



# 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

July/August/September, 2010

## Volunteer Spotlight

Many of our programs and events are wildly successful due in large part to the volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise. Our annual Plant Sale and Benefit are no exception. We would like to officially thank the members of both committees for those events:

### Plant Sale Committee

Matt Warren	Pat Barni
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Mickey Marsolais
Jay Szabo	Phil Osborn
Ann Pearson	Danielle Reavis
Doug Freer	Nicolette van Solingen
Jennifer Braman	

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## Notes from the Director

Summer. The time of year we all yearn for is finally upon us. And just as nature is in full bloom with all things new, so is our Nature Center. Right away you'll notice this newsletter looks different than previous versions. This new design compliments what you'll soon see in our new website as well as other marketing materials. We are proud to boast that this newsletter is FSC certified. The Forest Stewardship Council is an international nonprofit organization that promotes responsible management of the world's forests. In addition, the ink used for this newsletter is soy and vegetable based, which are naturally low in volatile organic compounds and less harmful to the environment. By making these small changes internally, we hope you will be inspired to become stewards of our environment and make your own small changes at home or in your yard as well.

With so many changes occurring over the past two years — both in the world's economy and in our organization — the staff and board of the Nature Center will

be starting a strategic planning process to develop a cohesive strategy for moving the organization forward. Our intent is to develop a plan that is actionable, measurable, and supported by community stakeholders — including you! Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved and provide us your feedback.

As the seasons change, we will be changing our seasonal Outdoor Adventure Class schedules to offer more family-oriented programs. Check out the details inside this edition of the Rookery. You'll also see a picture re-cap of our sold-out Festival, as well as information about our upcoming annual Hike & Run. We hope to see you soon at our programs and events, or just walking our trails. Enjoy the beauty of nature this summer with us, here at your Nature Center.

Kay Carlson  
Executive Director



## Save the Date!

**Babes in Nature** – July 13th, August 10th, September 14th

**Freezing & Canning Workshop** – July 15th

**Clay Plastering & Decorative Finishes Workshop** – July 24th

**Doan Brook Fishing Derby** – Aug 7th & September 11th

**Rain Barrel Workshop** – September 11th

**Big/Little** – September 20th

**Annual Meeting of the Membership & Board of Directors** – September 22nd, 5:30 pm

**Family Camp Fire Night** – September 24th

**Dike 14 Open House** – September 25th

**Nature Center Hike & Run** – October 2nd

For more details and other upcoming events, please call 216-321-5935 or log on to [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org)



## Newly Designated RTA Nature Center Stop

In late May, the RTA rapid transit stop at South Park along the Green Line was officially designated the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes stop. An event was held with Nature Center and RTA executive staff as well as Service Corps fourth graders from Onaway School to plant native plants around the stop. Lawn Lad, Inc., a Heights-area design, build, landscape and management company prepped the grounds for planting and donated all the native plants. The next time you go to get in your car to come to the Nature Center, think green, and ride the Green Line to our stop!

# Development News



## Did you know?

You can rent the Nature Center! Many people don't know that you can rent space at the Nature Center for birthday parties, baby showers, meetings, corporate events, and even weddings. With several rooms to choose from, the Nature Center provides the perfect picturesque place for your next gathering. Nestled in 20 acres of urban forest, the Nature Center gives guests an opportunity to experience the beauty of nature like no other place in Northeast Ohio. For more information about renting space at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, contact Beverly Barr at 216-321-5935 or via email at [barr@shakerlakes.org](mailto:barr@shakerlakes.org)



## Nature Center Hike & Run

The Annual Nature Center Hike & Run (formerly the Hike & Hustle) is right around the corner on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010. This annual event benefits the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes' Jenny Goldman Outreach Fund. Jenny was a young naturalist dedicated to teaching children, especially inner-city youth, about the joys of nature. She died in a car accident in 2004. This year's event is chaired by Matt Goldman (Jenny's father). Join us for your choice of a 5K race, a 12-mile hike to Dike 14, a one-mile hike for families (leashed pets welcome), or a two-mile Doan Brook Gorge Hike. Scout troops are welcome! Hikes start at 9 am and the 5K race begins at 9:15am. Check out our Web site for more details or call 216-321-5935 to register. We look forward to seeing you at the race!

