



# Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society

Newsletter for January through Early May 2010

Our website is <http://CincyWildflower.org> (or search on Cincinnati Wildflower)  
Southwestern Ohio Chapter      Ohio Native Plant Society

I hope everyone has had a happy holiday. Some good news is that our home base Avon Woods Nature Center will NOT close due to recent budget cuts. Thanks to all who contacted Cincinnati City Council. The memberships have been coming in nicely. If you're not sure if you have paid this year's dues look at the expiration date on your address label. Individual memberships are \$12; family memberships are \$20 and student memberships are \$5. You can mail your check made out to Cincinnati Wildflower Preservation Society, to our treasurer, Mr. Rob Repasky, 488 Crestline Avenue #2, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45205.

Remember that we have elections for Board members at our March 12th meeting. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the Society, let me know. Also at this meeting, we vote on several Society contributions. For the last couple years have sponsored the attendance of several students at Nature Camp at the Edge and also helped other nature organizations acquire land. Other ideas are welcome.

Several of our members have recently moved out of town and their friends may want to contact them. Former President Ruth Neupauer may be reached at her sister's house. c/o Jean Dingeldine, 5935 Wallace Ave, Bethel Park, PA 15102. Her phone is 412-833-7554 and her email is [calicojet@live.com](mailto:calicojet@live.com). Ruth was also the Society Archivist, and I hope to put some of these interesting documents on our website. Some of these are from the early 1920's.

Long-time member and artist Rosalin Lowenhaupt moved in December and is now living at 1573 Cambridge Street, Apt #501, Cambridge, MA 02138-4370. Her phone is 617-945-5196 and email is [rlowenhaupt@earthlink.net](mailto:rlowenhaupt@earthlink.net). I'm sure she would like to hear from you.

Our December Speaker ODNR Chief Botanist Rick Gardner confirmed that the Nature Preserves Auto License Plate is now available. This attractive plate features a monarch butterfly nectaring on a coneflower. With the large cutbacks in Nature budgets in Ohio, this is a great way to show your support since \$15 of the fee goes to Nature Preserves. You can request this new plate the next time your car registration is about to expire.

If you're a new member, you may not yet know that most of our meetings are held at Avon Woods Nature Center, a Cincinnati park located at 4235 Paddock Road, in the Paddock Hills/North Avondale neighborhood. From the Norwood Lateral (Route 562) drive 9/10 mile south on Paddock. Turn sharp right into the driveway next to the park sign (on the west side of Paddock) and follow the long dark driveway to the lodge at the end. Twice a year we have a potluck dinner meeting followed by a speaker. These meetings are at the Northern Hills Fellowship at 460 Fleming Road. During a typical meeting, we have a short (and, we believe, entertaining) 15-minute business meeting first, then the featured speaker, and then excellent refreshments. **Visitors are welcome!**

If you are not yet a member, you are welcome to attend events to see if you have a good time. I think you will. Our hikes are casual. Trip leaders are familiar with most plants and will be glad to share their knowledge with you.

You can receive brief e-mail reminders of our next Society events, if you like. Send an email to [bbergstein@fuse.net](mailto:bbergstein@fuse.net) to be added to this reminder list. Our most recent newsletter and annual schedule are available on our website <http://CincyWildflower.org>.

If you are coming to one of our out-of-town hikes, please be sure to call the trip leader ahead of time. This not only shows consideration for the trip leaders, it means we will wait for you at the trailhead an extra 5 minutes!

**Please note several small items.** We have one change in our schedule. **Our May 9th hike has been changed** from Mitchell Memorial Forest to Burnet Woods in Clifton. Be sure to notice our January 30th Field Trip to the Miami University Conservatory. Non-Society events are marked "\*\*\*". Also since I attend most hikes, you may often reach me on hike days (if you are late or lost) at the cell number below.

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**Friday, January 8, 2010, 7:30 pm: Lecture Program, Avon Woods Nature Center** (see above for directions)

***"Tall Tales That Tall Trees Tell: The Case of the Missing Inferno!"*** presented Dr. Ryan McEwan, University of Dayton

Dendroecological analysis of ancient trees can assist in reconstruction of ancient patterns of ecological change. This analytical approach allows us sometimes to reveal the ways the ecosystems that surround us have formed...and the answers can defy our most basic assumptions. Dr. McEwan will discuss his research using tree-ring analysis to explore the factors that drive ecosystem formation and dynamics. Which factors are most important, when were they most active, and why?

**Saturday January 30, 2010, 11:00 am: Tour of Miami University Conservatory at Miami's Hamilton Campus, Butler County, OH**

Join us for a one-hour tour of this new and beautiful building led by the Manager of the Conservatory, Dr. Richard Munson. We may have lunch at a local restaurant afterwards.

