



# 2019 Calendar

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## REMINDER

**IF THERE IS A LEVEL 2 EMERGENCY OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM WILL BE CANCELLED**

**JANUARY 12 - "Central Ohio Prairies - Natural History, Rarities and Remnants" - Rick Gardner**

**PRESENTATION:** Central Ohio was home to numerous prairies primarily located in the historical Darby Plains west of Columbus and the Pickaway Plains near Circleville. Gardner will discuss their natural history, the numerous plants and animals that inhabit these special habitats and remnants you may visit today."

**BIO:** Rick Gardner is Chief Botanist for Ohio Departments of Natural Resources, Natural Areas & Preserves. Rick also manages all the Ohio State Parks across Ohio.

**LOCATION:** Inniswood Metro Gardens- 940 S Hempstead Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

**10 AM - 12 PM**

**FEBRUARY 9 - "If You Plant It , They Will Come: A Butterfly Habitat Success Story" - Chris Kline**

**PRESENTATION:** Chris Kline will discuss how Butterfly Ridge has tripled the size of its butterfly population in four short years. Included in his talk will be a virtual tour of Butterfly Ridge, a discussion of plants that have worked well and those that have been a disappointment. Chris will also give away a copy of his book *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants* to a lucky participant! Books are available on Amazon for \$20.

**NATIVE SEED EXCHANGE:** Bring your native seeds labelled with both Common and Latin names to exchange with others while Chris discusses the *new* seed exchange program he's starting in Ohio and answers questions. OPEN TO PUBLIC.

**BIO:** Chris is the former butterfly specialist at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus.

**LOCATION:** Shale Hollow Preservation Park, 6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center, OH 43035

**10 AM - 12-PM**

**MARCH 9 - "Diary of a Woodlot" - Tom Sheley**

**PRESENTATION:** Inspired by Ora Anderson's passionate observations and Jim Brandenburg's nature photography, Tom has been documenting nature through the seasons on a small plot of land in southern Fairfield county. Through observation and the eye of a camera, an amazing array of wildlife and bird behaviors come to life.

**BIO:** Tom Sheley former owner and manager of Wild Birds Unlimited on Sawmill Road Columbus.

**LOCATION:** Shale Hollow Preservation Park, 6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center, OH 43035

**10 AM - 12 PM**

**APRIL 13 – “Plant This, Not That: Native Alternatives for Invasive Plants” - Peter Lowe**

**PRESENTATION:** On a daily basis a new crop of invasive plants pop up in our gardens. What was once considered a desirable landscape plant yesterday, may be considered undesirable today. We as stewards of the land have a responsibility to utilize and encourage plant material that is beneficial to the ecosystem as a whole. The question we will set out to answer, is what native alternatives can we use to replace undesirable or invasive plants in the landscape.

**BIO:** Peter Lowe, Dawes Arboretum, is Director of Landscape Operations

**LOCATION:** Deer Haven Preservation Park, 4183 Liberty Rd, Delaware, OH 43015

**10 AM – 12 PM**

**MAY 4 - Tour of Wildones member Don Reuter's yard.**

Spring ephemerals and other native trees and shrubs. Don describes his garden as ...”certainly not an English Garden. It’s mostly wild, with certain areas somewhat controlled. I wanted to attract native birds, butterflies, etc.”

**LOCATION:** 274 Westview Ave., off High St., just north of Graceland Shopping Center

**10 AM - 12 PM**

**MAY 25 - ANNUAL PLANT SALE!**

**COORDINATOR:** Cecelia Jokerst

Plants supplied by vendor “Natives in Harmony” Gale Martin; Plant donations from Tartan Fields by horticulturist-Wild Ones member Lynn Fleak and other Wild Ones members.

**LOCATION:** Whetstone Recreation Center, 3923 N High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

**9 AM – 1 PM**

**QUESTIONS? WANT TO HELP? CALL CECELIA 614-203-3479**

**JUNE? - TBA - Trip to Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Gardens (Still waiting on final confirmation due to new administration) TOURS ONLY ON TUESDAYS**

**HISTORY:** The idea of the Heritage Garden was first conceived in 2000 as a way to showcase Ohio's natural history and environment to the thousands of yearly visitors to the Governor's Residence. Then First Lady Hope Taft, secured the donated services of a landscape architect and garden designer who developed a master plan that not only highlights the five physiographic regions of the state but also enhances the Jacobean revival architecture of the home and highlights Ohio botanists and hybridizers. With the help of master gardeners, arboreta, nurseries, universities, state departments, garden clubs and many friends, implementation began in the spring of 2001

The Garden has been named a “Monarch Butterfly Waystation” and a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

