that you can join us via Zoom or on site. I am hoping to see more folks and catch up at our annual potluck in March, the Ohio Botanical Symposium and the June picnic with Northside Greenspace Inc.

The past year's schedule has been filled with exciting new plants that were further away and I hope that you will enjoy a mix of old and new sites in the upcoming schedules. As we strive to finalize a few events for the 2022-2023 schedule, there will be more local events planned and some new hike leaders as well as our favorite naturalists and botanists. Please feel free to reach out if you have a location or topic that would interest you on a future event as well as posting wildflowers on our Facebook group page.

The use of Avon Woods Nature Center continues to be a partnership with Cincinnati Parks in exchange for invasive removal hours. Expect to see more Give Back Day events to meet our committed hours and please join us in making a difference!

If you are unable to get out into nature, there are other ways to support our natural areas and native plants. If you shop with Kroger, please consider signing up for Community Rewards to support Western Wildlife Corridor. Amazon shoppers can sign up for Amazon Smile and I highly recommend supporting Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association (ONAPA).

For the Society, Angela Carter, President, amcarter@fuse.net

General Notes

We welcome visitors and guests. If you're not already a member, please consider joining the Society. Individual memberships are \$12; family memberships are \$20. Not only would we love to add you to our membership, but these modest fees provide our operating budget for the year. Write the check to "Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society" and mail to Randy Johnson, Treasurer, 947 Volterra Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45206. There is now an option to join or renew your membership online at cincywildflower.org via PayPal and thank you for your support!

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders of events, write this on your membership form or email bergstein123@gmail.com.

Most Friday evening lectures are held at Avon Woods Nature Center (a Cincinnati city preserve), 4235 Paddock Road, Cincinnati 45229. From the Norwood Lateral (SR #562), drive 0.9 mile south on Paddock to the Avon Woods Park driveway, which is in the middle of the Avon Fields golf course. Turn sharp right onto the drive next to the park sign (on the west side of Paddock) and go to the lodge at the end of the long dark drive. If you're coming the other way, the driveway is 0.4 mile north of Paddock's intersection with Reading Road.

The December and March dinner programs will be held at the Gathering at Northern Hills, 460 Fleming Road, Cincinnati 45231.

Please remember our motto: "*Enjoy: Do Not Destroy.*" It is up to Society members to set the standard for the rest of the public: respecting all rules at the places we visit, staying on trails when required, and not collecting seeds or plants without permission or permits.

----- January 2023 -----

Friday, January 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm: Lecture Program, Avon Woods Nature Center
"Untangling Equity and the Environment: The Future of Conservation and How We Get There"
Tanner Yess, Co-Director of Groundwork Ohio River Valley

Groundwork Ohio River Valley is changing the game by connecting the environment to race, socio-economics and justice. We are expanding the human connection to nature in communities left behind by the environmental movement through engagement, education, and employment.

Groundwork has built the nation's largest Youth Green Workforce program and has helped Cincinnati community members create 10 neighborhood-level climate action plans through the Climate Safe Neighborhoods partnership.

To learn more about how Groundwork is creating a more just and climate resilient region, visit their website, <https://www.groundworkohio.org/>

----- February 2023 -----

Friday, February 10, 2023 at 7:30 pm: Lecture Program, Avon Woods Nature Center (or see our website to attend by zoom)

"Big Bone Lick - Cradle of Paleontology"

Dr. Glenn Storrs, Associate VP of Science & Research, Withrow Farny Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology

Almost 20 miles southwest of Cincinnati, in Boone County, Kentucky, can be found Big Bone Lick State Historic Site, a fossil locality known to scientists and historians around the world.

In 1807, Thomas Jefferson asked William Clark to collect fossils for him there, where he encountered the remains of mastodon and other "Ice Age" animals during the first organized paleontological excavation in the Western Hemisphere.

Discovered by Europeans in 1739, fossils from Big Bone were later examined by Daniel Boone, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, William Henry Harrison, and Meriwether Lewis, along with Jefferson, Clark, and many others. Native Americans likely had been aware of the presence of “big bones” at the site for centuries - animals have long been attracted to its flowing salt springs, and indigenous hunters have followed them there.

Notably, the 18th century French anatomist Georges Cuvier, used the new principle of comparative anatomy to confirm the concept of extinction based upon its fossils, and new discoveries continue to be made at the site. As a result of this long and continuing history, Big Bone Lick is justifiably known as the “Birthplace of American vertebrate paleontology.”

----- March 2023 -----

Friday, March 10, 2023: Potluck, Annual Meeting & Lecture, The Gathering at Northern Hills, 460 Fleming Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231 (or see our website to attend by zoom)

Come to any part or all of the annual meeting.

