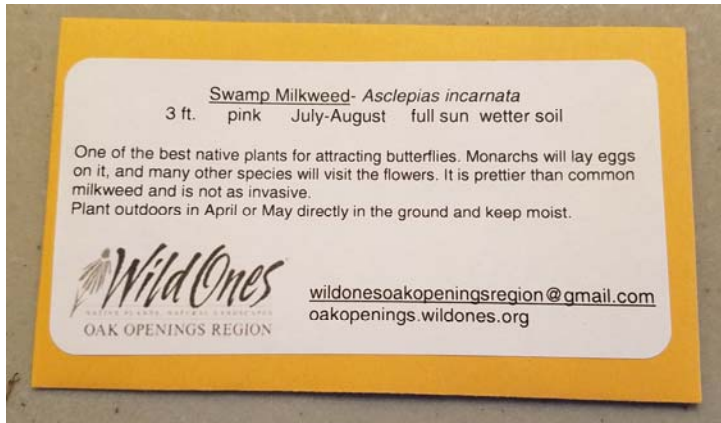




Wild Ones Oak Openings Region Year End Review



Seeds & Soup

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Monthly Programs – Climate Change, Birds, and More





Seed Swap



Native Seed Packet Giveaways



Spreading the word about the benefits of native plants



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Tools for Bringing Nature Home

Providing a home for birds and butterflies
Improving environmental stewardship using native plants

The Bringing Nature Home workshop is designed for anyone interested in learning how to transform an outdoor space into a wildlife garden at their residence or another site in the community.

- Hear the stories of others who have used native plants to beautify their outdoor spaces, provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife and enhance their spiritual journeys.
- Discover other benefits of gardening with native plants including managing stormwater and flooding, restoring rare habitats like the Oak Openings (Westside Community), building community (Warren AME) and educating your neighbors.
- Plan and prepare for a native plant garden using whatever space you have available.

The Sacred Grounds Toledo team and the National Wildlife Federation are organizing this workshop. The Westside Community Church and Warren AME Church, both Sacred Grounds program participants, have generously offered to host.

The first 40 participants who register for and attend the workshop will receive a plant voucher valued at \$55 to be used at Poppin Up Natives, a local native plant nursery.

Two Workshops: March 24th or March 30th

Westside Community Church Sunday, March 24th,
registration at 1:00 pm, workshop from 1:30-4:30 pm.

Warren AME Church is Saturday, March 30th,
registration at 8:30 am, workshop from 9:00 am to noon.

Register at bit.ly/SGToledo or by phone at 419-893-1966



Sacred Grounds



Invasive Removal Ottawa Hills Adopt a Natural Area





Goll Woods Garlic Mustard Pull

Native Plant Sale



Ives Fen Field Trip





Restoration at Ives Road Fen

Here, you can see a beautiful example of a restored prairie fen, bordered by forest. The Nature Conservancy employs a variety of restoration techniques here at Ives Road Fen Preserve, including removing invasive species, conducting prescribed burns and restoring the natural water flow.



More than 100 feet of clay drainage tiles were removed from the ground at Ives Road Fen Preserve.



The natural flow of water within the fen is now slightly restored. Surface water is visible at a time it usually leaves the fen basin.



By using native seedlings, prescribed burning, and other techniques, the Conservancy is restoring the fen's natural water flow.



After growth after a prescribed burn, the fen's natural water flow is restored, allowing native plants to thrive.

Restoring the Flow of Water

Fen is a unique type of wetland, fed by mineral-rich groundwater that supports highly diverse and rare plant life. In the 1940s, attempts to drain the fen, making it suitable for grazing and farming, included stalling underground tiles which dramatically altered the natural flow of surface water and stimulated the invasion of non-native plant species. In 2003, hundreds of these clay tiles were removed, restoring the natural water flow in the fen, benefiting many native plant species and insects.

Restoration Using Prescribed Burns

Frequent fires naturally maintain a prairie's health and vigor by reducing competition from trees and shrubs and warming the soil so seeds can germinate. Historically, lightning strikes started many of these fires. Today, the Conservancy uses prescribed fire, in combination with other restoration techniques, to restore the more open character of these prairies. We have restored nearly 100 acres of prairie since 1987, when the Conservancy first established this preserve.



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Worms! Good for the Garden, What About Our Forests?

