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To encourage conservation and Protection of Natural and Agricultural Lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the Benefit of Future Generations.

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**An Opportunity for Cave Conservation**

The LEIC-BSC has an option to preserve 1.75 wooded acres with a wild cave on South Bass Island. The island, with its karst topography, is riddled with small caves with two open to the public. We are awaiting the publishing of an isopod new to science from a local cave. Who knows what other surprises lurk below the surface here?

This is an opportunity to purchase and protect a wild cave currently on the old Alfred Parker property. The property also has a beautiful area of spring wildflowers including appendaged waterleaf, Dutchman's breeches, wild leeks, and trillium as well as habitat for nesting birds with red-eyed vireo and great crested flycatcher nesting in the vicinity.

We have a conditional purchase agreement with the owner only for a limited time. We would like to see this property preserved as an example of a wild cave with limited public access. There will not be Clean Ohio Conservation Funds available again until September 2011 at the earliest. We hoped to make an application to purchase this property with Clean Ohio



Mike Motycka from The Indiana & Ohio Flatlander's Caving Club is pictured entering the Parker cave.

Funds which require a minimum of 25% of the total purchase price in matching funds. The greater the match you can provide, the more competitive your application. If we cannot extend the current purchase agreement, we will have to quickly find the funds to purchase the property or lose our opportunity!

We will be having another Discover Island Nature family cave program on May 28 (see Page 14) and proceeds will benefit the purchase of this Cave. Cave expert Erin Hazelton is putting together a special fundraiser later this summer. Watch for details.

If you would like to help with this project, we are looking for pledges toward the purchase (send the pledge form below). If we are successful in raising funds for the project, we will contact you when the pledges are to be collected. If you have questions, please call 419-285-5811 or e-mail [leic\\_bsc@cros.net](mailto:leic_bsc@cros.net). We appreciate your continued support!



**PLEASE HELP US PURCHASE A WILD CAVE!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pledged Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail pledge to: LEIC-BSC-, PO Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 **Thank You!**



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**Lake Erie Islands Web Link**

The link below is to the December-January EcoWatch Journal issue (see page 7), that has a great article on Northwest Ohio's Greatest Natural Wonders by BSC Director Kevin Joyce. The Western Lake Erie Island area is mentioned for it's annual bird migration.

<http://bluetoad.com/publication/?i=54485>

# 2011 PLANT EXCHANGE AND GARDEN TALK

by Sandi Glauser

Last year the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center along with the Put-in-Bay Garden Club co-sponsored the first perennial plant exchange. It was a delightful success and so we are doing it again this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14, 2011. The exchange will be held at The Nature Center on Meechen Road.

9am – Plant Drop off. We will begin accepting plants at 9 am. Please take the time to label your plant. If you are unsure, master gardeners will be on hand to help identify them and to answer any questions about how to grow them.

9:30 am – Garden Talk. This year our guest speaker will be Barbara Northrup. Barbara has been with the OSU Extension service for 13 years and is based out of the Toledo Botanical Garden in Lucas County. She will be talking about “The Ohio Heritage Gardens at the Governor’s Residence”. Did you know that Ohio has the only Governor’s residence in the entire United States whose grounds are devoted to showcasing the native plant species in their natural habitats? The idea was conceived in 2000 by former First Lady Hope Taft. The gardens are designed to represent the different physiographic regions of the state such as bogs, wetlands, glaciated, unglaciated, sand dunes, woodlands, and even the alvars of Kelleys Island. Are you as excited as I am to hear about this fascinating garden?

10:15 am – Plant Exchange. The grounds will reopen to exchange plants.

10:30 am – Raffle winners announced. Last year we also held a small raffle of garden themed items. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will be split equally between the Put-in-Bay Garden Club and The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center.

This event is FREE and open to the public. It will be held rain or shine. If you have any questions please contact Sandi Glauser at 419-366-7919.

## Suet for Sale

The LEIC-BSC has been selling suet cakes for the birds for \$2.50 each or five for \$11.00. The special mix of suet, seeds, fruit and other good stuff has been popular with island birds this winter. If you would like to purchase some, call us at 285-5811. Thanks to Pinky Batt and Sue Amrine for the suet, Elizabeth Heineman for the recipe and melting, and Russ Brohl for the preparation!

### LEIC-BSC Membership Form

Membership Notices are sent out annually-this is for new memberships-share with your friends

\_\_\_ \$25 Friend \_\_\_ \$100 Contributor \_\_\_ \$500 Patron \_\_\_ \$50 Supporter \_\_\_ \$250 Steward \_\_\_ \$1000 Life

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Companion \_\_\_\_\_

**Island** Address PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Island Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***In addition to my membership, I would like to donate to:***

#### **Land Protection Fund**

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy, to be used only for expenses related to the purchase of land.

I understand that I will receive a *Certificate of Donation* for income tax purposes.

#### **Nature Camp Fund**

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Nature Camp Fund, organized and directed by the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

#### **Stewardship Fund**

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Stewardship Fund to help maintain those properties owned by the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

Please make checks payable to **(LEIC-BSC) Lake Erie Islands Chapter Black Swamp Conservancy**  
Please Send to: **PO Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456** All donations are tax deductible **Thank You!**

# LEIC-BSC Native Tree & Plant Sale

The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy (LEIC-BSC) is now taking orders for native trees and plants as a fundraiser for our land protection and education programs.

**Trees:** All native trees for sale are sold in 3 gallon containers and range from \$25 (1-2' tall) to \$40 each (3-6' tall). The 10 varieties available are White Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Northern Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Kentucky Coffee Tree, American Sycamore, and Boxelder. All these trees are native to the islands and will thrive in this environment. They have been grown from Ohio seed stock by Riverside Trees in Delaware, Ohio.