5:15 pm Appetizers and fellowship

5:45 pm Covered dish potluck dinner

7:00 pm Annual Meeting and Program

“The Rare and Unusual - Discoveries at the Edge”

Mark Zloba, Ecological Manager, Edge of Appalachia

From fireflies that synchronize, crickets that live entirely within ant mounds, rats that collect nickels, snakes that rattle, katydid new to science, to lichens once believed to be extinct, Mark will share some of the many new finds made at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve in nearby Adams County Ohio.

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 2:00 pm: Newberry Wildlife Sanctuary, Hamilton County, Ohio

Join hike leaders Nick Ludwig and Angela Carter for early spring ephemerals and looking for salamanders along the creek. This will be a moderate **RSVP** field trip, **limited to 12**, due to walking down and back from a limited parking area and several creek crossings. Plan on meeting at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve and carpooling to the site; the price of the annual Motor Vehicle Permit is \$10 for a Hamilton County resident and \$16 for a non-resident. Please RSVP to Angela Carter at amcarter@fuse.net or 513-300-2787 or for any additional questions.

Directions: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve is located at 3455 Poole Road, Cincinnati, OH 45251. From Cincinnati, take I-275 to exit 33 and head south on US-27 S/Colerain Ave for 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Poole Road. The preserve is on the left.

****Friday, March 24, 2023 from 8 am – 4 pm: Ohio Botanical Symposium, Columbus, Ohio**

Cost ~\$50, includes continental breakfast and lunch buffet. It’s a great way to hear updates on Ohio plant news. The keynote address is *“Not your Grandfather’s Flora: New Floristic Tools for Information, Appreciation, and Conservation” Alan Weakley Ph.D., U. of North Carolina Herbarium*. Registration information will be at <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/nature-preserves/botanical-symposium>. Our Society is one of the sponsors of this event and we will host a table to support DNAP.

----- April 2023 -----

Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:00 am: *Edge of Appalachia, Adams County, Ohio*

Rich McCarty will lead this spring wildflower hike. This will be at minimum a moderate hike since we expect to be off trail with some bushwhacking. Due to the unpredictability of spring weather, we will determine the location and additional details as we get closer to the date when a specific site and meeting place will be announced.

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 10:00 am: *Halls Creek Woods State Nature, Warren County, Ohio*

Marjie Becus will be leading us on this 1.6 mile trail up the hill and through the woods. Halls Creek Woods has various native wildflowers and good display of large flowered trillium. The woods is open and where we will be walking is relatively free of invasives. Most of the trail is easy, with a short section on a rocky farm road that may be wet.

Directions: From I-275 exit north from I-71 and proceed 10.7 miles. Take the exit onto 48 south and proceed 3.24 miles to the intersection of St. Rt. 22/3 and turn left (east). Turn left on OH 22/3 and go 2.64 miles to the stop light to the intersection with Stubbs Mill Rd. Turn left (north) on Stubbs Mill Rd. and proceed 0.63 mile crossing the bike trail and the Little Miami River. Turn right onto Mason, Morrow, Milgavie Rd and go 1.15 miles to the Halls Creek parking lot on the left (hill side). Do not turn onto Halls Creek Rd. or turn into the Scenic Rivers parking lot to the right.

Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm: *Caldwell Nature Preserve, Hamilton County, Ohio*

Come join us for a wildflower wander to see spring ephemerals, learn identification and help the preserve enter wildflowers and whatever fungi, animals and insects that we may encounter along the trails. Cincinnati Parks will be having a weekend bioblitz on the following weekend so this an opportunity to get an early start on finding wildflowers.

Directions: Take exit 9 from I-75 to OH-4 N/Paddock Rd and in 0.2 miles turn left onto E North Bend Rd. Caldwell Nature Center is 1.2 miles on the right at 430 W North Bend Rd.

----- May 2023 -----

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00 am: *Charles A. Eulett Wilderness Preserve, Adams County, Ohio*

Marjie Becus, and Judy and Ray Komorowski will lead groups on this 2 1/2 mile trail. We will be hiking a narrow trail past various spring wildflowers with fern covered rock cliffs overhead. The hike is relatively easy with the possible exceptions of the occasional stream crossing where the rocks may be slippery. You might want to bring a walking stick. We hope to see lady slippers, large flower trillium, Indian paint brush and other beauties.

If you wish to bring a lunch, we can go to Adams Lake State Park after the hike and use their picnic tables.

Directions: From I-275 take exit 63 onto OH-32 E/State Rte 32 E toward Batavia for 33.9 miles Turn right onto OH-247 S/Main St and proceed for 9.7 miles then turn left onto W Main St (passing by RadioShack on the left). After 0.6 miles continue straight onto OH-125 E/Sunrise Ave and follow OH-125 E for 7.2 miles. Turn left onto Lynx Dr. and follow for 0.4 miles until you reach Shivener Rd; turn left and the Wilderness parking lot will be in 0.6 miles.