



## Bull's Run Newsletter Fall 2021



**Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum** is a non-profit volunteer organization located in NE Butler County and serving the surrounding community. We are dedicated to preserving the natural area of Bull's Run, and strive to develop the park as an environmental facility and educational resource for people of all ages.

WOW! Yet another unusual year. We are being urged to continue wearing masks and practice safe distancing, as well as wash our hands often and use hand sanitizer. Parks and recreational areas across the country have experienced increased activity, and things are the same at the Arboretum as people take advantage of the open spaces and trails. We ask you to be mindful of others while visiting Bull's Run. Please wipe down the table you may be utilizing at the picnic shelter or any other high contact surface. Please observe the 6-feet of social distancing when sharing the trail with visitors outside of your family group and have a facial mask ready should you meet others while exploring BRNSA. We decided that organized in-person activities for the fall season, like our Fall Family Fest will have to wait another year. Our Annual Meeting will be held virtually again this year. We deeply regret having to cancel our 2021 Garage Sale and the revenue it would have generated. Please see subsequent articles in this newsletter and stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for upcoming events. In the meantime, please enjoy the beauty, complexity and serenity nature has to offer as the season changes from summer to autumn.

*Nancy Clark, President*

### **Great Outdoor Weekend at Bull's Run**

Saturday, September 25, 2021 – Sunday, September 26, 2021

Bull's Run Arboretum will once again be celebrating Great Outdoor Weekend with self-guided scavenger hunts. Pick up a new flyer from the box at the gate and enjoy a stroll along the trails with your family and friends. Please stay on the trails, carry a mask to wear if you meet someone on the trail and be mindful of social distancing with other visitors. We will also have additional activities available on our website to stimulate more exploration of the Great Outdoors, in your backyard, neighborhood, and community. As an alternative activity, you may use photographs found in this newsletter with the Nature Lotto found on page 3.



*Praying Mantis*

<https://www.greatoutdoorweekend.org/>

### **Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary Annual Meeting**

We will have a Zoom Annual Meeting with Greg Torres, co-host of Nature Guys Podcast <https://natureguys.org/>, on Wednesday, October 13, beginning at 7 pm. Greg was actually an impressive applicant the BRNSA Board of Directors interviewed in the spring. He chose to take a full time position at Cincinnati Park Board instead, but graciously agreed to be our speaker this fall talking about **Planting for Pollinators**. Please email [Naturalist@bullsrn.org](mailto:Naturalist@bullsrn.org) to be sent a link for the Zoom meeting by 10/10.

## New Naturalist

The BRNSA Board of Directors' search for a Naturalist is ongoing, having interviewed several applicants, we have narrowed it down to a couple of great candidates. A decision will be made before October 1, and an announcement and introduction will hopefully be made at the Annual Meeting on October 13.

### 2021 Fall Nature TOTS

**Child-centered, hands-on exploration of nature for children ages 6 months to 6 years (and their caregivers)!**

**More details about this 5-week program will be announced on our website and Facebook page once the new Naturalist settles in to her responsibilities.**

Learn about nature in fall through activities, exploration, crafts and more, and then wrap up your morning with a snack! Sound like fun? Join us to explore nature hands on as the plants and animals get ready for winter beginning in mid-October, from 10-11:30 a.m. Nature Tots is free and includes all four seasons with a 2021 family membership. Geared for children 6 months to 6 years of age, with their caregivers. **Reservations (space is limited to 10, may expand to 2 time offerings if interest warrants) and 2021 family membership required.** Be sure to dress for the weather, we will be outdoors! Join us for crafts, games, and exploration.



*New England Aster*



*False Indigo Seedpods*



*White-breasted Nuthatch*

Call BRNSA at 513-279-8958 or email [Naturalist@bullsrn.org](mailto:Naturalist@bullsrn.org) to register!


\*BRNSA 2021 family membership required to participate in this FREE MEMBERS ONLY program. To become a member, visit [www.bullsrn.org/membership](http://www.bullsrn.org/membership) or fill out the form on page 7.

