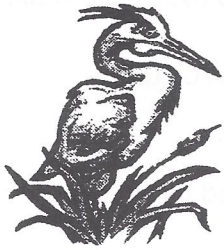


Audubon *News and Views*



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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities of the land. For all it is an interest to enjoy, to conserve, restore, share with others, and to educate both adults and students.

As a member of the **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**, you are also a member of the **CANTON AUDUBON SOCIETY**, and are invited to attend our monthly meetings held at 7:00 p.m., the third Wednesday each month (September thru June), at the **STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT'S EXPLORATION GATEWAY**, 5712 – 12th St., NW, Canton. You will receive **AUDUBON NEWS & VIEWS** September/October issue with our calendar of activities for the entire year.

Visit our website: www.cantonaudubon.org or phone 330-209-1261 for further information about our activities.

Calendar

June

- Sat. 2 9:00 a.m. **CAS METZGER PARK (Louisville) Sign Walk.** See Sign Walk, page 3.
- Wed. 6 7:00 p.m. **Bees in Your Back Yard**, free lecture & book signing, Univ. of Mt. Union, Alliance.
- Thur. 7 9 a.m – 4 p.m. **Bees in Your Back Yard**, Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center of UMU, Minerva.
Learn from bee expert Olivia Carril, author of the book *Bees in Your Back Yard*.
Cost \$65 per person, or \$80 including Olivia's book. Workshop registration is deadline May 18. Questions, Bonnie twaddlb@mountunion.edu (330-823-7487)
- Sat. 9 10:00 a.m. **Stark Park's Joseph J. & Helen M. Sommer Wildlife Conservation Center GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION.** The dedication ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m.
- Thur. 14 1 – 2 p.m. **BUTTERFLY WALK**, The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot.
Learn the life cycles of butterflies, walking the Prairie trail. Cancelled if raining.
- Sat. 16 10 – 6 p.m. **FOUNDERS DAY at TWC.** Remember, TWC was founded by members of Canton Audubon Society in 1964. There will be activities, and history. Plan to attend.
- Wed. 20 4:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walk.** Meet at the EG's picnic pavillion.
6:00 p.m. **CAS SUMMER "PICNIC in the Park".** Pre-registration requested.
See June 20 Meeting Preview, page 3.
- Thur. 21 5:30 p.m. **FRIENDS OF STARK PARKS "WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE: Summer Solstice Soiree" Fundraiser.** Exploration Gateway Patio and Rooms A & B. Cost is \$75 per person.
See Soiree page 5.
- Sat. 23 11:00 a.m. **BUTTERFLY WALK at Foxfield Preserve.** The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot.
Learn the life cycles of butterflies. Cancelled if raining.
- Sun. 24 1-3 p.m. **SCPD WOODLAND WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER**, Quail Hollow Park Nature Center, Hartville.
Meet wildlife ambassadors that reside at park centers. Participate in fun wildlife-themed activities, along with cookies and punch. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal for a checkup and certificate of good health by Stark Parks staff and rehabilitation volunteers.

Calendar - continued

June

- Sun. 24 2-3 p.m. **FOR GOODNESS SNAKES**, TWC, Wilmot.
Discover the diversity snakes that make Ohio their home. Chance to touch live snake.
- Thur. 28 10:30 a.m. **WILDERNESS WALK**, TWC, Wilmot.
Learn the natural history of the area and season. Walk trail with a TWC guide.

July

- Thur. 5 10 – 11 a.m. **BUTTERFLY WALK**, The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot.
Learn the life cycles of butterflies, walking the Prairie trail. Cancelled if raining.
- Fri. 6 7 – 9 a.m. **Sit-in at the Pond**, The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot.
Bring a camp chair or blanket, binoculars, and a thermos of coffee and join as we watch the pond come alive in the morning. There's no program agenda for this sit-in, just a chance to slow down and enjoy a quiet morning.
- Sat. 7 10:30 a.m. **OHIO NATURAL AREAS & PRESERVES ASSOCIATION (ONAPA)** Stewardship at Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve from 10:30 – 3:30 p.m. For stewardship projects details and to register to participate, visit www.onapa.org. Rain dates will be posted on the website.
- Sat. 14 9 – 11 a.m. **BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS**, TWC, Wilmot.
Join members of TWC Bird Club in the Observation room for beverage and breakfast.
- 9 a.m. **CAS Field Trip**, to Norma Johnson Conservation Center, Dover. On SR83, 3 miles west of I-77 exit 83. Walk trail followed by viewing the Traveling Butterfly Exhibit. Meet in Massillon Lowe's parking lot, US30/OH21, to carpool, or drive yourself & meet at NJCC.
- Wed. 18 2 – 3 p.m. **BUTTERFLY WALK**, TWC, Wilmot.
Learn the life cycles of butterflies, walking the Prairie trail. Cancelled if raining.
- Sat. 21 10 – 1 p.m. **HERPITOLOGY DAY**, TWC, Wilmot.
A chance to get up-close with Ohio reptiles and amphibians. Meet live frogs, salamanders, snakes and turtles, take a hike to look for snakes, stop by the lake and look for turtles, watch snake and turtle feeding.