Tuesday, September 10th

Location: Olander Park, 6930 W.
Sylvania, Sylvania, OH 43560
Nederhouser Community Hall

Time: 7:00 pm

This informative presentation by
Lisa Ruschman will cover the
“dirt” about non-native earthworms
and the damage they cause to
hardwood forest ecosystems. The
most common species of worms
will be identified and discussed

along with their relationship to the
decline of diversity and the spread
of invasive plants. Tips on
controlling or preventing their
spread will be shared as well. You
will also have an opportunity to
meet our newest and biggest threat,
the Asian Crazy Jumping Snake
Worms, up close and personal!
These interesting worms are
changing the landscape, and
headed to a forest or garden near
you!

This event is free and open to the
public. Bring your friends. Light
refreshments will be available.

Monthly Newsletter

Meet a Member

Plant of the Month

President's Column

June TBG Family Hike



June TBG Family Hike



July Garden Tour



July Garden Tour



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Monthly Programs



Fungi,
Citizen
Science
Apps, and
More

August



Garden
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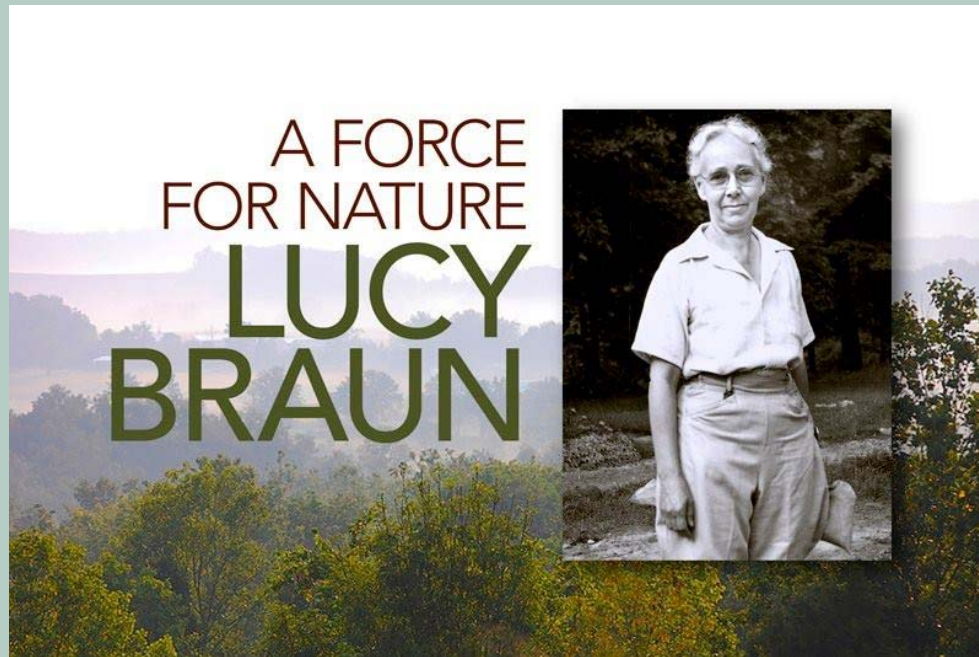


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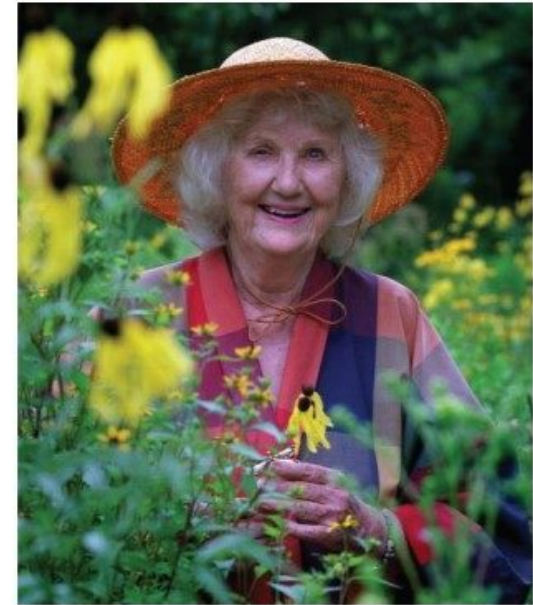


Garden
Tour

Celebrating Past Naturalists



**Honorary Lifetime Director
Lorrie Otto**



"If suburbia were landscaped with meadows, prairies, thickets, or forests, or combinations of these, then the water would sparkle, fish would be good to eat again, birds would sing and human spirits would soar." Lorrie Otto

