

Zoar Wetland Arboretum News



Jim & Wally take a break from working on Wally's Bog



Morgan and Grandpa Jim at our 2009 "While the Bugs Bite" Picnic

12th Year Anniversary!

2010 marks the 12th anniversary of the Zoar Wetland Arboretum. Here at the wetland every year is a cause for celebration. When this project first began in 1998, our volunteers and supporters had a vision of what it could be. The vision was to take a forgotten overgrown lake and transform it into a beautiful park with walking trails and interpreted gardens tucked into the woodland. Now, 12 years later we continue to achieve our goals to give people a unique place to escape, for a time, to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature right in their own community. We invite you to visit the Zoar Wetland, become a member, share your ideas, get involved, and help support this ever-growing wetland project.

A special thanks to all our volunteers and members who have given time, energy, ideas, and funding to keep this wetland growing! It could not be done without you!



Vrsan family wedding in 2008



One of our bald eagles flying over the island at the wetland

Garage Sale—June 18, 2010

Got Stuff? Want to clean out a closet of stuff? Want to help support the Zoar Wetland? We are accepting donations of good used "stuff" to sell at our annual garage sale. Fri June 18 will be our 4th year and has turned into a fun and rewarding way to meet new people while raising funds to keep the wetland open. The money raised from the garage sale goes directly to the maintenance and upkeep of the park. That includes water for the drinking fountain, electricity for the shelter, and the porta-jon rental from April to October. If you would like to add a collection of things to the sale just give me a call 330-484-1486 or send an email at pfeagler@neo.rr.com so we can arrange to collect the items in time for the weekend. Thank you for your support!

Thanks to Your Donations.....

Dogwood Grove

Volunteers have been working on this area for several years to clear tangles of vines and multi-flora rose bushes to open it up for new plantings. We have already planted several dogwood trees and a variety of flowering crabapples to get the grove started. Trail Managers Randy & Susie Lunsford are removing dead and "junk" trees to continue opening the area for new flowering trees. A small picnic table sits near the fire ring in the center of the grove that gets a lot of use during the summer. Our vision is to create a grove that glows with blossoms in the spring then bursts with berries for winter wildlife. We invite you to linger in the grove and enjoy the birdsong and breezes.

Thank you Randy & Susie for all your help!



Randy & Susie Lunsford

Wally's Bog

The little bog is a project we have wanted to tackle for several years now. Thanks to our newest volunteer, Wally Agnes, the project is finally under way. Wally adopted the site and is using the natural features already in place, with a little imagination, to create a small cascading waterfall with pools for our amphibian population, such as this fat crayfish Wally is holding. The Bog is another feature we are pleased to offer for the enjoyment of our visitors.

Thank you Wally!



Memorial Tree Garden

It has always been a dream to have a special place just for trees planted in honor or memory of loved ones. With the help of many volunteers over several years, we finally have that special place where people can remember someone with a tree. Right along the edge of the grassy lawn, just inside the tree line along the lake, is a mulched bed where several trees have already been planted. Please remember this special place if you would like to plant your own memorial tree. The garden is maintained by our wetland volunteers.



Butterfly Garden

The wetland is home to a large variety of plants, mostly bog and woodland species that some might consider as "weeds" (the animals consider them food). But, in the open areas that receive more sun, real weeds grow that are unsightly or invasive. The main area of concern was the hillside at our main entrance that was choked with tangles of poison ivy, grape vines, and thousands of thistles. Many years, many volunteers, gallons of weed killer, and even a backhoe later we have established a small wildflower garden that bursts with color all summer. The meadow flowers are attracting multitudes of butterflies, hummingbirds, seed-eating birds, honey bees, and countless insects. It is our vision to keep expanding the meadow, add a park bench, and then offer interpretive programs on the benefits of prairie plants for the health of the wetland.



Wildflower Loop Trail

This little trail leaves the main trail by the Dogwood Grove, loops past the Mike Escola Memorial bench, down near the waters edge, and back around to meet the main trail. It already features an abundance of spring bloodroot and wild grape hyacinth; It's the only section where they grow. Volunteer Jim McWhorter cleared the trail 2 years ago and we are adding new varieties of woodland flowers to keep the trail in bloom longer into the season. We established native white trilliums at the Escola Bench, the very first trilliums at the wetland. The vision is to continue adding new patches of wildflowers along the entire length to benefit both people and wildlife.

2009 Funded Projects

Rotary Club of Bolivar Zoar

Thanks to a Simplified Grant from our Rotary District 6650, we were able to purchase and install a drinking fountain at the open patio next to the picnic shelter. Other projects funded by previous Rotary grants were new gravel for the parking area and a wood chipper for a work day to clear out brush piles from the Memorial Tree Garden. We want to thank our local Bolivar Zoar Rotary Club for applying for the grant and our Rotary District 6650 for awarding the grant. These projects have made a huge impact for our visitors are very appreciated by everyone here.



New QuickBooks Software

Thanks to a gift from Countywide Recycling and Disposal Facility, we were able to upgrade our accounting software to the 2009 Non-Profit version of QuickBooks. The gift was a blessing because the software was an expense not available in our budget. Our Director can easily track income & expenses and donations, plan a budget, and determine future funding needs from the new software. And it has simplified the preparation of our annual tax return that we are required to file each year. *Thank you Countywide!*

Upcoming Picnic Shelter Reservations

June 6 Kasam/Bishop Family

June 9 Red Hat Society

July 31 Carroll/Tanner Wedding

Become a Member

The Zoar Wetland is only supported by private donations. We have never received any tax payer funding. We are proud of the accomplishments of our volunteers and supporters, and we invite you to join us. As a member you are eligible to become a Board Member with a direct say in how the wetland operates, and as a member you are invited to bring a canoe or kayak to explore areas of the lake not accessible by trail. Please join us with your ideas and energy to keep the wetland growing each year. To become a member please cut along the line and mail the form with a check made out to:

Zoar Wetland Arboretum, PO Box 646, Zoar OH 44697

Annual Membership Form

100% of all contributions stay in this local area and support this wetland. Thank You!

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Individual \$25

Family / Canoe \$50

Corporate \$100

Other Gift \$

Our Wish List of Project Ideas to Support.....

Sponsor a new Park Bench at the Butterfly Garden or at Wally's Bog in honor or memory of a loved one.

Sponsor a new Dogwood or Flowering Crabapple tree in our Dogwood Grove

Sponsor a collection of wildflowers for either the Wildflower Loop Trail or the Butterfly Garden

Donate items for our Annual June Garage Sale

Donate to our general fund for shelter utilities, porta-jon rental, equipment upkeep, and trail maintenance.

Donate your Expertise – Are you an expert in animals, plants, or wetland ecology? Spend a day at the wetland teaching us and then provide a guide that we could use to teach others.

Donate time or equipment for a wetland work day – needed items are wood chipper for a day to clean up brush piles, or large capacity weed sprayer for a day to control invasive Japanese knotweed.

Sponsor an event such as a fishing clinic, dog retrieval trials, a square dance, a corn-hole tournament, a folk music festival, or a quilt show...we are open to all ideas for hosting a fun community event.

Contact Pam at the Wetland for more information about any of our programs or to donate time, money, or expertise to our ever-growing wetland project.

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New Pointe Church Day of Caring
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Challenge



The wetland is open to visitors year-round for hiking, bird watching, fishing, or just relaxing. Trails are marked with signs. No motor vehicles on trails, no hunting.

The Wetland is located at
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