A gift from the Richard J. Fitton family of Hamilton, The Conservatory is a 7,000 (4,500 of which is greenhouse) square foot multi-use facility, consisting of educational, research and public display spaces. It is unique in not only its architectural beauty, but it will house the largest fully documented academic collection of exotic plants in the area. It includes rooms such as Tropical room and Desert Room. In addition, the exterior grounds are becoming a celebration of Ohio's native and prairie plants.

Directions: The Conservatory is located on South side of Hamilton, Ohio on University (formerly Peck and sort of 2nd Street) Boulevard. For a campus map go to [http://www.regionals.muohio.edu/maps/campus\\_maps.htm](http://www.regionals.muohio.edu/maps/campus_maps.htm) and click on Hamilton Campus

From Western Cincy Area. From I-275 take exit #33 Route 27 North and go 5.5 miles. Turn Right on Route 128 towards Hamilton (and right at the end of the exit ramp) and go 6.5 miles. Turn Right on Pershing (crossing the Great Miami River) and go 2/10 mile. Turn Right on Neilan Boulevard and go 5/10 mile. Turn Left on Knightsbridge and go 4/10 mile. Turn Right (South) on University (formerly Peck) Boulevard and go 6/10 mile. Turn Right on Campus Lane into the large parking lot. Drive Past the Wilks Center on your left, and park (on the South side of the parking lot). You will walk 1/10 mile straight south between the Wilks Center and Parrish Auditorium until you see the Glass Conservatory.

Alternately from I-75. Take exit #25 Route 129- Michael Fox Highway and go 10.5 miles. Turn Left (at City Hall) on Martin Luther King (which becomes Central) and go 1 mile. Turn Right on Knightsbridge and go 2/10 mile. Turn Left on University (formerly Peck) Boulevard and go 6/10 mile. Turn Right on Campus Lane into the large parking lot. Drive Past the Wilks Center on you left, and park (on the South side of the parking lot). You will walk 1/10 mile straight south between the Wilks Center and Parrish Auditorium until you see the Glass Conservatory.

**Friday, February 12, 2010, 7:30 pm: : Lecture Program, Avon Woods Nature Center** (see above for directions)

***"Paleo-insect Herbivory during Global Warming Events" presented by Dr. Ellen Currano, Miami University***

Insect herbivore damage is visible on well preserved fossil leaves and provides evidence of the long-term response of plants and insect herbivores to climate change. Analyses of 60-50 million year old fossil leaves from the Bighorn Basin, Wyoming, reveal that there is a strong positive correlation between insect herbivory and temperature. These results indicate that increased insect herbivory is likely to be a net long-term effect of anthropogenic warming.

**Friday, March 12, 2010 Potluck Dinner, Annual Meeting & Lecture** (see above for directions)  
**Northern Hills Fellowship, 460 Fleming Road, Come to any part or all of this annual meeting**

**5:45 pm** Appetizers and fellowship

**6:15 pm** Covered dish potluck dinner

( Call Vic Soukup at 761-2568 for a food assignment or just bring a covered dish!)

**7:30 pm** Annual Meeting and Program ***"The Bear's Future and the Saving Power of Fear"*** presented by Dr. Leon Chartrand, Executive Director, Jackson Hole Wildlife Federation; Visiting Professor, Department of Theology, Xavier University

Dr. Chartrand, an ethicist and theologian as well as a biologist, will discuss bears in the context of their relationship to humans: how current perspectives of the bear are the greatest threat to its long-term viability; how humans might see the bear as a source of great revelatory power; and how seeing this revelatory power also requires us to embrace the saving power of fear. The bear's long-term viability can only really be achieved if we are willing to turn toward, rather than away from, the deep angst and vulnerability that the bear's presence on the landscape stirs within us, and allow the bear to once again emerge as our spirit guide to dwelling viably on the land.

**\*\*\* Friday March 26, 2010 from 8 am to 4 pm. 2010 Ohio Botanical Symposium, Columbus Ohio.** Cost \$25 (approx) includes continental breakfast and lunch buffet. Great way to stay in contact with Ohio Plant news and your friends from all over Ohio. The series of talks of general interest is highlighted by keynote speaker Doug Tallamy who is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. Registration info on their website in early January. For more info, contact Botanist Rick Gardner at [rick.gardner@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:rick.gardner@dnr.state.oh.us) or search on Ohio Botanical Symposium 2010.