**LOCATION:** 358 N Parkview, Bexley, Ohio Please park on side streets.

**1:30 PM : TOUR WILL LAST 1 HOUR: NOTE: DAY AND TIME CHANGE**

An alphabetized **list of tour guests** must be submitted before the tour. Guests must provide **photo ID for admittance**. Handbags, purses, Backpacks are not permitted on premises. All members wishing to visit, should give their names to Barbara Velez Barbosa or another board member of Wild Ones Columbus by June 1. Any questions, contact Carol Allen-Rasoul 614-558-6501

**JULY 13 – FIELD TRIP – “Debra Knapke’s Gardens”**

**FIELD TRIP DETAILS:** Debra’s 2/3 acre garden is used for research, teaching, testing design ideas, and enjoying. “I practice ecologically-conscious gardening – my term – as I have come to realize that nature is my partner in the garden; and a most primary teacher.” There are 26 different garden areas consisting of shade gardens, sun gardens, herb areas, rock areas, an in-transition conifer garden, a vegetable garden, a forest garden and more. There is something to see year-round; it is a garden for all seasons.

**BIO:** Known as “The Garden Sage”, Debra is a popular speaker at professional symposia as well as gardening events throughout the Midwest.

**LOCATION:** 873 Clover Drive, Columbus, OH 43235

**10AM-12PM**

**AUGUST 10 – FIELD TRIP – Darby Plains Prairie Tour - Rick Gardener**

**FIELD TRIP DETAILS:** Rick will be leading us through three prairie remnants in the historical Darby Plains near Plain City. The trip will start at Milford Center Natural Area, a prairie along an abandoned railroad grade that has numerous prairie species including Royal Catchfly. Then we’ll visit Smith Cemetery State Nature Preserve, a pioneer cemetery that has large oaks and incredible prairie plant diversity in a just over 0.5 acre plot. The final destination is W. Pearl King Savanna Nature Preserve which is the best Oak savanna remnant remaining in the Darby Plains. This site has several species of plants you’ll find no where else in the Darby Plains area. All sites except W. Pearl King Savanna have trails. Please dress accordingly.

**MEET UP LOCATION:** Milford Center Prairie, Connor Road, Milford Center ( GPS 40 09 27.78 83 27 26.4)

**10 AM - 12 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 14 – Dawes Arboretum, American Chestnut Tree Project  
Lecture and Hike to Chestnut Tree plot.**

**GUIDE: SARA FERN FITZSIMMONS**

The American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) was once found throughout the forests of the Appalachian Mountains, and was a primary component of Pennsylvania’s forests. In the 1800s, plant importation brought with it a devastating fungal disease that all but eliminated the American chestnut from its original range. Researchers at Penn State have been on the forefront to restore this species, exploring the many facets required for reintroduction of disease-resistant populations. Luckily, current research suggests populations of American chestnut could be self-sustainable, despite changing pressures, within the next 50 – 100 years.

Visit this link for info on American Chestnut Foundation <https://www.acf.org/oh/>

**BIO:** Sara has worked at Penn State with the American Chestnut Foundation since 2003, assisting chestnut growers and researchers throughout Appalachian Mts.

**DETAILS:** There will be a 45 minute talk followed by a walk to the American Chestnut Tree research plot. The walk is approximately 3 miles round trip for those who feel up to it.

Link for Dawes Project: <https://dawesarb.org/blog/chestnutproject/>

**MEET UP LOCATION:** 7770 Jacksontown Rd, Newark, OH 43056 – Visitor Center

**10 AM – 12 PM**

**OCTOBER 12 - *The Invisible Forest, from Backyard Forest to World Biome; Connectedness, Conservation and the World Significance of America's Great Eastern Forest* - Andrea Jaeger**

**PRESENTATION:** Join Andrea to learn how the simple act of saving land can be the most powerful thing we can do together to protect the beauty, balance and biodiversity of our world.

**BIO:** Andrea has worked for the Arc since August 2016, in Outreach, grant writing, education.

**LOCATION:** Inniswood Metro Gardens- 940 Hempstead Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

**10 AM – 12 PM**

**NOVEMBER 9 – “*Nature’s Gliders: Flying Squirrels*” -Marnie Titchenell**

**PRESENTATION:** A fun presentation that covers the life history and habitat needs of the flying squirrel. Participants will learn what they can do in their wood lots to attract flying squirrels, as well as detailed tips and a plan for constructing and mounting flying squirrel nest boxes.

**BIO:** Marnie is an Extension Wildlife Program Specialist, for OSU.

**LOCATION;** Deer Haven Preservation Park, 4183 Liberty Rd, Delaware, OH 43015

**10 AM - 12 PM**

**\*\* 12PM – 1PM - SEED EXCHANGE AND BOARD ELECTIONS**

**DECEMBER – NO PROGRAM** Due to all of the holiday activities our Wild Ones Columbus board voted not to have a December meeting, however we do want to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful Holiday season.