Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio 2018 Programs

For more details, see: NativePlantSocietyNEO.org

Note: Directions to the West Woods Nature Center. Take St. Rt. 87 east from Rt. 306 in Russell Township approx. 2 miles to the park entrance on south side of the road, 9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty, Ohio 44072

The Island of Rhodes – Sunday, January 13, 2:00–3:00 p.m. The West Woods Nature Center, Geauga County. Take virtual trip with Tom Sampliner, photographer and past president of the Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio to the Greek Isle of Rhodes, located 70 miles from Turkey in the Mediterranean. Famous for its beach playgrounds and ancient Crusades ruins, it is a hot bed for Mediterranean flora especially orchids along with migratory birds, interesting insects and wildlife. Presented in conjunction with Geauga Park District. No registration required.

Looking Forward to Spring - Sunday, February 3, 2019, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Geauga West Library, 13455 Chillicothe Rd. Chesterland, Ohio. Tired of winter? Get a preview of spring in this old-fashioned slide show. The Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio will share wildflower folklore using long-time photographer Jack Selby’s old slides which were recently donated to the society. Jack spent many hours in the field with renowned botanist Jim Bissell, photographing the interesting and diverse flora of northeastern Ohio. No registration required.

Ohio Botanical Symposium – Friday, March 29, 2019. 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 together to network, provide professional enrichment, and view posters and displays on Ohio’s native flora, natural areas, and rare plants. Registration information at https://www.cmnh.org/ohio-botanical-symposium

Stanton Forest – Ashtabula County – Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:00am-12:00 PM. Jim Bissell, Curator of Botany at Cleveland Museum of Natural History, leads this joint trip with NEON to the museum’s Stanton Forest with a 40-acre uncut old growth forest. Directions: Exit I-90 at OH Rt. 11 north. Follow Rt. 11 north to Seven Hills Rd. Travel east on Seven Hills Rd. 0.5 mile to State Rd. Turn left at State Rd., and travel 0.5 mile north to Plymouth Ridge Rd. Turn right onto Plymouth Ridge Rd. Follow Plymouth Ridge Rd. and cross the bridge that goes over I-90. You will then make a right on Benetka Rd. heading south. Park on the right side of Benetka road about 400 feet south of the intersection where there is a small grass pull-off. Group will participate in the City Nature Challenge as part of this program. Registration required by emailing Judy at judysbarnhart@gmail.com.

Pallister State Nature Preserve/James K Bissell Nature Center – Ashtabula County, Saturday, May 11. Noon-1:30. ODNR staff member Adam Wohlever leads us through this mixed hardwood forest dotted with vernal pools and small buttonbush swamps. Sizeable trees amongst a diversity of wildflowers including twin-leaf and bloodroot and home to several plant species associated with northern climates, including goldthread, starflower and spotted coralroot. Be prepared for possible wet walking. Directions: Park along Wilderness Trail, a dead end road south off of Callender Rd, the east boundary of Pallister Preserve. See Google maps at https://screenshots.firefox.com/vp2kCa2EfdwPAKpPwPw.google.com No Registration required. For questions contact Chuck at 440-834-8392 or email cf6613@att.net.

Afterwards relocate to the James K Bissell Nature Center at the Grand River Conservation Campus at Morgan Swamp Preserve at 3973 Callender Road, Rock Creek Ohio, 44084. The center features exhibits depicting the natural history of Morgan Swamp and the Grand River. The nature center is open weekends 1:00-5:00 p.m. There are also self-guided trails.

Different Look at Invasive Species. Thursday, June 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Can some woody native species become invasive due to climate change? Kent State professor Dr. David Ward shares his research in both Ohio and Africa. Afterwards, see where some of his students are conducting experiments behind the campus. Meet at the Kent State Geauga Campus, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton, OH 44021. No Registration required.

