

## Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio 2017 Programs

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**On assignment in Costa Rica – Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 3:00 PM at the West Woods Nature Center - Geauga County.** Tom Sampliner, photographer and past president of the Native Plant Society of Northeast Ohio shares his travel images while on assignment during the summer monsoon season to photograph trees and their traits along with the opportunity to capture beautiful flowers, animals, birds, insects, and habitat scenery. Presented in conjunction with Geauga Park District. 9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty, Ohio 44072. No registration required. Stay afterwards for a double feature. GPS: 41°27'29.5"N 81°18'13.9"W

**A Local Botanist's look at the flora of the Hawaiian Island of Kaua'i - Sunday, January 29, 3:15 – 4:00 PM at the West Woods Nature Center - Geauga County.** Judy Barnhart shares images of her recent travels to Kaua'i, taking a look at how the Polynesian culture and recent introductions have influenced the flora of the island. Presented in conjunction with the Geauga Park District. No registration required.

**Ohio Lichen Workshop - Saturday, February 18, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the West Woods Nature Center - Geauga County.** Lichens are often misunderstood and ignored. Janet Traub and Jim Toppin with the Ohio Moss and Lichen Association present the interesting symbiotic relationship between an alga and a fungus. A 2 hour indoor introductory session with samples to view will be followed by a lunch break, before a field foray in search of examples. Bring lunch and a hand lens. 9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty, Ohio 44072. Pre-registration is through Geauga Park District 440-279-0880. GPS: 41°27'29.5"N 81°18'13.9"W

**Ohio Botanical Symposium – Friday, March 24, 2017– Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center,** 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43229. The Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio will be a

sponsor of The Ohio Botanical Symposium, which brings botanists, naturalists, and other nature enthusiasts gather to network, provide professional enrichment, and view posters and displays on Ohio's native flora, natural areas, and rare plants. For registration information, go to <http://naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/2015-ohio-botanical-symposium>.

**Sawdust Tract-Ashtabula County – Thursday, April 20, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.** Jim Bissell, Curator of Botany at Cleveland Museum of Natural History, leads this joint trip with NEON to the museum's Sawdust Tract in western Ashtabula County on Mill Creek with large stands of Carolina Spring Beauty. Directions: from I-90, travel south on SR 528 for about 2.5 miles until you reach Ross Road. Make a left on Ross (east). At the Ashtabula county line, Ross becomes Cold Cork Springs Rd. which ends at Atkins Rd. Make a right on Atkins Rd and travel south about 2 miles until you reach Belle Rd. Meet at the NE corner of Belle and Atkins Rd. Registration is required: email Judy at [judybarnhart@gmail.com](mailto:judybarnhart@gmail.com). GPS: 41.698936, -80.993185

**Fern Identification Workshop – Saturday, June 17, 9:00 AM - Noon at the West Woods Nature Center.** Discover the lush diversity of ferns found in northeast Ohio. An introductory session will be followed by a hike to observe species. Directions: take SR 87 east from SR 306 in Russell Township approx. 2 miles to the park entrance on south side of the road. 9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty, Ohio 44072. Pre-registration is through Geauga Park District 440-279-0880. GPS: 41°27'29.5"N 81°18'13.9"W

**Invasive Species Workshop – Saturday, July 22, 9:00 AM - Noon at the West Woods Nature Center.** Natural Resources Tech Joel Firem explains the different invasive species he deals with on park district property before heading out to locate a few. Directions: take SR 87 east from SR 306 in Russell Township approx. 2 miles to the park entrance on south side of the road. 9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty, Ohio 44072. Pre-registration is through Geauga Park District 440-279-0880. GPS: 41°27'29.5"N 81°18'13.9"W

**Pollinator Program – Saturday, August 5, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at North Kingsville Sand Barrens, Ashtabula County.** Explore with Judy Semroc, Cleveland Museum of Natural History Conservation Specialist, Natural Areas Division, to learn about the pollinators that visit the various plant species. We will hike the trails and look for as many different types of pollinators including flies, butterflies, bees, wasps, and more. Weather dependent. GPS: 41°54'28.4"N 80°41'28.9"W

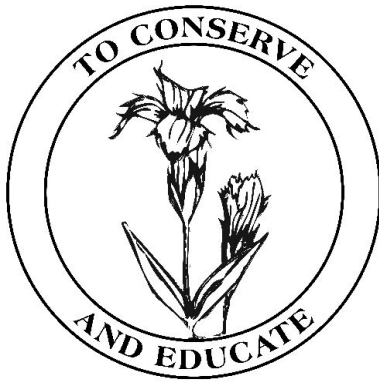
**Monarch tagging – Saturday, September 23, Noon - 3:00 PM at North Kingsville Sand Barrens, Ashtabula County.** Join Judy Semroc as we seek out and tag and record monarch butterfly information at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History preserve. Weather dependent. GPS: 41°54'28.4"N 80°41'28.9"W

