



Bull's Run Newsletter Spring, 2013

Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum

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.



Springtime at Bull's Run

March 20th is the spring equinox, the beginning of spring. Activities at Bull's Run increase along with the sunshine, warmth and rain. Throughout spring we will host land stewardship workdays and nature walks, highlighting spring wildflowers, flowering trees, and birds as we find them.

WOW, (Workers Of the Woods) will also start our weekday antics, weeding, planting and transplanting as schedules allow. Workdays open to the public and any interested group or organization, will be held on March 16 & 30, April 13 & 27, and May 18th.

There will be a nature walk on April 14 focusing on spring migrating birds.

The Bull's Run calendar of events is posted on our website, www.bullsrn.org. Check our Facebook page for announcements as well.

Please support the global celebration of Earth Hour on March 23. Turn off your lights for one hour, from 8:30-9:30PM along with millions of people worldwide. For more information, go to www.earthhour.org!

Please consider attending the Keep Middletown Beautiful Earth Day Festival on April 20, 8AM-5PM. More information can be found on page 5. Check out their website at www.keepmiddletownbeautiful.com to see how you can get involved!



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Guided Nature Walks at Two Locations

Spring might not be as early as last year, but it is on its way! Yards around town are sporting snow drops, speedwell, henbit, and crocus in bloom. And the wildflowers at Bull's Run are beginning to show as well, so join us for whatever is blooming, and note the seasonal changes.



Dutchman's Breeches

April 14 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 pm.

Explore the beautiful spring wildflowers at Bull's Run and bring your binoculars for viewing any feathered visitors.

April 21 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 pm at Bull's Run.

April 21 Interpretive Nature Walk 4:00-5:00 pm at the Armbruster Nature Preserve on Autumn Dr. Join the naturalist for a look at this extraordinary display of wildflowers. Turn off of Manchester Rd. on to Autumn Dr. and park at the dead-end near the water tower.

May 5 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 pm at Bull's Run.

May 11 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 pm at Bull's Run.

BULL'S RUN GARAGE SALE



FRIDAY and SATURDAY
May 10 and 11- 8:00am to 4:00pm
4312 Walton Court Middletown, OH
(Located close to Bull's Run off Curryer Rd.)

We need your gently used treasures!

It is time for Spring Cleaning!
Look through the closets, sort through the cupboards
and straighten up the garage,
basement and storage shed. Master Gardeners and
other Friends will provide plants for sale, too.

The proceeds from the sale will support many projects at Bull's Run!

ITEMS TO CONSIDER DONATING: Small kitchen appliances,
dishes, bed linen, towels, bikes, sporting items, tools, buttons,
fabric, purses, shoes, children's clothing, games, toys and books,
anything you want to get rid of, but **NO ADULT CLOTHING.**

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE SALE or WITH PRICING: -

Call Debbie Grant at 425-7250.

TO DROP OFF ITEMS - Call Rose Grau at 424-1969.

We will start collecting items April 1st.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REJOICE!



Bridge Update

PROGRESS! The project to replace the two large bridges in the back of the Arboretum is moving along. We have received bids and have submitted grant requests to both the Middletown Community Foundation and the Miriam Knoll Foundation. The financial support from our members and the community has been exceptional and has placed us in a much more confident position for getting this project finished. With the progress on the bridges, we can turn our efforts to other pressing needs. Next up will be the two small bridges between the large bridges and the maintenance drive circle. The plans for a reflective area in front of the gate, with a memorial marker and benches will be revealed in the next newsletter. We are also looking at ways to upgrade the deteriorated steps throughout the park and to make more of the park accessible to people of all levels of mobility.

BIS PARTNERSHIP WITH MUM

During this semester, we are fortunate to have two students from the Miami University Middletown Bachelor of Integrated Studies program collaborating with us. Alicia Wellinghoff is working on developing an appeal to area businesses, while Matt Cook is preparing a working board handbook. Cynthia McCall, one of last year's students, continues to collect water samples for monitoring the water quality of Bull's Run stream. We are looking for another volunteer to continue this effort, once she graduates.