**Plants:** LEIC-BSC is also selling over 40 varieties of native perennial plants and flowers from the Naturally Native Nursery in Bowling Green, Ohio. An order form is attached and is also available at [www.lakeerieislandsbsc.com](http://www.lakeerieislandsbsc.com). In addition, all families of students at Put-in-Bay School will receive order information sent home with their child from school. Beautify your yard and support the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

Plant orders may be placed until May 1 and your order can be picked up on May 14 at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center during the Plant Exchange Program. Tree orders should be placed by April 15 and will be available by May 1. Arrangements will be made for tree pickup. For those on Middle Bass, a pick up date and place can be arranged.

If you need ordering information, order forms or have any questions, please contact Susan Byrnes at 419-285-2306.

## Native Tree and Plant Order Form

Send to: LEIC-BSC, P. O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456

Please make checks payable to LEIC-BSC-Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling- Thank You for your support!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

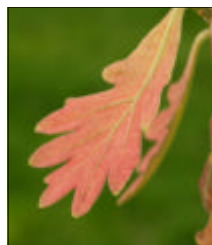
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Trees Qty Cost TOTAL

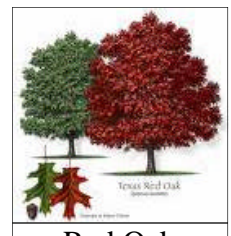
Trees	Qty	Cost	TOTAL
<b>White Oak</b> 1-3' tall		\$25	
<b>Chinquapin Oak</b> 5-6' tall Well drained alkaline soils- perfect for the islands		\$40	
<b>Northern Red Oak</b> 5-6' tall		\$40	
<b>Swamp White Oak</b> 3-4' tall Wet areas		\$40	
<b>Bur Oak</b> 3-4' tall Can withstand drought or wet conditions		\$40	
<b>Kentucky Coffee Tree</b> 4-5' tall Alkaline soils		\$40	
<b>American Sycamore</b> 4-5' tall Wet or well drained		\$40	
<b>Box Elder</b> 3-4 'ft wet or well drained		\$40.	
<b>Total</b>			



White Oak



Chinquapin Oak



Red Oak



Sycamore



Bur Oak



KY Coffeetree



Swamp White Oak

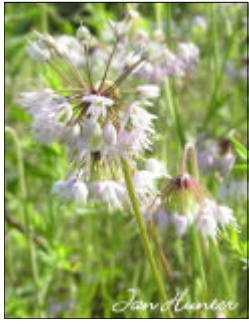


Box Elder

<b>Plants- 5" Pots</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>\$7.00 each</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Nodding Wild Onion</b> -sun, will grow in rocky ground, summer			
<b>Canada Anemone</b> -sun or shade, damp, late spring, early summer			
<b>Thimbleweed</b> -shade or sun, will grow in rocky ground			
<b>Dogbane</b> -sun, shores, will grow in rocky ground, summer			
<b>Wild Columbine</b> -rocky, sun or part shade, spring			
<b>Jack-in-the-Pulpit</b> -shade, woodland, spring			
<b>Swamp Milkweed</b> -part shade or sun, wet areas, summer			
<b>Common Milkweed</b> -part shade or sun, summer			
<b>Butterflyweed</b> -part shade or sun, summer			
<b>Heath Aster</b> -part shade or sun, late summer to fall			
<b>New England Aster</b> -part shade or sun, late summer to fall			
<b>Wild Hyacinth</b> -shade, woodland			
<b>Common Boneset</b> -part shade to full sun, late summer			
<b>White Snakeroot</b> -shade, woodland, late spring-summer			
<b>Wild Strawberry</b> -part shade to full sun, will grow in rocky, areas, spring-early summer			
<b>Wild Geranium</b> -shade, woodland, spring			
<b>Woodland Sunflower</b> -part shade, woodland, summer			
<b>Tall Bellflower</b> -shade, woodland, summer			
<b>Virginia Waterleaf</b> -shade, woodland, spring			
<b>Touch Me Not or Jewelweed</b> -moist soil, sun or shade, summer			
<b>Iris or Blue Flag</b> -part shade to full sun, early summer, moist			
<b>Cardinal Flower</b> -full sun to shade, moist to wet, summer			
<b>Blue Lobelia</b> -part shade to full sun, wet, late summer-fall			
<b>Virginia Bluebells</b> -shade, woodland			
<b>Monkey Flower</b> -moist to wet, part shade to full sun, summer			
<b>Wild Bergamot</b> -part shade to full sun, summer			
<b>Wild Blue Phlox</b> -shade, woodland			

<b>Obedient Plant</b> -sun, moist, summer, hummingbirds, butterflies			
<b>May Apple</b> -shade, woodland, spring			
<b>Virginia Mountain Mint</b> -part shade to full sun, rocky, summer			
<b>Black-Eyed Susan</b> -part shade to full sun, summer			
<b>Grass-leaved Goldenrod</b> -part shade to full sun, rocky areas, summer			
<b>Blue-stemmed Goldenrod</b> -sandy, 1-3' , fall			
<b>Blue Vervain</b> -part shade to full sun, moist soil, summer, butterflies			
<b>NATIVE TO OHIO but not BASS ISLANDS</b>			
<b>Gray-headed Coneflower</b> -part shade to full sun, late summer-fall, moist soil			
<b>Purple Coneflower</b> -part shade to full sun, late summer			
<b>Turtlehead</b> -sun, wet areas, late summer-fall			
<b>Tall Coreopsis</b> -sun, late summer-fall			
<b>Marsh Blazing Star</b> - part shade to full sun, wet, late summer-fall			
<b>Foxglove Beardstongue</b> -full sun to part shade, summer, bees, hummingbirds			
<b>Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus</b> -Sand, partial shade to full sun			
<b>GRASSES- 5" Pots</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>\$6.00 each</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Big Bluestem Grass</b> -sun, rocky ground			
<b>Bottlebrush Grass</b> -shade, woodland			
<b>Canada Wild Rye Grass</b> -sun			
<b>Switch Grass</b> -part shade to full sun,			
<b>Virginia Wild Rye Grass</b> -tolerant of shade, moist soil			
<b>SHRUBS</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>\$8.00 each</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Silky Dogwood</b> -part shade/full sun			
<b>Common Elderberry</b> -moist soil, part shade to full sun			
<b>Rose Mallow</b> -moist soil, part shade to full sun			
<b>Ninebark</b> -rocky ground, part shade to full sun			
<b>Pasture Rose</b> -dry, rocky, summer			
<b>Swamp Rose</b> -wet, sunny, summer			
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>			