**\*\*\*April 16, 17, 18, 2010: Weekend Field Trips. Highlands Nature Sanctuary Pilgrimage**  
Various Southern Ohio Counties. This major weekend event (not a Society event) has a variety of excellent hikes. Cost for the whole weekend is \$114 though you will pay less for day passes. For more info call Nancy at 937-365-0101 or go to <http://www.highlandssanctuary.org/Wildflower/Pilgrimage.htm>

**Saturday April 24, 2010. 9:00 am (until Noon). Green-Up Day at Avon Woods.** Come and help restore our home base, Avon Woods. We will be planting some native plants (seeds and plugs) that were paid for by a our own contribution. See first page of newsletter for Park Location. Refreshments provided at noon. For more information contact Bob Bergstein at 513-477-4438 or [BBergstein@fuse.net](mailto:BBergstein@fuse.net)

**\*\*\* Saturday April 24, 2010: All Day Event Sixth Annual Flower-a-thon**

This event sponsored by Western Wildlife Corridor features teams competing in Western Hamilton County to identify the most wildflowers in one day. Form your own team or just join one. For more info, contact Tim at 513.922.2104 or [tsson@fuse.net](mailto:tsson@fuse.net).

**Sunday April 25, 2010, 1:00 pm Halls Creek Woods State Nature Preserve, Warren Co., OH.** (east of South Lebanon, Ohio Gazetteer page 75)

Join us for a walk in the spring woods. Halls Creek is almost 300 acres in size and mostly wooded. We expect to see 100's of Trillium grandiflorum as well as plenty of other spring wildflowers. Part of the trail goes up a hill and includes some short steep places. If wet it may be slippery. If you have questions, please call our hike leader Marjie Becus 513-683-2672.

Directions: Take I-71 north to exit #28 (South Lebanon). At the end of the exit ramp, go left (southeast) on OH 48 for about 3.5 miles. Turn Left on Montgomery Rd (Rts. 22/3) and go 2.6 miles to Stubbs Mill Rd and turn left (if you get to Valley Vineyards you've gone too far). After crossing the Little Miami River, turn right on the first road to the right which is Mason-Morrow Rd. At 0.9 miles you will pass Halls Creek Rd. going off to the left, but continue on Mason-Morrow Rd 0.2 mile more and park in the new small parking lot on your left. Driving time from downtown Cincy is 55 minutes.

**Saturday May 1, 2010, 10:00 am. Warder-Perkins State Nature Preserve, Hamilton County, Ohio near Cleves, Ohio**

This 26 acre State Nature Preserve has a very nice wooded stream valley. Our trip leader Vic Soukup remembers much Blue-Eyed Mary and also the rare Running Buffalo Clover. The guide book says that Fern-Leaf Phacelia, Synandra, and Virginia Dayflower were also found here. We may be joined on this trip by members of the local Audubon Society who are the actual owners of this property though it is managed by ODNR. Please let Vic (513-761-2568) know if you coming.

Directions: The Nature Preserve is behind the Three Rivers Middle School at 8575 Bridgetown Road (which is Ohio Route 264) less than two miles east of Cleves. Cleves is a town on Route 50 west of downtown Cincinnati. You may drive West from Cincinnati on Route 50 and turn Right on Route 264 in Cleves. Drive 1.5 miles to and turn Right into the school. Bear left to the large lot and park near the Tennis courts.

Alternately From I- 275 take exit #7 (Kilby Road). Turn Right (South) at the bottom of the exit and drive 1.3 miles. Turn Left (East) on Route 50 and drive 1.7 miles. Turn left on Route 264 ("State Road" which becomes Bridgetown Road). Drive 1.5 miles and turn Right into the school. Bear left to the large parking lot and park near the Tennis courts.

Driving time from Downtown is about 40 minutes.

**\*\*\*May 1,2, 2010 : Flora-Quest, Southern Ohio Counties** . Another major weekend event to Adams and Scioto counties has a variety of field trips, workshops, and speakers. For more information go to <http://www.flora-quest.com/> or call 419-683-8952

**Sunday, May 9, 2010, 1:00 pm: Burnet Woods, Cincinnati Parks , Hamilton County, OH**

Burnet Woods which is a 90 acre Cincinnati Park in the Clifton Area of Cincinnati has some nice forest-covered rolling hills, a small lake and a prairie area. Botanist Denis Conover will lead us and we will see a variety of Spring Wildflowers and trees such as Yellow Buckeye. For more info, google search on park finder burnet woods. **NOTE: This trip replaces the originally scheduled trip to Mitchell Forest.**

Directions: From the intersection of Clifton and Ludlow Avenues in Clifton, drive 1/10 mile east on Ludlow and turn right onto Brookline Drive. We will meet at Trailside Nature Center (3251 Brookline) on your right. Note: other roads in Burnet Woods no longer connect through to Brookline. If you arrive early, there are nearby picnic tables!

Our next newsletter will arrive in May 2010