NATURE TOTS



**A FREE* 5 week program in March-April 2013
For Preschoolers (ages 6mth-6 yrs) & Caregivers**

CHILD-CENTERED HANDS-ON NATURE EXPLORATION!

On Wednesdays March 20 & 27, April 3, 10, & 17

Two sessions: 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. or 12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m

At Bulls Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum

3909 Rosedale Road in Middletown

Space is Limited - Reserve Now!!

Call Barb at **513-422-5063**

or email Barb: naturalist@bullsrn.org



BULL'S RUN
NATURE SANCTUARY
AND ARBORETUM

*with \$25 2013 Bull's Run membership

SHOPPING AT STAPLES?

While you are there, consider donating your Staples Rewards monies to Bull's Run! They have made it very easy. Just tell them you want your Rewards to go to "Bull's Run – Zip 45044", and the Bull's Run Board will be able to save money on paper, ink cartridges and much more! And THAT will mean we can use a larger percentage of our funds for education and stewardship! Every ink cartridge recycled with Rewards earns us \$2. THANKS FOR CONSIDERING THIS!

2013 Memberships and Donations—December 15, 2012 - March 5, 2013

Anonymous	Nannette Hess	Jo-Annette Perry
Loren E. Ackerman	LaVerne Hopper	<i>In loving memory of</i>
David and Janice Adams	Kevin Horton	<i>George, Elaine and Gary</i>
Dr. Bruce and Neila Barnes	Maryann Howard	<i>Perry</i>
Chuck and Betty Bost	Brad and Marge Kochunas	Greg and Patty Pratt
Tom and Sally Brickey	Helen Kruger	John and Nadine Raiche
Ric and Cheryl Brewer	Dorothy Lawson	Robert and Judy Reuss
<i>In loving memory of</i>	Rosa L. Lindsey	<i>In honor of Barb Reuss</i>
<i>Marilyn Brewer</i>	Orie Loucks	Barney and Bonnie
Tom and Chris Buchert	Carolyn Lutterbie	Riesbeck
Carl and Shirley Butts	Heinz and Gisele	Betty J. Risner
Jennifer Chen	Matthiesen	Thomas Ritter
George and Virginia Christy	Barb Reuss and Jeff	Elizabeth Rogers
Daryl and Nancy Clark	McMullen	Judge Kathleen and Michael
Linda Clifton	<i>In loving memory of</i>	Romans
Elizabeth Cole	<i>Robert McMullen</i>	<i>In loving memory of Bill</i>
Ron and Barbara Conley	Michael and Katie McNeil	<i>Hickman</i>
Richard Davies	Pete and JoAnn Moroz	Jim and Lynnette Schluter
Jane Denlinger	Jana Morse	David and Carol Schul
John and Paula Dickerson	Larry and Linda Mull	Jerry and Barbara Schunk
Nita Driscoll	Patricia Myers	Judy Shillinglaw
<i>In loving memory of</i>	Diane Mysonhimer	Glen and Joan Shivers
<i>Robert A. Driscoll</i>	<i>In loving memory of Bob</i>	Shovel and Hoe Garden Club
John Dupps, Jr.	<i>Mysonhimer</i>	Gregory Siewny
Don and Betty Elworth	Patrick and Charlene	Nicki Slivinski
Mary Enochs	Newman	Eric and Susan Sotzing
Thomas Fye	Katie Nuck	Guy E. Stone
Bob and Mary Alice Gast	Martha Oches	Ann Stoutenborough
Sharon Gaston	Larry and Marsha Orcutt	Ernest and Margaret Sturgill
Greg and Diane Gerber	Imogene Orts	Jim and Carol Swisshelm
Jane Gold	Walter and Elizabeth Pague	Cassie Taylor
Forest and Debbie Grant	Tonya Patt	Joe and Julie Thomas
Richard and June Haller	Elizabeth W. Patterson	Marylou Williams
Eleni Haralamos	Pamela Pearson	Ron and Joyce Williams
	Mike and Marge Perkins	