# Native Plants You Too Can Grow!



Nodding Wild Onion



Wild Columbine



Jack-in-the-Pulpit



Swamp Milkweed



Blue Vervain



Common Milkweed



Butterflyweed



Heath Aster



New England Aster



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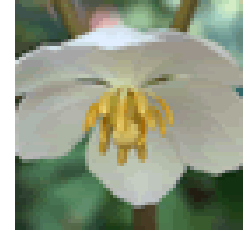
Common Boneset



Wild Strawberry



Wild Geranium



Mayapple



Woodland Sunflower



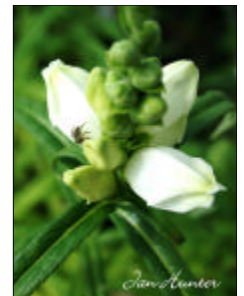
Virginia Waterleaf



Cardinal Flower



Blue Lobelia



Turtlehead



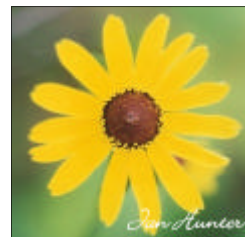
Wild Bergamot



Obedient Plant



Virginia Mountain Mint



Black-eyed Susan



Tall Coreopsis

*These are just some of the pictures, sorry we don't have all of them*

# NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

## Friends

Mark and Barb Barnhill  
Thomas and Paula Bartlett  
John and Mary Berger  
Louis A. Cabral,  
*(gift from Bridget Wise)*  
Carl Cooper  
Judy DuShane  
Krissy and Jeff Hart  
Edwin Isaly  
Bill and Lois Jellison  
Doug and Liz Knauer  
Marilyn Linton  
Dorothy Maringer  
Anne Parker  
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Steve, Sue, and Jenna Prahst  
Judy Prinz  
Darlene Sillick  
Thomas Snyder

## Supporter

Tom and Diane Brennan  
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Tim and Jeanette Luecke  
Kathryn Knaser  
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Marina and Galen Guenther  
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John M. and Louise F. Titchener

## Patron

Yardworks

## Life

Christian L. Geiss,  
*(birthday gift from Sherri Geiss)*

## Donations

### LEIC-BSC General Fund

Christine Armbrecht  
*(in honor of Lisa Brohl)*  
Dorothy Maringer

### Memory of Bret K. Russell

*(son of Bob and Nancy Russell)*  
Kelly and Marty Faris

### Memory of Willis (Bud) Toole

Muriel Sneller

### Memory of Mary Ladd Carr

Ken and Fran Beck  
Tom and Diane Brennan  
Lisa and Russ Brohl  
Black Swamp Conservancy  
Patrick and Ann Dailey  
Kelly and Marty Faris  
Muriel Sneller

E. H. & S. M Tancock  
Ray Traverso  
Joan Wulkowicz

## LEINWC

Kristin Stanford-File Cabinet  
Suzanne Kostura-Digital Photo Frame

## Bird Seed Sale

*Extra donations*

Scott Market, Ruth Scarpelli, Sue Amrine, Paul Ladd, Beth Niese

## Bazaar

Carmen Trisler, Lisa Brohl -  
*jelly for sale*  
Stan Gebhardt-  
*Middle Bass Maple Syrup*  
Laura Coviello of Colored Fusion-  
*Monetary Donation*

## Annual Meeting

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Marsha Collett-Champagne  
Tip Niese-Great Lakes Christmas Ale  
Lisa Brohl-Nametags, Business Cards,  
*Pens*  
Russell Brohl-Prime Rib, Salmon  
Lianne Genzman-Cake

## LEIC-BSC Volunteers

Janine Cerny-  
*Winter Newsletter stuffing*  
Danny Duggan-  
*Thank You Note Writing*  
Nora Ladd-Membership Mailing  
Finn, Henry and Jack Genzman-  
*Scheff East Point Nature Preserve*  
*Litter Patrol*

## LEIC-BSC On The Go

The LEIC-BSC booth traveled to the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference sponsored by the Ohio Division of Wildlife on March 9 and to the Ohio Botanical Conference on March 25. Kristin also took our materials to a program she did at the Shreve Migration Sensation. LEIC-BSC will be represented at the State of the Island Dinner the evening of March 25.

Lisa Brohl participated in a panel for a workshop held in January that was put together by the Ottawa County Community Foundation for non-profits seeking grant assistance. The panel of past successful recipients including Lisa, Diane Rozak of Danbury Township and Kim Kaufman of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory were asked to help answer questions. Member Bob Reynolds and PIB Township Clerk Rick Rothert were also in attendance.

LEIC-BSC also sat in on a webinar about changing ADA requirements for trails.