**Fantastic Fall Fungi – Sunday, October 15, 1:00-4:00 PM at the West Woods Nature Center.** Walt Sturgeon of Ohio Mushroom Society will give a power point introduction to the diverse wild mushrooms of Ohio. Mushrooms will be on display and participants are encouraged to bring mushrooms from their area. A limited participation foray into the field to look for specimens with Walt follows. Bring wax paper or paper bags. Pre-registration required after September 20 by calling the park district at 440-279-0880. GPS: 41°27'29.5"N 81°18'13.9"W

**Annual Meeting – Saturday, October 28, 5:30-8:30 PM.** Pine Lake Trout Club, Bainbridge. Details will be provided at a later date.

**Winter Wildflower Workshop - Saturday, November 18, 2:00 PM at the West Woods Nature Center,** Geauga Park District. After the colorful petals are gone, many of the summer wildflowers are still identifiable by their unusual seed pods. Learn how to tell many of these plants using a winter weed finder booklet. Pre-registration required after September 20 by calling the park district at 440-279-0880. GPS: 41°27'29.5"N 81°18'13.9"W

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**2017 MIDWEEK WILDFLOWER WALKS**  
**Starting at 6:30 pm each Wednesday**

With the warmth of Spring the forest floor begins to turn green as the native flowers and ferns begin this year's growing season. Come enjoy the Spring season through this easy series of walks in eight different locations.

**Guests are always welcome.**

**April 12: Look About Lodge, Cleveland Metropark South Chagrin Reservation.** See what's up! Join Cleveland Metropark naturalist Stefanie Verish and Lisa Schlag to learn about Look About Lodge's native garden featuring spring wildflowers, ferns, and other native plants and explore the surrounding woodland for vernal discoveries. Rugged terrain with steps and hills. 37374 Miles Road, Bentleyville 44022.

**April 19: Eldon Russell Park, Geauga County Park District.** Early spring flora along the Cuyahoga River possible wet walking if recent rains. GPS: 41°25'27.6"N 81°09'37.6"W

**April 26: Cleveland Metropark Hinckley Reservation Boathouse, Medina County.** Ellen Brown-Armstrong will lead. Not only do the buzzards return in the spring but so do the beautiful wildflowers. We'll follow the bridle and Buckeye Trail along Johnson's Creek and then wind into the woods to discover early spring ephemerals. Walking surface varies from packed dirt to sandy gravel. Walk will include some small hills, depending on weather and concentration of wildflowers. Meet at the Hinckley Boathouse in Hinckley Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks. West Drive is located

between Bellus and State roads in Hinckley Township. Address: Hinckley Boathouse, 1 West Drive, Hinckley, OH 44233. GPS coordinates: N 41 13.076 W 81 42.978

**May 3: La Due Reservoir, Geauga County.** Member Sandy Wolfe leads this trip to see trilliums and other spring flowers; ¼ mile east of Rt.44 on Valley Rd. (continuation of Washington St.). Meet at boathouse. GPS: 41°23'14.5"N 81°12'24.8"W

**May 10: Chagrin River Preserve.** We will meet at the Rookery, Geauga Park District in Munson Township to carpool. Hike along the Chagrin River preserve to see flood plain flora including green dragon. GPS: 41°30'19.3"N 81°16'43.0"W

**May 17: Eagle Creek with Chuck Fletcher.** 11027 Hopkins Rd, Garrettsville, OH 44231. GPS: 41.294705, -81.057490

**May 24: Hiram Field Station, Portage County.** Jane O'Brien, Hiram College Adjunct Instructor of Professional and Graduate Studies and Butterfly Hill Garden Manager, will talk about native pollinators and three of Ohio's fruit and nut trees: paw paws, persimmons, and hazelnuts as we walk the grounds observing pollinators in the Ohio State University phenology garden, view a pollinator hotel, and an orchard and nursery. Handouts will be provided and participation opportunities for hands-on construction activities for taking home. 11243 Wheeler Rd. Garrettsville 44231. GPS: 41°17'55.4"N 81°06'32.2"W

**May 31: Bath Nature Preserve, 4266 Ira Rd, Akron, OH 44333.** Meet in the parking lot off Ira Rd. GPS: 41°11'18.9"N 81°39'23.6"W