FEBRUARY’S SPECIAL EVENTS
Take a look inside the MetroParks Calendar for a wide variety of programs.

Garden Seminar: *Heritage Gardening for the 21st Century*
Fellows Riverside Gardens • 2/21 • 9 am – 4 pm
During the 10th annual winter seminar, discover some of the most successful, sustainable, and simple plants from the 18th through early 20th centuries. These tough and adaptable plants represent the foundation of our gardens today. Speakers will look at historic gardening methods that can be applied to our current gardens. Join us in exploring the rich heritage of the garden and what it can mean to us. The books of our speakers will be available for purchase at the seminar. Presented by the Men’s Garden Club of Youngstown and Mill Creek MetroParks. For more information and to register: www.mgcy.org/Pages/WinterSeminar.aspx $45; $55 after February 8

**TWICE-LOVED BOOK SALE**
Fellows Riverside Gardens • 2/21 – 3/1 • 10 AM – 5 PM
Peruse the tables in the Antonucci Horticulture Library for much loved books on gardening, cooking, and nature. There will also be magazines for sale. Donations of related used books are appreciated at any time. All proceeds benefit the Antonucci Horticulture Library.

**WINTERTIME TEA:**
Southern Charm
Fellows Riverside Gardens • March 1 • 2 – 4 pm
Be enchanted by the charms of the South during this annual fundraiser for the Antonucci Horticulture Library. Enjoy scrumptious treats, entertainment, tea and good conversations. Hats will be admired, but not required. Call FRG to register. $35

If you would like to receive our monthly calendar by email, sign up for our mailing list at MillCreekMetroParks.org
CUISINE
NOURISHING SOUP FEST $4
Fellows Riverside Gardens
215 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Demonstration and tasting. Learn how to prepare Provencal vegetable soup favoring organic ingredients, artisan bread, aromatic pesto, and a sweet souvenir! Learn how to prepare soup in one hour to enjoy at home with Karine Cuchvit. Registration by 2/15. $26

ACADEMY AWARDS DINNER $27
Fellows Riverside Gardens
217 | 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Chic Academy Awards will prepare a meal that is worthy of a red carpet while featuring some of your favorite Oscar winners. Registration by 2/15. $55, FPIC $36

UPCOMING HORTICULTURE
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM $28
Fellows Riverside Gardens
36 | 9:30 am – Noon
Presented through lectures, garden lab sessions, and volunteer experience. Registration is open to any gardener. March 5 through October 29 on most Thursdays either from 9 – 11:30 am or on lab days from 9 – Noon. Please inquire at the FRR Information Desk. $125, R $150 NR

KIDS’ & TEENS’ BACKYARD BIRDS $6G
Ford Nature Center
25 | 10 – 11 am or 27 | Noon – 1 pm
Ages 3-5: What’s it like to live in a bird’s nest? Discover which birds stick around for the coldest season of the year. Registration/2 days in advance. $5, R $7. NR. Add $2 fee after deadline.

NORMOUS EGGS $6G
Pioneer Pavilion
26 or 27 | 10 – 11 am
Ages 3-6. Discover the largest living land mammal in the world through a story and hands-on activities. Registration/2 days in advance at FNC. $5, R $7. NR. Add $2 fee after deadline.

ALL ABOUT HEARTS $6G
Fellows Riverside Gardens
21 | 1 – 2 pm
Ages 3-5. Enjoy a heart-felt story, a heart ornament craft, and a hearty healthy snack. $5

HORTICULTURE
CELEBRATING YOUR ORCHID’S FIRST BIRTHDAY $28
Fellows Riverside Gardens
25 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Becoming an orchid owner may seem daunting, but this class will empower you and help you get your orchid to its first birthday and beyond. Dave Miller of the Greater Akron Orchid Society will show you how to care for your orchid growing will! $10

OPEN STUDIO—GARDEN DESIGN
Fellows Riverside Gardens
27 | 10 am – Noon
Painting your ornamental garden? Want some help on a garden design challenge? Bring design problems or concerns you may have and a staff member can offer suggestions. Basic sketching tools provided or bring your own.

ORCHID WALK-ABOUT
Fellows Riverside Gardens
27 | 10:30 – 11:30 am
Join one of our experts on an orchid walk highlighting the many varieties of orchids displayed throughout the Davis Center.