## 2010 Summer Benefit Committee

Traci Herbruck <b>Benefit Chair</b>	Erin Hobey
Gail Arnold	Mickey Horner
Kim Barton-Orr	Jennie Kaffen
Lisa Bates	Lisa Mayer
Jill Brown	Petra Moran
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The Summer Benefit *The Secret Garden* was sponsored by: DistTech, Edward Jones Investments, PNC, Thompson Hine LLP, KeyBank, Lube Stop, Herbruck Alder, McMahan DeGulis LLP

## Thank you!

## 2010 Festival

The 5th Annual Festival was a phenomenal success with tickets sold out a week prior to the event. The event raised nearly \$10,000 and featured local chefs including Scott Kim of SaSa Matsu and Food and Wine Magazine Award winner Jonathon Sawyer of The Greenhouse Tavern.

**Top right:** Bill Steffee & Erica Collins, Pat & Jim Colditz; **Middle:** Kay Carlson, Michael Novak, Kimberly Dyer; **Bottom:** Doug & Malissa Bodmann, Traci & Alex Herbruck

**Below:** Creative cuisine made from garlic mustard, an edible, invasive plant pulled from our grounds each year.



# Programs



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## Collect Rain and Cash!

**Rain Barrel Workshop, September 11th**  
**10 am to 12 pm & 12 pm to 2 pm at the Nature Center**  
Save water as well as money now by installing a rain barrel system on your home. Rain barrel systems can help lower your water bills, decrease summer water demand, and keep your landscape healthy. Call 216-321-5935 for more information and to register.

## Fruits and Veggies in Abundance, Oh My

### Freezing & Canning Workshop

**July 15th, 6:30 to 8 pm**

Freezing and canning your summer time fruits and vegetables can help you enjoy your favorites all year long. Join us to learn how to use a water bath canner and pressure canner, tips on canning tomatoes, pickling, making jams and jellies, and freezing fruits and vegetables. Registration required by July 12th. Call 216-321-5935 to register.

## Lakeview Cemetery Programs

**Nature Trail Walk – July 10th, 10 am to 12 noon**  
**Bat Night – August 27th 8 to 10 pm**

Join us for two great hikes at Lakeview Cemetery – the Nature Trail Walk and the wildly popular Bat Night! Reservations and a \$6 per person fee are required for each event. Call Lakeview Cemetery to make your reservations at 216-421-2665.

## Kids and Family Programs

### 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**

**July 13th – Critter Colors**

**August 10th – Magical Marsh**

**September 14th – Flying Away**

Fee per stroller is \$5 for Members; \$7 for non-members. For more information and to register call (216) 321-5935.

### Big/Little – Monarch Mania

**2½ - 3½ years with caregiver**

**10 to 11:30 am; offered every third Monday starting**  
**September 20th**

Join us as we learn about how monarchs grow and migrate through story, songs, crafts and games and perhaps even see a few of our fragile friends on our hike. Fee per child is \$8 member, \$12 non-members

### Family Campfire Night

**September 24th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

September is a great time for a campfire with marshmallows! Bring your family for a fun evening of hiking, campfire stories and songs – for the kid in all of us. Suggested \$5 donation per person (\$20 maximum per family) to help support Nature Center programs.





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## Donors & New Members

All listings reflect information received March 1st through May 31st 2010. The Nature Center makes every effort to list contributions correctly. If you have a correction, please contact Jessica at (216) 321-5935 ext. 232.

### New Memberships

Margot Anthonisen  
Uri & Talie Avatichi  
Katie Polasek & Greg Bassett  
Bill & Elaine Better  
The Burkons Family  
Connie G. & Peter N. Calvert  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clark  
Gwen & Bill Cooper  
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Emily & Eric Ludwig  
The Maier Family  
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Deidre & Craig Reed  
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Ivy Turkington & John Ruhl  
Janine Rybka  
The Sanders Family  
Ms. Charlotte Sanpere  
Carina & Greg Schnitter  
Danielle Serna  
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Brooke & Hugh Slater  
Amy & Jon Stark  
Diane & Arthur Stupay  
Angela Bailey-Sundahl  
The Yang Family

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Cleveland Museum of Art - Art Conservation Department  
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Eaton Charitable Fund  
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