# Ten Wonderful and Productive Years!

By Kelly Faris

On December 14, about 20 people braved cold, gusty winds, intermittent snow showers and ice slick roads at Put-in-Bay to attend the Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy at the South Bass Island Lighthouse. The General Meeting highlighted the tenth anniversary of the creation of the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

When the first meeting of the LEIC was held in 2000, five members made up the Board of Directors: Lisa Brohl, Lianne Genzman, Claudette Moore, John Ladd, and Carol Richardson. Kelly Faris served as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Lisa Brohl, chair, of the LEIC reviewed the highlights of the year: the dedication in April of the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail Addition, the dedication of the Middle Bass Island East Pont Preserve in October, and the formal transfer of the Scheeff East Pont Nature Preserve from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to Put-in-Bay Township Park District.

Lisa stressed the accomplishments of the LEIC over the last ten years which included a host of programs from the Elderhostel groups to the annual Nature Camp which has reached well over 1000 youngsters who participated in environmental education programs.

The LEIC has also been involved in establishing a Nature Camp at Middle Bass Island, participating in the annual Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebrations, and launching other educational programs such as "Wild Tuesdays" at the Nature Center and "Days of Discovery" for adults and youngsters at Put-in-Bay.

The LEIC was instrumental in the purchasing and creation of the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center which functions under the auspices of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. The LEINWC is in the process of becoming its own independent, non-profit organization.

At the General Meeting, the members formalized their involvement with the Put-in-Bay Township Park District by accepting the position of Advisory Council to the Park District.

Lisa thanked the members for their hard work and dedication and hours of volunteer efforts on behalf of the LEIC. Lisa also mentioned some of the numerous organizations with whom the LEIC has worked: the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, the Trust for Public Land, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Put-in-Bay Township Park District, Put-in-Bay School Recreation Committee, the Middle Bass School Board, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission, The Ohio State University, and the Black Swamp Conservancy.

*Today almost 200 people make up the membership of the LEIC.*

Members approved by popular acclamation Lianne Genzman, John Ladd, Valerie Mettler, and Bob Russell to two-year terms as members of the Lake Erie Chapter Board of Directors. Lisa Brohl, Kristin Stanford, Susan Byrnes, Peggy Leopold, Marsha Collett, and Matt Thomas are the other members of the ten member Board. Kelly Faris is the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization. John Dodge, Richard Gump, and Carol Richardson comprise the advisory council to the organization.

Members gave themselves a round of applause for ten successful years and looked forward to additional successful years in maintaining its mission: "to encourage conservation and protection of natural and agricultural lands in the lake Erie islands for the benefit of future generations."

After the formal business of the meeting was completed, the members participated in a prime rib dinner prepared by Russ Brohl and member chefs. Thanks to Tip Niese and Marsha Collett for the donation of holiday cheer for all! And to OSU Stone Lab for the use of the Lighthouse.



## 10,000 ACRES ... PROTECTED FOREVER

See stunning images captured during the past year by the region's finest landscape and nature photographers. These images are of preserves and family farms from across northwest Ohio, protected forever from commercial development by the Black Swamp Conservancy. Also showcased are close up images of plants and animals on conservancy properties. The Black Swamp Conservancy has protected 10,000 acres of farmland, meadows, wetlands, woods and other open spaces since its founding in 1993. This exhibit celebrates that milestone.

**Saturday, May 7 through Sunday, August 28, 2011**

**Exhibit Open on Saturdays & Sundays**

**12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.**

***National Center for Nature Photography***

**Secor Metropark, 10001 W. Central Ave., Berkey, OH**

## Mary Ladd Carr

Mary L. Carr, 87, died early Christmas morning at Providence Care Center after a long illness.

She was born on September 17, 1923 at Put-in-Bay, along with her twin brother Harlow (Sandy), to Katherine (Brookner) and Nathan Ladd. After high school Mary attended nursing school for two years but had to leave due to illness. After recovering, she attended secretarial school and later worked as a secretary in the Industrial Relations Department of U.S. Steel in Cleveland. Mary met her husband there, and she married Robert G. Carr on December 8, 1945. She joined Bob on many of his Great Lakes voyages, and she enjoyed relating tales of freighter life. After moving to Put-in-Bay she worked in the office at Saunders Resort for eleven years. Mary was a life member of the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy, and she was instrumental in the creation of the Ladd-Carr Wildlife Woods on the island. As a lifelong bird lover and frequent contributor to the Lake Erie Island Christmas Bird Count, she was interested in land preservation. Mary loved her family and her friends, as well as her beloved Put-in-Bay. Mary is survived by a sister, Georgia MacVean, of Pompano Beach, Florida; and a brother and LEIC-BSC board member John (Paula) Ladd of Put-in-Bay; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Bob; and three brothers, Harlow, Robert, and James Ladd. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorial donations be made to Mother of Sorrows or to Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

The funeral service was held on January 8 on South Bass with a wake following at the Skyway Restaurant. As if to honor Mary, a flock of snow buntings at the Skyway entrance greeted all who drove in and out that afternoon!



Paula Ladd, Mary Ladd Carr, John Ladd at  
*Ladd Carr Wildlife Woods*

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## Arbor Day Observance

By Kelly Faris



The last Friday in April -- April 29, 2011 -- will mark the third annual Arbor Day Observance by the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission. The celebration will be held at 4:00 PM along Langram Road near the intersection of Concord Avenue. All who attend may participate in the planting of three trees: a flowering dogwood, an eastern red bud, and a witch-hazel. These trees will join the magnolia and lilac trees which were planted during previous celebrations. The trees are a wall of color in the spring and soothing shades of green in the summer months.

Arbor Day is dedicated to the planting and conservation of trees. Arbor Day was conceived in the 1870's by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor. Morton settled in treeless Nebraska and believed that planting trees would help beautify, provide shade, and prevent soil erosion by creating windbreaks. Morton proposed an Arbor Day celebration and the first Arbor Day was held on April 10, 1872.