August

- Thur. 2 10 – 12 p.m. **TURTLE DAY**, TWC, Wilmot.
Join us for a look at the turtles who inhabit TWC. We will be catching and marking turtles at the lake from 10 – 11 and at the pond from 11 – 12. Learn about Barnaby the Box Turtle after your hike.
- Sat. 11 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **SIT-IN AT THE POND**, TWC, Wilmot. See July 6 description.
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **BUTTERFLY WALK**, TWC, Wilmot. See July 18 description.
- Sun. 12 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **BUTTERFLY WALK**, TWC, Wilmot. See July 18 description.
- Thur. 16 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **WILDERNESS WALK**, TWC, Wilmot. See June 28 description.
- Sun. 19 4:00 p.m. **CAS PICNIC**, Quail Hollow Park, Hartville.
Join CAS member and former Secretary Alice Rini for the CAS picnic. As a young girl Alice was employed by the Stewart family, which lived at what is now Quail Hollow. Alice should have many good stories to tell you while she worked there.
Bring a covered dish to share, CAS will supply meat and beverage. Please let us know if you are coming so we know how many to prepare for.

Save The Dates !!

October 20, 2018: **2018 Fall Color Tour** - ODNR Division of Forestry at Hocking State Forest Headquarters
For more information visit forestry.ohiodnr.gov or fallcolor.ohiodnr.gov

6th Annual Ohio Avian Research Conference, at Dennison University, Granville, OH

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Metzer Park Sign Walk - June 2 9 a.m.

This bird walk has become a Canton Audubon tradition since we sponsored the erection of the sign in June, 2008. A new sign was placed last year since the original was showing its age. The sign explains why the Red-winged blackbird, Savannah Sparrow, Bobolink, and Eastern Meadowlark appear on the sign. Metzger Park is located on South Nickel Plate Avenue, just south of Louisville High School. Meet in the southeast corner of the parking lot.

YOUR Stark Parks

Wildlife Conservation Center Grand Opening

This newest facility of Stark Parks will hold its “hard grand opening” with information and tours of the new rehabilitation facility from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., with the dedication ceremony taking place at 10:30 a.m. Since there will be animals undergoing rehabilitation, the entire facility WILL NOT be open to the public because the federal and state permits do not allow public in those areas while animals are undergoing treatment.

Named the **Joseph J. and Helen M. Sommer Wildlife Conservation Center**, the facility will be state of the art, and best of all, have indoor plumbing. The old Sanders’ Center did not have that convenience. Joe Sommer, is a life member of the Canton Audubon Society, was one of the founders of Stark Parks in 1967, is a former county commissioner, and former head of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Plan to attend, meet some of the staff and volunteers that tend to the injured/sick wildlife, and get a look at some of the park’s education ambassador animals.

The WCC is located on Genoa Road, ½ mile south of 12th St., NW, Perry Twp., at Sippo Park West. **No onsite parking will be available.** Shuttles are available at New Life Tabernacle, 3542 – 12th St., NW, or, you can walk the path from Exploration Gateway.

CAS “Picnic in the Park”

June 20, 2018

Pre-registration requested so we know how much food to prepare.

Join us for our traditional “end of the previous

fiscal year/beginning of the new fiscal year picnic at the Stark County Park District’s Picnic Pavilion (on your right as you approach 1st parking area) at the Perry-Sippo/Exploration Gateway facility. We can celebrate the start of our 57th year as an organization.

You can join those interested in a 4:30 p.m. bird walk, followed by the covered dish/potluck dinner beginning at 6 p.m. It will be followed by fellowship and/or another bird walk – whatever you wish.