Mentor Marsh Restoration Thursday, July 18, 2019, 6:00-9:00 p.m. From helicopter spraying of invasive phragmites to reseeding the marsh with native species, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History has been busy restoring the marsh to its former glory. Mentor Marsh Naturalist Becky Donaldson gives an overview of the history of Mentor Marsh and the restoration efforts at the Carol Sweet Nature Center before relocating to the rebuilt board walk to see what’s blooming. End the evening enjoying the sunset from the board walk. Directions: Meet at Nature Center 5185 Corduroy Rd., Mentor. Registration required by emailing Judy at judysbarnhart@gmail.com.

Walking Fern Excursion. Saturday August 17, 11:00 am-1:00 p.m. The seldom-seen Walking Fern, featured in the Winter 2019 Journal, with its overlapping fronds arching over limestone rock, is highlighted on this hike with member David Orndoff at 4H Camp Whitewood’s Warner Hollow. Hike is moderate with steep areas and creek crossings. Meet at the camp: 7983 S Wiswell Rd, Windsor, OH 44099, waiver needs signed before hiking. Email Judy to register at judysbarnhart@gmail.com.

Monarch tagging at North Kingsville Sand Barrens. September 28 Noon-3:00 p.m. Judy Semroc, naturalist with Cleveland Museum of Natural History, leads this hike to look at meadow insects and tag monarch butterflies. Weather dependent, check website for weather cancellation: www.nativeplantsocietyNEO.org

October 5-6. Possible out of Area Excursion to SE Ohio Preserves. Watch for further details.

Annual Meeting Saturday, November 9, 2019, 5:30-8:30. Pine Lake Trout Club, Bainbridge. Details at a later date.
2019 Programs and Field Trips

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2019 MIDWEEK WILDFLOWER WALKS
Starting at 6:30 pm each Wednesday

See the progression of spring on this annual series of hikes. No registration required.

April 17 – Lakeside EcoEternity Forest, Conneaut. Explore the trails for signs of spring on this discovery walk led by Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and board member Lisa Schlag. Directions: 7611 Poore Rd, Conneaut, OH 44030; just north of the North Kingsville Sand Barrens on the same side of the road.

April 24: Russell Uplands Preserve: Geauga County. See early spring flowers at this Russell Township Park. Past Park trustee Roy Podojil will share history of the park. 15200 Russell Road. Russell Road is approximately 1 ¼ miles west of RT 306 & RT 87 intersection. Parking ½ mile down on the right.

May 1: Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland’s Hach Otis Sanctuary and State Nature Preserve, Lake County. Cleveland Audubon member John Lillich leads this trip to see the 81-acre forested tract overlooking the beautiful Chagrin State Scenic River valley. Parking at the end of Skyline drive, first road north of Rt 6 off Chagrin River Road.

May 8: Hogback Ridge, Lake County. Hogback Ridge Park includes upland hardwood forests, hemlock ridges and the floodplains of Mill Creek and the Grand River. An abundance of spring wildflowers provide a spectacular show The trail system includes a 1,300-foot accessible boardwalk, overlook deck, gravel trails and timber steps that lead down into the floodplain. Joint program with Lake Metroparks. Directions: 4885 Emerson Rd, Madison, OH 44057

May 15: South Chagrin Reservation, Cuyahoga County. Cleveland Metroparks naturalist Fred Losi leads this hike to see wild hyacinth along with other Chagrin River species. Directions: Meet at Jackson Rd field just North of Jackson Road on Chagrin River Road. Joint program with Cleveland Metroparks

May 22: Swine Creek Reservation, Geauga County. Enjoy the diversity of flowers in this lush beach maple forest. Joint program with Geauga Park District. Directions: From downtown Middlefield, take Rt. 87 east 2 ½ miles to Hayes Road. Turn right (south) 1 ½ miles to park entrance on right. Bear right to Woods Edge Parking. 16004 Hayes Rd, Middlefield, 44062

May 29: Euclid Creek Reservation, Cuyahoga County. Past board member Brian Gilbert leads this hike along the Woodland Trail. Along the way hear about his new app for keying out species he has developed. Directions: meet at Highland Road picnic area. 850 Euclid Creek Parkway, off the Highland Road entrance of Euclid Creek.