



Rookery

(n.) breeding ground or haunt of gregarious birds or mammals

A newsletter for friends and members of
the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Nature Center
AT SHAKER LAKES

April, May, June, 2011

Save the Date!

- Brush Up for Spring Birding** — April 5
- Experiential Gardening Workshop for Families** — April 9
- Rain Barrel Workshops** — April 9 & 16
- Audubon Bird Walks** — April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15
- Babes in Nature** — April 12, May 10, June 7
- Pestival 2011** — April 14
- Color the Sky with Birds** — April 17
- BIG/little** — April 28, May 16
- Beginning Birding Techniques** — April 28
- Plant Sale** — May 7
- Family Bird Walk** — May 8, June 5
- Spring Migrants Bird Walk** — May 12
- Wilderness First Aid Training** — May 28 & 29
- Breeding Birds Walk** — June 9, July 14
- Summer Benefit** — June 11
- Summer Outdoor Adventure Camp** — June 20 through August 18

For more details and other upcoming events, please call 216-321-5935 or visit www.shakerlakes.org

Notes from the Director

The Nature Center is buzzing with energy these days! Winter has finally loosened its icy grip and it's time to celebrate a world of rebirth and renewal. Our new "All About Birds" birding programs take flight with the return of the spring migration, where you can learn new skills or brush up on old ones as local expert birders lead beginner and intermediate classes and hikes in April and May. Inspire your children to become stewards of the earth by enrolling them in our week-long Summer Outdoor Adventure Camps — we've added some new themes that are sure to entice. We hope you will join us on June 11 for "An Evening in the Woods," our summer benefit that has been touted as one of the best parties of the year. We are thrilled to be honoring Fairmount Minerals this year with our Great Blue Heron Award for their leadership in sustainable business

practices and exemplifying the mission of the Nature Center. Our strategic planning initiative is well underway, giving us an opportunity to explore how we, as an educational center and natural area, can best fulfill our mission and provide maximum sustainable impact to our neighborhood and region. I'd like to thank those of you who've taken the time to let us know your thoughts and invite you to continue to do so by emailing us at naturecenter@shakerlakes.org. Hope to see you on the trails soon!



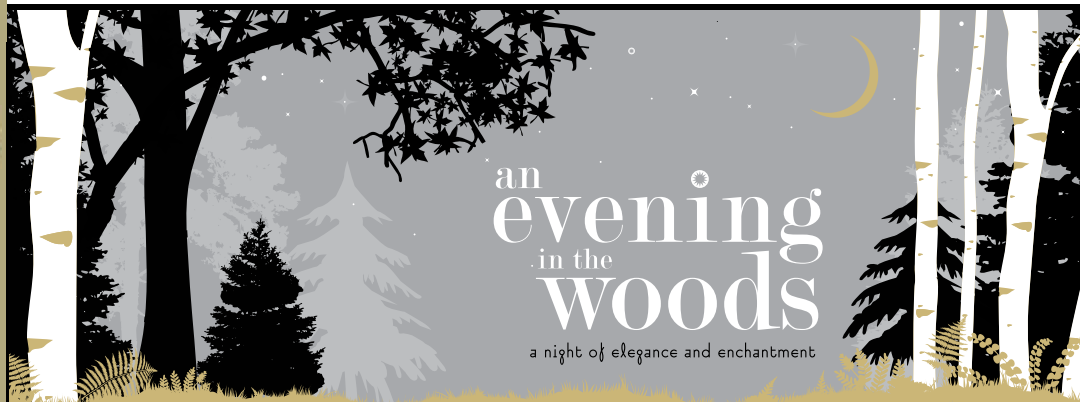
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Executive Director

Volunteer Spotlight



The Nature Center is fortunate to have a crew of great volunteers to help with everything from event set-up to data entry. Jane Donnell has served more than 650 hours in her five years of volunteering at the Welcome Desk. She

answer phones, greets and assists visitors, helps with the Duck Pond gift shop, and prepares mailings. Currently we are looking to add to our volunteer roster, specifically Welcome Desk volunteers. If you've got a knack for organization and a friendly disposition we want to hear from you! To volunteer, contact Brandon Henneman at 216-321-5935 ext. 237 or at henneman@shakerlakes.org.



an
evening
in the
woods
a night of elegance and enchantment

save the date!
JUNE 11 2011

Save June 11, 2011 for An Evening in the Woods — a benefit for the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. Dinner, dancing, auctions, and a special award presentation to our 2011 Great Blue Heron Honoree, Fairmount Minerals. Don't miss it!