Canton Audubon will provide the meat (chicken) and beverage. Those attending are asked to bring your favorite or new, covered dish to share; your own plate, cut and utensils.

We ask that you sign up to attend at the May 16 meeting, or call Linda Chen (330-494-9026) so we know how many to prepare for.

2018 Arnold Fritz Memorial Scholarship

By Laura Dornan

The CAS Scholarship Committee received four applications for the scholarship this year. All of the applicants were very worthy of consideration but this year there was one outstanding applicant and the choice was very clear. James Feller will be receiving the Arnold Fritz Memorial Scholarship in September.

James is from Clinton, Ohio and is attending Ohio State University, where he is working toward his PhD in Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology. Quite a mouthful! But put simply, James is using his studies and research in molecular biology to use eDNA to protect our ecosystems.

Environmental DNA is a new technology defined as genetic material found in air, soil, or water that originates from organisms. In other words, James can take a cup of lake water and determine what species are living in the lake! He will use this research to measure how species respond to stressors such as pollution. He hopes to one day run his own lab group and be able to apply his research to environmental legislation and management.

James began his research career in the medical field, using molecular biology to study cancer, kidney disease and heart defects. But he loves the outdoors, is an avid backpacker and runner, and found that he wanted to use his knowledge to protect the wild places he so enjoys.

The committee is thrilled to award this years scholarship to James Feller. We found his application a joy to read and his accomplishments amazing. We are confident that with his determination and drive, he will go far in his chosen career.

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I would like to thank the selection committee members for their dedication and hard work. Joyce Stevens, Lee Dolan, Bob Rohrbaugh, and Rose Carter, you have made this a committee a pleasure to serve on. Thank you.

p.s. – James is going to try and attend the June 20 picnic at Sippos. Please come to meet and talk to him.

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THE LADY BUG GARDEN CENTER & GIFT SHOP

Donna Mataka Landscape Services

8361 Portage St., NW Massillon
330-832-7080

Lawn care, Hardscapes, Snow Removal
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Tree & Shrub Services
M-F 8-6 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-3

HARTVILLE ELEVATOR

111 Prospect Ave., N Hartville
330-877-9320

M-F 8-5 Sat. 8-Noon Sun. Closed

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

4930 Portage St., NW North Canton
330-966-7666

M-F 9-8 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 10-4

HUSTON-BRUMBAUGH NATURE CENTER

University of Mount Union
16146 Daniel St., NE Minerva
330-823-7487

M-F 9-4 Sat. 1-5 Sun. 1-5
Mon. - Closed

STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

Administration:

5300 Tyner St., NW Canton 44708
330-477-3552

The Exploration Gateway (EG):
5712 - 12th St., NW Canton 44708
330-409-8096
StarkParks.com

The Lives of Butterflies, Moths & Skippers

June 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. June 23, 10:30 – noon

All About Swallowtail Butterflies

July 17, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. July 21, 10:30 – noon

All About Monarch Butterflies

Aug. 14, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Aug. 18, 10:30 -noon

The Beech Creek Butterfly House opens June 11, and will be open Mon-Sat 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., Sun 12-4 p.m.

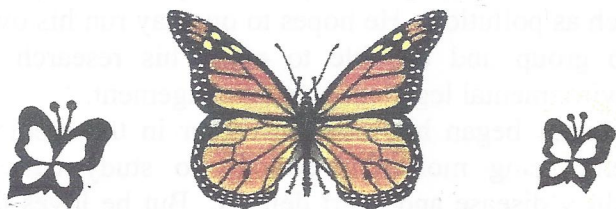
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Canton Audubon Society has offered a \$1000.00 scholarship to college students studying in the field of environmental science since 2010. There have been some amazing students who have earned this scholarship and the selection committee recently wondered what had become of some of these young people. I reached out to them to find out *where are they now?* Here are some excerpts from the reply I recently received from Shelby Kaplan, 2014/2015 winner. She attended Denison University working towards a goal of environmental research scientist & environmental educator in sustainable agriculture.

I am serving as an environmental conservation Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay...working with a rural community on soil conservation and reforestation projects....with farmers in organic agriculture, organic gardening, green manures, composting, recycled art, creating a community seed bank. My service is due to end this December, but I'm considering extending a year to be a volunteer liaison Paraguays capital of Asuncion with an environmental NGO. I would highly recommend a [CAS] trip to Paraguay to visit the Pantanal!! Also, if you'd like to follow my peace corps journey, I post lots of pictures and stories on my Facebook page (Shelby Ariel).