Having met the standards required by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, the Village of Put-in-Bay is recognized as a member of the Tree City USA Program.

Village of Put-in-Bay Mayor Judith Berry issued a proclamation naming Friday, April 29, 2011, as Arbor Day within the Village of Put-in-Bay, and the Council has appropriated the necessary funding for this observance. Members of the Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris, and Kendra Koehler.

The Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission works closely with the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District. Please join us for this Arbor Day Observance.



## Mexican Fiesta Potluck April 7th

On Thursday, April 7th, 2011, the National Park Service at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial will be holding a joint potluck with their partners, the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy. We will all meet at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall at 6:30 pm for a brief talk about our partnerships in education and preservation projects on the islands followed by a potluck dinner. The NPS will provide the main dish of enchiladas and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. See you there!

# Islands Christmas Bird Count

By Lisa Brohl



On Sunday, December 19, the Lake Erie Islands Count Circle held their annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Birds are usually identified and counted on Kelleys, Pelee, South and Middle Bass Islands that day. Bird species recorded three days before and three days after but not seen the day of the count are recorded as "count week birds". Count compiler John Pogacnik reported a total of 77 species and 71,469 individual birds for this year from all the islands that were surveyed.

This winter's count was definitely different on the Bass Islands due to the very cold December we had. There were only a few areas of open water this year. Thanks to a tip from Paul Ladd about an open patch off Buckeye Point, Lisa Brohl and Susan Harrington were able to count over 150 tundra swans as the sun rose that day. Annie Parker had been monitoring their presence in open water near Chapman's Reef that froze over that night. The swans were concentrated at the Buckeye Point location.

Other highlights of the day on South Bass included a snow bunting at Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve, a yellow-bellied sapsucker that had been showing up daily at Bob Glauser's feeder, and a flurry of yellow-rumped warblers and downy woodpeckers feeding on poison ivy berries before the afternoon snow hit. Pine siskins visiting from the north were recorded at a few feeders. Look for more of them this year with your goldfinches! Ruth Scarpelli saw two bald eagles fly overhead while watching her feeder that day. A lone red-winged blackbird made an appearance on count day at a feeder. Large numbers of American robins and European starlings were counted. John Dodge found a great blue heron feeding at one of the bubbling systems at a dock in the bay the day after the count.

The highlight of the Kelleys Island count from Tom Bartlett and Sandy Tkach was a rare Bohemian waxwing found with some cedar waxwings. The north and east side of Kelleys still had open water and so produced a variety of waterfowl including large numbers of common goldeneye, common mergansers and gadwall. Both white-winged and black scoters were sighted as well.

Gloria Wolf watched birds on Middle Bass. On South Bass, Lisa Brohl, Susan Harrington, John Dodge, Bridget Wise, Maisie Cox, Beth Niese, Russ Brohl, Anita McCann, Bob Glauser, Kit Knaser, Sue Amrine, Mindy Schuster, Cindra and Paul Lipke Benn, Michelle Heineman, Ruth Scarpelli, Angie Martens, Walt Duff, Len Knam, Annie Parker, Maryann McCann and Sharon Gray birded the island or watched feeders.

Susan Harrington organized a CBC 4 KIDS through Sonoma Birding on Monday, December 20. The gym classes of Put-in-Bay School K-7 plus Casey and Ian Ladd, Emily Shantz, Jessica Krueger and Meredith Engle enjoyed birding the island for this new count for the younger set. They were able to add hermit thrush and common merganser to our Christmas Count data. These were birds we did not see on Sunday.

Nora Ladd, Jack and Henry Genzman, Elena Schroeder, Casey and Ian Ladd, Morgan and Matthew Stacy, Kate and Joe Burns, Willow Lipke Benn, Chelsea Mays, and Jack Booker on South Bass and Cecilia Glauser and Emily Schanz on Middle Bass all watched birds and/or feeders for the adult Christmas Bird Count as well. We should have a great Christmas Bird Count in the years to come with all these new birders!

Thanks to property owners for access, to all the counters and feeder watchers, and to Valerie Mettler for providing lunch for some of the counters on Sunday. Hot soup and chocolate is always appreciated! Thanks to everyone who called with bird sightings as well.

## Midwest Birding Symposium Donation

We want to apologize for and clarify an error in the LEIC-BSC Winter 2009 newsletter about the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve dedication. The \$3,500 donation to the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve that was credited to the Ohio Ornithological Society (OOS) actually was from The Midwest Birding Symposium (MBS).

The OOS, Bird Watcher's Digest, and The Lakeside Association all worked in concert to make sure the 2009 MBS was a success, and it was because of that success that they were able to support the efforts of The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy in acquiring the vital migratory stopover habitat on Middle Bass Island. One of their primary goals in creating this fall birding event on Lake Erie is to leave behind something positive.

The Midwest Birding Symposium will again be held at Lakeside, Ohio on September 15-18, 2011. For a schedule of events and to register, please visit <http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/mwb/preregister.php>.

It will be a great time and a wonderful learning opportunity right in our backyard! We hope that LEIC-BSC will have a booth at the event. If interested in volunteering, let us know.

## Village Tree Audit

Paul Genzman and his Environmental Science classes from Put-in-Bay School have been working on a tree audit for the Village of Put-in-Bay's Tree Commission. They will be producing a map listing the tree species and physical characteristics of those trees on publicly owned property within the Village Limits. This will assist the Village Tree Commission in maintaining the Tree City status for the Village of Put-in-Bay. Thanks to students Amanda and Elizabeth McCann, Molly Domer, and Emily Schanz who have helped with the project!