Invasive Removal Ottawa Hills Adopt a Natural Area



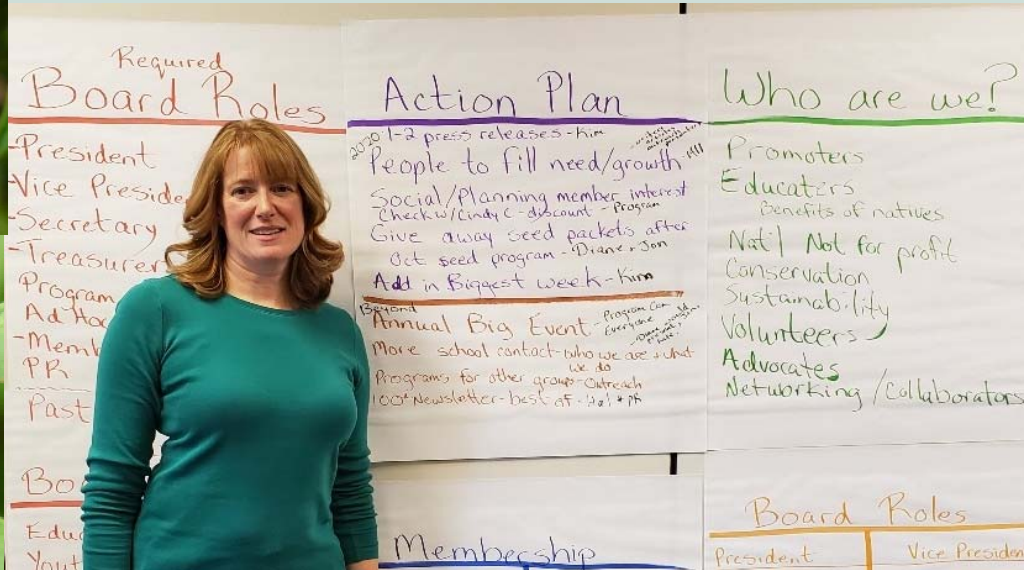
Olander Day



Blue Creek Seed Collecting



Strategic Planning



The woman is standing in front of a large sheet of paper with handwritten notes. The notes are organized into three main sections: Board Roles, Action Plan, and Who are we?.

Required Board Roles

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Program
- Ad Hoc
- Member
- PR
- Past

Action Plan

- 2020 1-2 press releases - Kim
- People to fill need/growth
- Social/Planning member interest
- Check w/ Cindy C - discount - Program
- Give away seed packets after
- Oct seed program - Diane + Jon
- Add in Biggest week - Kim
- Annual Big Event - Program Co.
- More school contact - who we are & what we do
- Programs for other groups - Outreach
- 100+ Newsletter - best of - 1st & 2nd

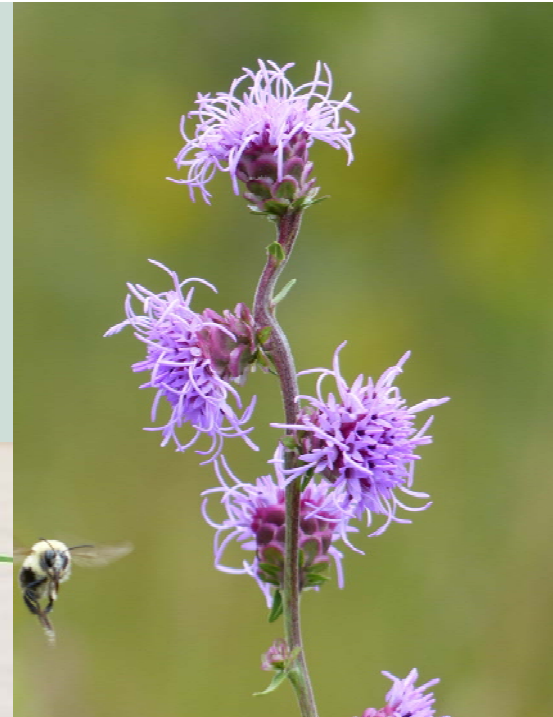
Who are we?

- Promoters
- Educators
- Benefits of natives
- Nat'l Not for profit
- Conservation
- Sustainability
- Volunteers
- Advocates
- Networking / Collaborators

Board Roles

President	Vice President

Membership



Seed Collecting Michelle Grigore's



Seed Cleaning





Sacred Grounds





Annual Landscape
Awards

Annual Denise Gehring
Student Awards

President's Award

Annual Potluck Dinner

Thanks to our members and supporters
for another great year!



We have put in hundreds of volunteer hours helping the Oak
Openings Region to learn about, plant, protect, and restore
native plants.



Photos courtesy of: Hal Mann, Diane DeYonker, Jon
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