Look for event updates at www.shakerlakes.org. For event sponsorship information, please contact Molly Walsh at 216.321.5935 or walsh@shakerlakes.org.

Friends in the News



Family Fireside Night

In late January nearly 100 young children and their families came to the Nature Center to gather around the fireplace for an evening of nature-themed stories and a puppet show by Marisa Matero-Maury, aka The Puppet Lady. In addition to munching popcorn and sipping hot chocolate, attendees sang and played along with interactive songs by Michael Buescher and made nature-inspired crafts.



Breakfast with the Birds

On February 26, in spite of the snowstorm the night before, 200 hardy souls turned out for our annual "Breakfast with the Birds." Held in partnership with the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights, participants enjoyed a pancake breakfast and a birds of prey show. Kids had fun making crafts and hiking in the snow.



Leaders in Sustainability

The Nature Center is pleased to announce that Fairmount Minerals will receive the "Great Blue Heron Award" for their leadership in corporate sustainability practices at our summer benefit on June 11, 2011. Bill Conway, Founder and Chairman of Fairmount Minerals, will accept the award on behalf of the company.

The recipient of the Great Blue Heron Award is a person or organization that exemplifies one or more of the three components of the Nature Center's mission to *conserve a natural area, connect people with nature, and inspire environmental stewardship*. Through its many corporate initiatives designed to improve land and water quality, inspire their employees to live a "greener" life, and make sustainability a way of life in the Fairmount family, Fairmount Minerals couldn't be a better example. Congratulations Fairmount Minerals!

Visit our new website!

www.shakerlakes.org

Programs & Community Events

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are located at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. For more information or to register call 216-321-5935 or visit www.shakerlakes.org.

Rain Barrel Workshops

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 to 11:30 am
at the Cleveland Botanical Garden

Saturday, April 16, 10 to 11 am & 12 to 1 pm
at the Nature Center

Did you know the typical household uses 172 gallons of water every day? In one year this could fill five swimming pools. Start saving money and water now by installing a rain barrel system on your home. \$65 for members; \$75 for non-members. For more information about the Cleveland Botanical Garden workshop, call 216-721-1600 ext. 100 or register in advance at www.cb garden.org. Nature Center/Botanical Garden membership benefits apply to either location.

Wilderness First Aid Training

May 28 and 29, 8 am to 5 pm

This 16-hour course in Wilderness First Aid is taught by the Wilderness Medicine Institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School. The interactive course is designed to provide outdoor leaders, guides, and rangers with an introduction to First Aid and patient care in remote settings. Emphasis is placed on principles of treatment and decision-making, not the memorization of lists. All levels of training and experience are welcome. \$240 per participant. Register by April 1 and receive a \$10 discount. To register call Phoebe Atkinson at 216-321-5935 ext. 224.

Kids and Family Programs

Experiential Gardening Workshop for Families

Saturday, April 9, 10 am to 12 pm

Don't wait until May to begin your gardening season with your kids. Learn some easy ways to start your seeds inside and get a head start on your garden. Windows or minimal additional lighting is all you need. \$5 per person to cover seed, soil and materials. All ages welcome; a parent must accompany children.

Babes in Nature

You're never too young to start learning about nature!

2 months to 2 years with caregiver

Offered the second Tuesday of every month

10 to 10:45 am

April 12 – Wake Up Spring!

May 10 – Birds Bursting in Song

June 7 – Summer Sensations

(Please note: Summer Sensations is held the first Tuesday of the month) Fee per stroller is \$5 for members; \$7 for non-members

BIG/little

Come rediscover nature with your child!

2½ to 3½ years with caregiver

Offered the third Monday every month

10 to 11:30 am

April 18 – Earth Friends

May 16 – Watch Them Grow

\$8 for members; \$12 for non-members

2011 Plant Sale

Dreaming of gardening weather? The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Plant Sale is an annual tradition that helps you make your gardening dreams a reality.


Two easy ways to purchase your plants:

Pre-order by April 8 — all pre-orders will be delivered.

- Choose your plants from the selections in our Plant Sale booklet
- Complete the order form in the Plant Sale booklet (if you didn't receive a booklet in the mail, you can download a PDF from our website at www.shakerlakes.org).
- Mail or drop off forms by April 8 with payment to the Nature Center — checks, money orders, or credit cards accepted.
- Plants will be delivered May 3 or 4. No pick-ups on pre-orders. Delivery fee is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Plant Sale Day — Saturday, May 7, 9 am to 12 pm

Another selection of beautiful plants will be available for purchase in the parking lot of the Nature Center, including home-propagated and native selections.