I think our money was well spent in 2014!

Editor's note: As Laura receives responses from the other scholarship recipients, we will print them in future editions of AN&V. **ARD**



Learn All About Butterflies

All presentations are sponsored by, and located at, the Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, 11929 Beech ST., NE, Alliance. They are FREE. Questions? Call 330-829-7050.

How To Attract Butterflies to Your Yard

June 5, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. June 9, 10:30-noon



IS IT TIME FOR A CHANGE?

Canton Audubon has been meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for many years, maybe since the very beginning of the organization. But recently the Board of Directors has been discussing that perhaps Wednesday is no longer the best night of the week, as so many people have other commitments on Wednesdays. We realize that there is no one night that will be perfect for everybody but we do want to investigate the possibility that there could be another night that would allow more people to come to the monthly meetings, without preventing current regular attendees from coming. To that end, here is a survey we would like EVERYONE to respond to. You may cut this survey out and send it to: Canton Audubon Society, P.O. Box 9586, Canton, OH 44711 or you may e-mail your response to cantonaudubonsociety@gmail.com. Please include your name with your response.

Please select the statement that best describes your feelings about Audubon Society meeting nights:

_____ I like meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and I come on a regular or semi-regular basis. I would not come on any other night.

_____ I like meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and I come on a regular or semi-regular basis. But I would also be willing to come on another night.
1st choice: Mon Tues Thurs 2nd choice: Mon Tues Thurs

_____ I often or usually come to Wednesday meetings but would prefer to come on another night.
1st choice: Mon Tues Thurs 2nd choice: Mon Tues Thurs

_____ I do not come to Audubon meetings because Wednesday night is not convenient. I would come if meetings were on another night.
1st choice: Mon Tues Thurs 2nd choice: Mon Tues Thurs

_____ I do not come to Audubon meetings but it is not because of the meeting night.

Name _____

We are not currently considering changing the week that the meetings are held. **Meetings will continue to be on the 3rd week of the month** unless there is significant indication that needs to change. Thank you for your response to this survey.

Please fold in thirds, put in a business size envelope & mail. THANK YOU.

“Wild Night For Wildlife - Summer Solstice Soiree”

Friends of Stark Parks Fundraiser. On the outside patio downstairs at Exploration Gateway.

5:30 p.m. Hors de Vors, social hour, with park’s ambassador animals.

6:30 p.m. Dinner and awards.

8:00 p.m. Program, followed by silent auction basket winner announcements.

Kick off the season of sunshine, June 21 is the first day of summer, with dinner, drinks, music, live ambassador animals, and stunning views of Sippo Lake. This evening will benefit the continued care of wildlife at the Joseph J. and Helen M. Sommer Wildlife Conservation center. The Center currently serves nearly 2,000 injured, orphaned, and ill native animals each year.

Canton Audubon Society is the 2018 Honoree, and Honorary Chairs for the event are Lee & Alan Dolan. Tickets for this 4th annual fundraiser are \$75 per person. You can make reservations for the event by contacting StarkParks.com/Friends/Events or 330-477-3552. Make checks payable to Friends of Stark Parks @ 5300 Tyner St., NW, Canton, OH 44708.

June 1 is the Beginning Canton Audubon’s 57th Year

Canton Audubon Society operates on a fiscal year – June 1 thru May31. So June 1, 2018 is the beginning of our 57th year of existence. Since it is the beginning of the 2018-19 business year, your Chapter Supporter dues are due as a local member.

If you are a National Audubon Society member, they will mail you notice of when your dues are due. If you are a National member, and your zipcode is one what Canton Audubon serves, you are automatically a Canton Audubon member too. It is your option to pay chapter supporter dues also. 100% of Chapter Supporter dues goes to Canton Audubon. National dues only revert to the local chapter for the first year you are a member, if you use(d) an application with our chapter identifier on it. We receive nothing from National on subsequent renewals after the first year.

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_____ **Song Sparrow** (Student) \$ 10
_____ **Cardinal** (Basic individual / family) \$ 20
_____ **Bluebird** (Business supporter, 2 years) \$ 50
_____ **Screech Owl** (Sustaining) \$ 75
_____ **Bald Eagle** (Life) \$ 300
_____ **Other** (Name your amount) \$ _____

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