# Way to Go Lisa!

By Kelly Faris

On December 9, at the Annual Awards Ceremony of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in Columbus, Lisa Kutschbach-Brohl, full-time resident of South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay, Ohio) was awarded the ODNR Cardinal Award for 2010. Lisa was one of five recipients. The Ohio Cardinal Award is presented by the employees of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in recognition of outstanding and significant contributions that further and/or enhance the department's mission: To ensure a balance between the wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all.



Sean Logan, Lisa Brohl and Governor Ted Strickland

Director of the ODNR, Sean Logan presented the award to Ms. Brohl. Mr. Logan stated, "Lisa Kutschbach-Brohl is the epitome of an effective Ohio conservationist."

In 2000, Lisa was instrumental in the creation of the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy (LEIC-BSC). The LEIC is dedicated to the conservation and protection of natural and agricultural lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the benefit of future generations. The Lake Erie Islands are an important staging and stop over for hundreds of varieties of migratory birds as well as home to the federally threatened and state endangered Lake Erie Water Snake. Her work for the conservancy includes coordinating critical land acquisition and conservation easements of Lake Erie Island properties, including parcels on South Bass and Middle Bass Islands. Kutschbach-Brohl has served as the chair of the LEIC/BSC Board of Directors since its inception 10 years ago. She is an advocate for

nature-based education and works tirelessly to organize and write grant applications, speak to individuals and negotiate with land owners, government entities, elected officials and other conservation organizations. Lisa is also a commissioner of the Put-in-Bay Township Park District.

Lisa attributes her beginning love of nature to walks with her grandmothers hunting for berries, picking mushrooms, and searching for wildflowers and birds in the rolling hills of southern Ohio. On accepting the Cardinal Award, Lisa stated, "Although I am the one who received the award, it really goes to a lot of people who have helped and supported our conservation efforts and environmental education programs."

Other recipients of the 2010 Ohio Cardinal Awards were Howard Calhoun, long standing member of the Ohio Wildlife Council; Friends of Buck Creek Recreation Corridor who developed a project to mitigate and modify existing low head dams along Buck and Beaver Creeks; Ohio Leave No Child Inside Collaborative, an organization that has brought national attention to the critical role that nature plays in the development of healthy children; and John Ross, writer for Columbus Alive, who chronicles a host of outdoor activities in Ohio.

## South Bass Light Open House and Bazaar

By Valerie Mettler



Cub Scouts at the Christmas Bazaar

Nothing signals the holidays more than a snowy night, hot spiced cider and a whole group of friends at the Christmas Bazaar. On December 8th, the LEIC-BSC and the Ohio State University invited everyone to the South Bass Island Lighthouse for an open house and Christmas Bazaar. Nearly 100 guests toured the beautiful historic building and visited fourteen craft vendors. The Friends of Stone Lab provided hot chocolate, hot spiced cider and coffee as well as dishes of



Board Member Susan Byrnes

candy and finger foods located throughout the house. The Cub Scouts manned the kitchen table with their top selling baked goods, the 4-H sold hotdogs with all the trimmings and the PIB Panthers sold Panther Pride items. The LEIC-BSC sold lots of island jelly, maple syrup and the new t-shirts from the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. And that's only a sample of the available goods! If you missed it and are interested in maple syrup, t-shirts, note cards, or tote bags, please call Valerie Mettler (419-285-8301) or Lisa Brohl (419-285-5811).

# Nature Camp Registration Time Is Here!

By Lisa Brohl

Nature Camp at the Bay will be here soon. Camp will take place over three weeks: July 18-21, July 25-29, and August 1-5. See the registration form for proposed times and age groups.

We will be learning about bees and worms at Nature Camp with the younger children. Environmental Adventure Camps will be visiting Stone Laboratory this year. Environmental Adventure Camp 2 will be traveling to Middle Bass Island for their campout. We will be offering two sessions of Environmental Adventure Camp 1, one with an overnight campout and one with a cook out lunch. Additional sessions of Nature Camp and My First Nature Camp have been added to accommodate our ever growing camp program. We are planning a special Nature Camp kickoff program on Sunday, July 17 for the whole family at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center so watch for more details to come.

Nature Camp at the Bay is sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, and the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee. Thanks to everyone for their support!

Additional registration forms are available on our [www.lakeerieislandsbsc.com](http://www.lakeerieislandsbsc.com) website, by e-mailing [leic\\_bsc@cros.net](mailto:leic_bsc@cros.net), or stopping by the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society or Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Please send yours in as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Once we receive your registration, a full schedule, volunteer sign up list, full medical forms and more information will be sent to you in early June.

Are you having trouble coming up with the camp fees? Financial assistance is available through the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee. Call Lisa Brohl (285-5811) or Valerie Mettler (285-8301) for information. Do you want to help with the financial assistance program? Just send a check to LEIC-BSC with NC assistance fund in the memo. Thanks!

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## Thanks to our Volunteers!

We would like to thank Linda Rence for doing the filming for a Green Giant grant award in March. Thanks also to our partners at Perry's Victory and IPM for the use of their video camera and for Rodney Karr's expertise in getting it formatted to send off! Thanks for landscape architect, Jim Speck, for help with the Recreational Trail Grant. We really appreciate everyone's help!