All About Birds



With a fanfare of chirps, cheeps, and squawks we are excited to announce a new series of programs and hikes titled, "All About Birds!" This series includes activities for youth as well as adults. Beginners build new skills while more advanced programs help experts brush up rusty eyes and ears – just in time for spring migration. To stay up-to-date on all things birds at the Nature Center or for more information visit www.shakerlakes.org.

Programs

Brush Up for Spring Birding — Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 to 9 pm
Laura Gooch will help you sharpen your bird identification skills for spring. Beginners welcome.

Color the Sky with Birds — Sunday, April 17, 2 to 4 pm
Katrina Heinzen gives an introduction to the amazing spring bird migration for children ages six and up and their parents.

Beginning Birding Techniques — Thursday, April 28, 7 to 8:30 pm
Julie West teaches how to find birds, get up-close and personal with binoculars, and use a field guide to understand what you are seeing.

Hikes

Audubon Spring Bird Walks – Sundays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, and 15. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot at 7:30 am.

Family Bird Walk – Celebrate Mother's Day with the Migration Sensation! Sunday, May 8, 3 to 5 pm

Spring Migrants Bird Walk – Thursday, May 12, 7 to 9 pm

Family Bird Walk – Sunday, June 5, 3 to 5 pm

Breeding Birds Bird Walk I – Thursday, June 9, 7 to 9 pm

Breeding Birds Bird Walk II – Thursday, July 14, 7 to 9 pm



Marsh Restoration Planting Week

Monday, May 23 through Saturday, May 28

The next big step in the Nature Center's Marsh Restoration Project is to plant native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees. Join us to help restore and beautify the marsh! Schedule a day to volunteer to get your hands dirty – we have 3,000 wildflowers and grasses, 200 shrubs, and 20 large trees that need to get into the ground.

To sign up for a day to volunteer, contact Brandon Henneman at 216-321-5935 ext. 237 or at henneman@shakerlakes.org.



B'earthday Party!

Do you have a child with a spring birthday? The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes is the perfect place for your three to 10 year-old to celebrate their big day. B'earthday parties go a step beyond piñatas and balloons. At a B'earthday Party children are engaged in fun, interactive nature themed outdoor activities led by one of our staff naturalists. The Nature Center boasts a fully equipped kitchen and plenty of indoor space to help make the special day a complete success. To schedule a B'earthday Party, contact Beverly Barr at 216-321-5935 ext. 235 or at barr@shakerlakes.org.

Summer Outdoor Adventure Camps

June 20 through August 18

Explore Nature Inside & Out

- Full day camps for children ages 5-13
- Half-day camps for ages 2½-5
- Overnight camps for children ages 11-15 including a 5-day Eco-Adventure camp in West Virginia
- Off-site field trips and new rockwall climbing classes
- Limited scholarships available
- For more information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (216) 321-5935 or visit www.shakerlakes.org



Donors & New Members

All listings reflect information received December 1 through February 28. The Nature Center makes every effort to list contributions correctly. If you have a correction, please contact Jessica Davis at (216) 321-5935 ext. 232.

New Members

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Margaret Hoff
Andrea Leland
Gregg Lustig
Christa McHale
Patricia & Larry Mealy
Karen Herpl Murray
Jen & Laszlo Nagy
April Schlegelmilch
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Karen Webb

\$100 to \$499

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Rent the Nature Center for Your Next Event

Do you have an intimate party or special event for up to 100 people coming up? Bring your meeting, wedding, birthday party or banquet to the Nature Center.

The Nature Center houses classrooms, a meeting room, exhibit areas, a kitchen, restrooms, and gift shop. Rentals can start as early as 8 am by special arrangement, and can go as late as midnight.

Programs led by Nature Center naturalists are available for a fee by previous arrangement. A microphone, chalkboard and easel are readily available. A slide projector, television, VCR, DVD player, LCD projector and sound system can also be reserved for a fee.

Our Friends Pavilion is available on a first-come basis, except when reserved. Portions of our trails can also be reserved for photographic sessions, picnics or special events.

Contact Beverly Barr at 216-321-5935 ext. 235 or email barr@shakerlakes.org for rental rates and more information.