### Follow us on Instagram!

Keep up with the action at the arboretum and follow us on our Instagram account!  
Find us at [bullsrnarboretum](https://www.instagram.com/bullsrnarboretum)

**Many thanks to our current all-volunteer Board of Directors for their leadership, dedication and hours of service to BRNSA:** Nancy Clark, Rachel Diver, Debbie Grant, Marge Kochunas, Sarah Meadows, Shauna Steigerwald and Randy Wilson.

# NATURE LOTTO

ORANGE FLOWER	SEED POD	YELLOW FLOWER
LEAF CHANGING COLOR	 BULL'S RUN NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM	INSECT
WHITE FLOWER	BIRD	PURPLE FLOWER

**TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE PRAIRIE AT BRNSA (YELLOW TRAIL)  
OR LOOK AT PHOTOS  
AND CROSS OFF ITEMS YOU OBSERVE  
(NO NEED TO COLLECT OR PICK)**

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**MORE ACTIVITY PAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE BOX AT THE  
ENTRANCE GATE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF YOUR  
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE AT BULLS RUN NATURE SANCTUARY AND  
ARBORETUM**

The BRNSA Board of Directors deeply mourns the untimely passing of our Treasurer, Forest Grant, on June 6, 2021 after a short battle with cancer. Forest had joined the Board in 2021, but was a long-time supporter and volunteer of Bull's Run, along with his wife, Debbie. Forest met Debbie while they both worked as Bill Knapp's restaurant managers in Mason, Ohio. They were happily married for 38 years with two sons, Aaron and Nathan, and had recently welcomed their first grandchild. He and Debbie shared gardening, hiking in the woods, traveling, and hosting family gatherings where he was always the master of the grill. Friends and family remember him for his contagious smile and always welcoming demeanor.



*Forest Grant III*

### **Volunteerism**

Bull's Run relies on our volunteers for a range of things. We appreciate all the volunteers who join us on work days to remove invasive plants and planting native species, but we know that not everyone can make it out on those Saturday mornings with us. There are plenty of other ways to help out! When you come out to the park, bring a bag and gloves to pick up trash left out front or along the trails, volunteer to help fill the bird feeders during the winter, if you have fundraising ideas you could help us carry out, connect us to other groups who are looking for volunteer opportunities, and many other ways we didn't have space to include here. We are also looking for people willing to serve on our Board of Directors. If you have ideas or questions, please email [Naturalist@bullsrn.org](mailto:Naturalist@bullsrn.org) and we can discuss further!

### **Fall Migration**

Fall migration is in full swing! When weather conditions are right, birds that spend spring and summer in Ohio to take advantage of abundant food and to raise their young, begin their journeys back to areas south.

In addition to birds, Monarch butterflies are also migrating now, making an arduous journey to the mountains of central Mexico where they will overwinter.

Migration is visible in our own backyards, it's a great time to be outside!

### **Best Wishes to Donna Beauregard**

The BRNSA Board of Directors wishes to thank Donna Beauregard, retiring City of Middletown Park and Recreation Director, for her many years of service to the city and especially to Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum. Donna and her crews have helped repaint the shelter and picnic tables, remove hazardous trees and honeysuckle trimmings from work days over the years and been a resource of information. THANK YOU!

**Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum Contributions**  
**Received since the Spring Newsletter**

**New Memberships**

Bill and Jennifer Becker  
Kory and Haylee Blevins  
Tom and Sally Brickey  
Amy Chambers  
Katie DeVilling  
Pete and Peggy Dobrosi  
Ruby Elam  
Mary Enochs  
Margaret Fiora  
Joann Grimes  
Terrah Grubbs  
Steve and Nanette Hess  
Carolyn Keiffer  
Bill and Ellen Kukuk  
Les and Cheryl Landen  
Barney Landry  
Mary Lou McCormick  
Saralyn Moon  
Jana Morse  
George and Stephanie Nenni  
Matt and Josie Nocton  
Nicole Owens  
Kenton Pate and Peggy Braitsch  
Jo-Annette Perry  
Jack and Linda Schaefer  
Glen and Joan Shivers  
Suellyn Shupe  
Erin Skimming  
Lynn Watkins  
Joyce Williams  
Bob and Gibbie Wise  
Holly Young

**Additional Fundraising**

Richard Davies  
Katie DeVilling  
Steve and Nanette Hess  
Carolyn Keiffer  
Barney Landry  
Jana Morse  
George and Stephanie Nenni  
Jo-Annette Perry  
Glen and Joan Shivers  
Suellyn Shupe  
Lynn Watkins