Janine Cerny mailed the last issue of the newsletter

Thanks



Nora Ladd stuffing LEIC-BSC membership envelopes

Merci



Finn, Henry, and Jack Genzman cleaning up Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve



Dan Duggan writing LEIC-BSC thank you notes

Gracias



Rodney Karr assisting with Green Giant video

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# Registration Form for Nature Camp at the Bay 2011

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Camper? \_\_\_\_\_

Age & Birth Date (Check Age Requirements Must be of Age by Camp Date) Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Check which address to use as mailing for Nature Camp, if not sure include the date to start mailing to that address

( ) Island Address \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other Address \_\_\_\_\_

Island Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (if Different) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

## Check Preferred Camp Session and Time:

### July 18-21 (Age 6-8) Nature Camp

\_\_\_\_\_ A (8:30-10:30am) Fee \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ B (10:30am-12:30) Fee \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ C (1:30-3:30pm) Fee \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ D ( 3:30-5:30pm) Fee \$50

### July 25-27 (Age 4-5) My First Nature Camp

\_\_\_\_\_ A (8:00-9:30am) Fee \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ B (9:30-11:00am) Fee \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ C (11:00am-12:30pm) Fee \$30

### July 25-29 (Age 11-14) Environmental Adventure Camp 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Mon-Weds 1:30-4:30pm, Overnight Campout Thursday-Friday Fee \$90

### Aug 1-4 (Age 9 + 10) Environmental Adventure Camp 1 A

\_\_\_\_\_ A (9:00am -12:00pm) Thursday-Lunch Cookout Fee \$90

### Aug 1-5 (Age 9+ 10) Environmental Adventure Camp 1 B

\_\_\_\_\_ B (1:00-4:00pm) Mon.-Weds., Thursday night/Friday morning Camp Out Fee \$90

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekend Campout for Ages 15 and older, Check if interested and we will contact with details depending on number of respondents. Possible Weekends August 13 or July 9, 2011

## Make checks to LEIC-BSC. Mail to LEIC-BSC Nature Camp Program, P. O. Box 155, PIB, OH 43456

Does your child have any allergies, special medical condition, require any medication or have any other physical limitations? A more detailed medical form will be sent with the confirmation letter.

For 9 and older- Environmental Adventure Camp-Please Describe Child's Swimming Ability

## Permission Form

You have my permission to use photos of my child participating in Nature Camp. (Please check those that you approve. Names will only be used in the Put-in-Bay Gazette.) No name will be used with online photos of Nature Camp. All photos will be posted on Photo Bucket and will only be available to campers. You will get the site and password with your confirmation letter. Photos will be posted for 30 days.

\_\_\_\_\_ Put-in-Bay Gazette \_\_\_\_\_ LEIC-BSC Website \_\_\_\_\_ LE IC-BSC Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ LE C-BSC Photo Display \_\_\_\_\_ Other Nature Camp Promotions

My (son/daughter) \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate fully in the Nature Camps sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy and the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. I understand that all reasonable care will be taken for my child's safety but in the event of an accident I assume responsibility for all medical expenses. I authorize emergency medical treatment if none of the above named emergency contact persons can be reached at the time of an emergency.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake Erie Islands Chapter  
Black Swamp Conservancy  
Financial Report: 2010**

**General Fund**  
**Bal: Jan. 1, 2010 \$16,461.29**

**Income:**  
Donations \$ 3,907.40  
Grants \$12,210.46  
Life Membership \$ 1,000.00  
Misc. \$ 750.00  
Raffles \$ 276.67  
Sales \$ 1,123.56  
Support Dues \$ 4,913.00  
Discovery Nature Camp \$ 315.00  
Newsletter Ads \$ 300.00  
Bird Seed Sales \$ 1,951.00  
Interest \$ 77.82  
**\$26,824.91**

**Expenditures:**  
Equipment \$1,108.00  
Honorarium \$ 300.00  
Office Supplies \$ 152.30  
Newsletter \$1,182.08  
Brochures \$ 958.00  
Postage \$ 647.30  
Transportation \$ 155.00  
Property Tax \$ 175.00  
Misc \$2,012.75  
Bird Seed \$1,338.60  
Supplies \$ 391.78

Birding Nets \$ 1,709.45  
MB Clean up \$18,500.00  
**\$28,630.26**

**Bal. Dec. 31, 2010 \$14,655.94**

**Nature Camp Fund**  
**Balance: Jan. 1, 2010 \$4,356.60**

**Income:**  
Donations \$2,870.00  
Grants \$4,964.50  
Participant Fees \$7,185.00  
**\$15,019.50**

**Expenditures:**  
Honorarium/Instruction \$12,387.50  
Supplies \$ 3,143.10  
Travel \$ 655.50  
Refund \$ 170.00  
**\$16,356.10**

**Balance: Dec. 31, 2010 \$3,020.00**

**Land Protection Fund**  
**Balance: Jan. 1, 2010 \$25,013.49**

**Income:**  
Donations \$ 1,025.00  
Plant Sales \$ 552.00  
Book Sales \$ 300.00  
MB Nature Preserve \$11,475.00  
**\$13,352.00**

**Expenditures:**  
Land \$ 15,785.00  
Jane's Trail \$ 15,742.25

Purchase Plants \$ 359.00  
Purchase Books \$ 400.00  
Survey \$ 500.00  
Misc. \$ 26.62  
**\$32,812.87**

**Balance: Dec. 31, 2010 \$ 5,552.62**

**Stewardship Fund**  
**Balance: Jan. 1, 2010 \$1,550.00**

**Income:**  
Donations \$0.00  
Grants \$0.00  
Misc. \$0.00  
**\$0.00**

**Expenditures:**  
Site Review \$0.00  
Travel \$0.00  
Misc. \$0.00  
**\$0.00**

**Bal: Dec. 31, 2010 \$1,550.00**

**General Fund \$ 14,655.94**

**Nature Camp Fund \$ 3,020.00**

**Land Protection Fund \$ 5,552.62**

**Stewardship Fund \$ 1,550.00**

**TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 24,778.56**

**LEINWC Wish List**

Items

Stairs for the hill leading down to the frog pond\*\*\*Curbs for LEINWC Parking Lot (railroad ties\*\*\*Bird bath\*\*\*Green laser pointer  
Wildlife motion camera\*\*\*Fencing and parking for Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve\*\*\*Glass display case for gift shop merchandise

General Volunteer Needs

Lisa Brohl recently met with United Way representative Kristin Gerwin from Ottawa County who put up the following volunteer requests for us on their web-site!