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Bridges

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Ron and Joyce Williams

Land Stewardship

Diane Mysonhimer
Barney and Bonnie Riesbeck

Education

Thomas Fye
Forest and Debbie Grant

Imogene Orts

Mike and Marge Perkins
Jo-Annette Perry
Jim and Lynette Schluter

Undesignated

Elizabeth Cole
Jane Gold
Forest and Debbie Grant
Pete and JoAnn Moroz
Larry and Marsha Orcutt



Keep Middletown Beautiful

WWW.KEEPMIDDLETOWNBEAUTIFUL.COM

Middletown EARTH DAY Festival 2013!

Earth Day Festival
April 20, 2013

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Miami University Middletown
4200 N University Blvd
Middletown, Ohio 45042
513-727-3200

Middletown Earth Day Festival is a free, family friendly event with a live broadcast from Miami University Middletown (MUM) campus, on WNKU 105.9 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

This year's event will focus on education, cleaning up Middletown parks, and celebrating the beautiful 111-acre natural setting we know as Miami University Middletown campus.

The festival will feature exhibits, activities and tours aimed at educating southwest Ohioans about protecting our environment. On hand will be community groups and environmental organizations to answer questions and offer fun and exciting hands-on activities for all ages.

Earth Day Community Clean-up

The Middletown Earth Day Festival offers opportunities to learn, volunteer and recycle!

Go into the community and pick up litter, recycle, paint, landscape, and clean up the parks

Take classes at MUM where topics include recycling, invasive plants, and the Asian Long Horn Beetle.



Drop off your **hazardous waste, old tires and prescription drugs** at the hazardous waste drop off boxes

Household Hazardous Wastes and Tires include:
Paint
Fluorescent Tubes & Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
Mercury containing devices
Automotive Fluids/Motor Oil
Batteries - household/automotive
Varnish/Stains/Lacquer
Pesticides & Herbicides
Antifreeze
Propane Tanks
Acids, Pool Chemicals
Adhesives
Fire Extinguishers

THANK YOU!



- Thanks to Berns Garden Center and neighbors for donating Christmas trees for the Winter Tots to play in.
 - Thanks to Bob Wise for refurbishing all the feeder stations.
 - Thanks to our faithful feeder fillers: Guy and Chuck Stone, Corbett Cox and Marge Kochunas.
 - Thanks to John Whittington for helping to lead the Winter Tree ID class with Barb.
 - Thanks to Cynthia McCall for continuing to collect water samples for testing.
- Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who helped to greet people at Light Up Middletown. We made \$660 for our efforts.
- Thanks to Ed and Rose Grau for hosting our third garage sale on May 10 and 11.
 - Thanks to Rita Robinson for photographing and assisting with the Nature Tot program.
 - Thanks to Aaron Grant for managing and updating our website www.bullsrn.org.
 - Thanks to Debbie Grant for managing our Facebook site. "Like" us on Facebook!
 - Thanks to everyone who shops at Staples or returns used cartridges and says, "Put it on the Bull's Run Rewards at Bulls Run 45044".
 - Thanks to everyone who has linked their Kroger Plus card to our Community Rewards # 83005.
 - Thanks to the Episcopal Church of Ascension for allowing us the use of their building.
 - Thanks to all who visit the park and keep the litter picked up.
 - Thanks for your 2013 membership and additional contributions allowing us to move forward with the mission of Bull's Run. PayPal is now available on our website.

Winter Nature TOTS

For the first time, we offered Nature TOTS on 5 Saturdays as well as 5 Wednesdays, from January 12th through February 16th. During these five weeks we provided a total of 66 hours of nature experience to preschoolers and their caregivers. We could easily have accommodated more! The caregivers give the program lots of praise, so I think enrollment is low because people are not aware of the program opportunity. If you have family or friends that include preschoolers, think about joining us for an hour of nature exploration and learning at Bull's Run during our Spring TOTS program. Each Wednesday* from March 20th through April 17th we will offer a 10AM and a 12:30PM session. This child centered, hands-on program gives the adult caregivers a weekly breath of fresh air too! For more information, contact Barb at 513-422-5063 or bjreuss@yahoo.com. Free with your 2013 Bull's Run membership!