**Middletown Community Foundation**

Barney Landry

**Bulletin Board Funding**

Anonymous

**Memorials**

**In loving memory of Robert Driscoll**

Nita Driscoll

**In loving memory of Louis and Carolyn Gaker**

Margaret Bosch

**In loving memory of Forest Grant**

Nanette Berkemeyer  
Bob and Mary Brock  
Roger and Natalie Byrd  
Daryl and Nancy Clark  
Bob and Tangi Cunningham  
Joe and Debbie Cupp  
Jay and Karen Dillon  
Ed and Rose Grau  
Brian and Marjorie Homan  
Brad and Marge Kochunas  
Jeff McMullen  
Paulette McCandless  
Donna Miller  
Lois Grant Muzio  
Chris Parker  
Tim and Teresa Reeves  
John and Rena Schueller  
Lisa Spring  
Don and Lisa Taylor  
Mary Jo Wharton  
Randy Wilson  
Steve and Lisa Wilson

**In loving memory of Stella Koehler**

Ann Dillon  
Barbara Dillon  
Pat Dillon  
Julie D. Kauffman

**In loving memory of Vi Maleski**

Ruby Elam

**In loving memory of Cathy Pate**

Kenton Pate

**In loving memory of Linda Shoemaker**

Ed and Rose Grau

**In loving memory of Hamilton Watkins,  
Lynn Waxweiler and Ron Williams**

Middletown Garden Club

*These memberships were received between 3/21/2021 and 9/15/2021. If our records do not reflect your records, please notify us and we will be sure to include you in our next newsletter where we list new contributions to Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum. Thank you for your support.*

## More Ways to Help Bull's Run

### ***Kroger Community Rewards Program:***

Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! When you enroll, please choose Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum under Community Rewards. This does not affect your fuel rewards in any way. BRNSA's organization number is MX093.

### **2021 Work Days**

Fall is approaching, which means we are gearing up for volunteer work days. Due to COVID-19 we will be continuing with precautions to ensure everyone's safety.

1. Social Distancing - we will be working separately to allow for social distancing. When giving instructions, a minimum of 6 feet is required for anyone not in your household group.
2. Masks are required. If you are more than 15 feet from others while working, you may remove your mask, but it must be on (covering nose and mouth) when approaching others.
3. Pre-registration is required - we need to know how many people to expect. Please send an email to [Naturalist@bullsrn.org](mailto:Naturalist@bullsrn.org) to let us know if you will be attending the work day.
4. Bring your own work gloves.
5. You can bring your own tools if you wish - clippers, loppers or shovel - we will have tools available, but ask that you keep your work gloves on while handling tools.
6. Bring your own water - the water fountain has been turned back on, but we are trying to limit the number of items that multiple people will be touching.



*Spotted Touch-me-not* →

*Queen Anne's Lace* ↓



*Brown-eyed Susan* →



*Sugar Maple leaves & seeds* ↑



# Bull's Run Photo Gallery



← Red Osier  
Dogwood

Northern Oats →  
& Brown-eyed Susan

Blue Lobelia ↓



Ironweed ↓



Lichens ↓



## Mark Your Calendars For Upcoming Events

### September

25 & 26 Great Outdoor Weekend – Self-guided scavenger hunts available in box at gate

### October

2 - Work day – 9:30 am – 1 pm

13 - 7pm Virtual Annual Meeting with Nature Guy Podcaster, Greg Torres, “Native Pollinators”

16 Work day – 9:30 am – 1 pm

TBD – Nature Tots

### November

6 Work day – 9:30 am – 1 pm

### December

18 Christmas Bird Count – 10am – 11 am – Join the walk to observe and record birds. All experience levels welcome, binoculars recommended, dress for the weather.

For more information, please visit our website [www.bullsrn.org](http://www.bullsrn.org) or Facebook page  
Contact us at [Naturalist@bullsrn.org](mailto:Naturalist@bullsrn.org) or 513-279-8958, to schedule a tour (virtual or with social distancing) or service project, or speak to your organization or for a program at Bull's Run.  
Please keep checking the website for updates on all listed events.