LEIC-BSC

**Invasive Plant Removal and Restoration**-We have an ongoing need for invasive plant removal at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail on South Bass Island. Spring is the time for removal of Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) and late fall for Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). We can train and meet volunteer groups or individuals who would like to work on this. We will also need volunteers to help plant native trees at the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve.

**Trail Maintenance**-We need periodic maintenance on our Jane Coates Wildflower Trail on South Bass Island. We have donated wood chips that need to be spread on the trail each year.

**Educational Programs**-We are always looking for volunteers to help with our educational programs including the summer Nature Camp program for ages 4-14. We hold our Camps the last two weeks in June on Middle Bass Island and the last two weeks in July and first week in August on South Bass Island. We especially need a volunteer to help with registration starting in April.

**Grant Writing, Website, Newsletter Mailings**-We need individuals that would like to help with grant writing, website work, newsletter mailings or data base set up. This is ongoing and could be done from your home with our guidance.

LEINWC

**Invasive Plant Removal**-We have an ongoing need for invasive plant removal on the Nature Trail at the Center. Spring is the time for removal of Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) and late fall for Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). We can train and meet volunteer groups or individuals who would like to work on this.

**Maintenance**-We need periodic maintenance and cleaning on our building, grounds, gardens and trail. Call 419-285-3037 to see what the latest projects are.

**Educational Programs**-We are always looking for volunteers to help with our Wild Tuesday programs or to help with tours or admissions at the Center.

**Grant Writing, Website, Architect, Accountant**-We need individuals that would like to help with grant writing and website work. We especially need the services of an architect and an accountant in our search for an addition to and expansion of our Center.

# **BIRDING SOUTH BASS ISLAND**

The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy will help host bird programs and activities for a Road Scholar program sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Some of the events will be open to the public and all are welcome to attend the following:

## **Monday, May 2, 7:15PM, Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

*Migration All Around Us: How Birds Navigate the Americas* with Andy Jones, Ornithology Department Chair, Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

## **Tuesday, May 3, 7:15PM, Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

*Banding Birds* with Tom Bartlett, Master Bander for the USGS and certified bander/trainer for the North American Banding Council.

## **Wednesday May 4, 3:30PM, Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

Mona Rutger from Back to the Wild, a wildlife rehab and educational facility, will give an educational program on native wildlife and have a live bald eagle, hawks, owls and many other animals

## **Wednesday, May 4, 7:15PM Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

*Spring Warbler ID* with Tom Bartlett, Master Bander for the USGS and certified bander/trainer for the North American Banding Council.

## **Monday, May 9, 7:15PM, Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

*Migration All Around Us: How Birds Navigate the Americas* with Andy Jones, Ornithology Depart. Chair, Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

## **Tuesday, May 10, 7:15 PM, Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

*Banding Birds* with Tom Bartlett, Master Bander for the USGS and certified bander/trainer for the North American Banding Council.

## **Wednesday, May 11, 7:15PM, Put-in-Bay Town Hall**

*Spring Warbler ID* with Tom Bartlett, Master Bander for the USGS and certified bander/trainer for the North American Banding Council.

*If you have questions, please call the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy at 419-285-5811 or the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society at 419-285-2804.*

## **DISCOVER ISLAND NATURE FAMILY PROGRAMS**

### ***Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy***

#### **DISCOVER ISLAND NATURE - Islands for the Birds - Sunday, May 1, 2011**

Why do birds migrate? Why are the Lake Erie Islands such important stops along their migratory route? During this intergenerational Discover Island Nature session, learn about the behaviors and biology of the bird species that that migrate each year through the Lake Erie region. Begin your day with certified bird bander Tom Bartlett while he demonstrates how to band and record migratory songbirds. Brush up on your listening and song recognition skills during an expert led nature walk and learn to identify birds by sound and sight. Transportation to and from ferry dock included.

#### **DISCOVER ISLAND NATURE - Caves of South Bass - Saturday, May 28, 2011**

Share a grand adventure with your family as you explore the caves of South Bass Island. With cave expert Erin Hazelton, investigate the rock formations and the islands deepest caverns, enjoy a private tour of the historical Perry's Cave, then move on to explore a privately owned cave which is one of the island's largest. Have Lunch with Amy Newell Huston, author of Caves of South Bass Island, and end the day at the world's largest geode-the Crystal Cave. It is required for this tour that there be one adult per child.

#### **DISCOVER ISLAND NATURE - Edible Plants Exploration and Lunch - Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

Spend a day visiting the wilder side of South Bass Island with naturalist Lisa Brohl. Explore the unique habitats of the island and learn about the native plants that make their home here. Collect and prepare some wild foods and enjoy a wild plant lunch followed by more exploration in the afternoon.

#### **DISCOVER ISLAND NATURE - Kayak the Bay - Tuesday, July 5, 2011**

Explore what Put-in-Bay has to offer by kayak! Meet at "Kayak the Bay" for a special tour of Put-in-Bay Harbor and a walk around the Ohio State University Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island. Explore the submersed plants in the bay and the unique mix of northern and prairie flora found on the rocky cliffs of Gibraltar and South Bass Island. View dragonfly naiads and amphi-





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## Earth Day April 23, 2011

Join the National Park Service at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial for an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. LEIC-BSC will be there with our exhibit and some critters and we will provide a hike at one of our preserves. Details will be coming in the Gazette and on the website.

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