*Due to ongoing commitments to land stewardship projects on Saturdays during the spring and autumn, we cannot offer TOTS on Saturdays in those seasons. We will have a monthly "TOTS reunion" during the summertime. Please contact Nancy Clark, 424-0332, dndtclark207@msn.com for more information.



BIRD WATCHING AT BULL'S RUN

This year the highlight of the Christmas Bird Count on December 22, was spotting, not just one, but two pileated woodpeckers, along with 20 other species.

More bird watching opportunities will be incorporated into the spring nature walks in April and May.

For a detailed report of the Christmas Bird Count, please visit www.bullsrn.org.



Spring Work Days March 16, 30, April 13, 27, and May 18!

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes community work days. What are community work days? Why do we need them? If you've been in the park in the past year, you know the answer in one word...invasives. Volunteers are continually battling the amur honeysuckle and the park is opening up as a result. Volunteers have removed garlic mustard for years. Our spring ephemeral wildflowers are benefiting from the efforts, and garlic mustard presence is greatly reduced. Wildflowers are transplanted and understory shrubs and seedling trees are planted in our small nursery. They are moved when they have grown enough to survive on their own. Trails are mulched; seeds are gathered and dispersed throughout the arboretum. Butler County Master Gardeners, trained through the Butler County Extension of the Ohio State University, donate time to help as they can. A small group of dedicated volunteers work during the week. Bull's Run has come a long way but there is much more to be done, and we can't do it without you! How can you help? Join us March 16, 30, April 13, 27, and May 18. We start at 9:30 and usually finish by 1:00. We would gladly accept your assistance for any part of the work day. What training do you need? None! If you can walk on a trail, push a wheelbarrow, move a rake, dig a hole with a shovel or a trowel, or pull weeds and shove them in a bag, you are highly qualified. If you can only do some of the above, you are still qualified. We will find a way you can assist. For more information, contact Barb at bjreuss@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you this spring!

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT BULL'S RUN

Kroger Community Rewards

You can help Bull's Run by enrolling in Kroger's Community Rewards program at www.kroger.com/community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx. Please type in Bull's Run or our organization # 83005. This will not affect your fuel rewards. If you are already enrolled, please remember to renew on-line in April for the next annual cycle that begins May 1.

Endowment Fund

Please consider making a contribution to Bull's Run Arboretum's Endowment Fund on your donation form or in your estate planning. The fund is managed by the Middletown Community Foundation. We are building a foundation for the future by continuing to add to the generous donations already made.

Spring Calendar of Upcoming Events

March

20 Spring Nature Tots Begin (five Wednesdays, morning and afternoon sessions) Outdoor exploration for parents and young children. Call Barb at 422-5063.

27 Spring Nature Tots

30 Work Day 9:30-1:00 Volunteers needed to help with mulching the trails and plant care.

April

1 Begin collecting for Garage Sale call Rose Grau 513-424-1969 to arrange dropping off your items.

3 Spring Nature Tots

10 Spring Nature Tots

14 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bull's Run

17 Spring Nature Tots

20 Earth Day Festivities at MUM 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

21 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bull's Run

Explore the beautiful spring wildflowers and birds at Bull's Run with Nancy.

21 Interpretive Nature Walk 4:00-5:00 p.m. Off-site at Armbruster Nature Preserve

Join the naturalist for a look at this extraordinary display of spring wildflowers. Turn off Manchester Rd onto Autumn Dr. and park near the water tower.

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May

5 Interpretive Nature Wildflower Walk 2:00-3:00 Bull's Run.

10 and 11 Garage Sale 8:00-4:00 off-site at 4312 Walton Ct.

11 Interpretive Nature Walk 2:00-3:00 Bull's Run Join Nancy for a look at spring wildflowers and birds.

18 Work Day 9:30-1:00 Volunteers needed to help with mulching the trails and plant care.



BULL'S RUN PHOTO GALLERY

