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.

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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.

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@bullsrun.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@bullsrun.org to register!

*BRNSA 2021 family membership required to participate in this FREE MEMBERS ONLY program. To become a member, visit www.bullsrun.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 bullsrunarboretum

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

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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)

Prepared for Great Outdoor Weekend 2021 by Bull’s Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum 3909 Rosedale Road, PO Box 425, Middletown, OH 45042

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@bullsrun.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

**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

**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

*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@bullsrun.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 ↑
2021 Membership Form

Our Mission Statement
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$40 Family (printed newsletter)  $30 Family (e-newsletter)
$30 Individual (printed newsletter)  $20 Individual (e-newsletter)

$__________ Additional Fundraising contribution
$__________ Contribution to the Endowment Fund with Middletown Community
$__________ Contribution in Honor/Memory of: (Name)

Please send an acknowledgement of this donation to: Name ____________________________
Address __________________________________________________________

$__________ Total Enclosed  Check #__________

Membership also payable on website

Name__________________________
Address ________________________________

Phone# (_____) ___________ e-mail __________________________

To volunteer, schedule a program, tour, or speaker for your group, contact Naturalist@bullsrun.org, or President, Nancy Clark at 513-368-3233. For event information visit www.bullsrun.org or our Facebook page.

Mail to Bull’s Run Arboretum, P.O. Box 425, Middletown, OH 45042-0425

Thanks to all who help keep Bull’s Run an important asset of the community!

✓ Thanks to Brad Kochunas, Roger Johnson (& many others) who have been picking up trash while visiting.
✓ Thanks to all the workday volunteers, both individuals and groups!
✓ Thanks Debbie Grant and Nancy Clark for the bulletin board displays.
✓ Thanks to Sarah Meadows and Tom Borgman for leading the Prairie Wildflower Walk.
✓ Thanks to the Butler County Master Gardeners for their partnership with Bull’s Run. Education and volunteerism are flowing both ways!
✓ Thanks to those who shop at Kroger and have enrolled in their community rewards program, listing Bull’s Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum organization # MX093.
✓ Thanks to everyone who “likes” us on Facebook and shares events posted there.
✓ Thanks to those who report matters that need attention to Naturalist@bullsrun.org.
✓ Thanks to Donna Beauregard, team leader, and the Parks Maintenance workers of the City of Middletown for removing the fallen and damaged trees in the Authors’ Grove.
✓ Thanks to Butler County for installing a hand sanitizer station at the picnic shelter.
✓ Thanks to the Episcopal Church of Ascension for their all-around support.
✓ Thanks to Aaron Grant for maintaining our website.
✓ Thanks to all Board members for their enduring support!
✓ To everyone who has already made Bull's Run part of their 2021 giving and those who plan to contribute in 2021, we truly appreciate your support!

2021 Membership Form is included in this mailing and is also available on the website, if you have not already sent in your contribution.

Together we are making a difference!
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.bullsrun.org or Facebook page Contact us at Naturalist@bullsrun.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.