ORCHID CLINIC
Fellows Riverside Gardens
28 | 2 – 4 pm
Stop by with your questions for our orchid experts, Dave Miller and Jackie Laney. Bring your problem orchids you may have and they will help you get them back on track. Orchid bank mix and orchid pots will be available for sale for a nominal fee.

BOTANICAL MORNINGS $20
Fellows Riverside Gardens
29 | 9 – 10 am
Appreciate the structural beauty of the Gardens during this winterstroll with Lynn Zook. Look for winter hazels and perhaps some early blooming bulbs. $5

GARDENING BASICS: Botany for Beginners $5
Fellows Riverside Gardens
225 | 9:30 – 11 am
Have you ever been stumped by a botanical name? Are you confused by the differences between a sprint and a perennial? If you answered yes to either question, then perhaps a refresher in botany with Sandy Smith is just what you need. $8

PROGRAM KEY
Fox charged for this program $4
Registration Required NR = Non-Resident
FRC = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens
Guardian/adult must accompany child

FAMILY FUN
LOVE ROCKS PROJECT $27
Fellows Riverside Gardens
24 | 11 am – 2 pm
You may have found a Love Rock tucked away in the Family Garden or perhaps someone has given you a Love Rock. Stop by the Love Rock gathering to learn the story of how the rocks came to be and create your own to give to others. Donations are appreciated and all proceeds will benefit the Family Garden.

CAIN FESTIVAL $29
Will Rogers Farm
221 | Noon – 2 pm
Rum of the winner blues with us at Cain Fountain Fest, presented by the MetroAroos Police and Recreation Departments. Activities include a chili cook-off, outdoor games and activities, live music and more. Participate in the raffle or Dixon competition (weather permitting) and do fun winter cuttings! Registration $5 for your favorite chili for a donation. $10 to enter the chili cook-off. Call FNC for chili-cook-off registration, rules, or general event details.

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HIOKES & WALKS
Interpretive Hikes – Slower paced with stops
BETTER HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WILLIAM McMINKLEY!
Ford Nature Center
211 | 11 am – 1 pm
William McMinkle, our 25th president, a Niles native and inventor in the Bear Den Quarries, was born January 29, 1863. After watching a historic photo of Mike Wilson, we’ll hike to the quarry and book. Moderate, 3 mi.

SOUPER BOWL II
Pioneer Pavilion
28 | 2 – 4 pm
Look for signs of wildlife and see if the facts are frozen on the hike around Lick Creek. Hike up afterwards with some homemade soup; please bring a bowl and spoon. Registration at FNC by 2/6. Moderate, 3 mi.

HUNGER MOMENT
Lanternman’s Minibird parking lot
23 | 9 – 11 am
Though both the date and the weather outside may be frightful, a winter hike can be delightful. Learn why Native Americans gave this month such a strange noms. Moderate, 2 mi. Call FNC for details.

LILY POND IN WINTER
Ford Nature Center
25 | 12 – 2 pm
The Lily Pond has plenty of visitors during the winter months, but it’s a socially distant time with cold. Explore nature in and around the pond in winter. Moderate, 2 mi.

Volunteer-led Recreational Guided Tour $29
Fellows Riverside Gardens
21 | 8 – 10 am
Meet at the @ 8:30 to register and we will be on our way to explore the pond in winter. Please bring a warm coat, a cold weather hat, and boots.

REESTORATIVE YOGA
Fellows Riverside Gardens
28 | 8 – 10:30 am
Begin this morning with quiet time resting the body and nourishing the mind with restorative yoga and journaling with Michelle O’Brien. Each class will explore a specific topic to reflect on as you allow yourself to open to the process of relaxation and mindfulness. Please bring several blankets, a pillow, and a notebook. Registration by 2/15. $20

EXPRESSION YOURSELF
HEARTS & CHOCOLATE $29
211 | 5 – 7:30 pm
Nothing says Valentine’s Day like hearts and chocolate. Enjoy an evening of creativity while painting an intuitive art masterpiece and learning about the wonders of chocolate (Teusseuma cacao) plus delicious samples. Lori Nowak and Mandi Smith will be your guides. Registration by 2/15. $50, FRR $40

EXHIBITS
BITES AND PIECES OF OUR HISTORY Fellows Riverside Gardens – MeVick Museum Through December 2015 | 10 am – 5 pm | Free
Attend Bites and Pieces of Our History takes a look at the very early years of Mill Creek Park.

ENTERTAINMENT
STRUTTERS WINTER CONCERT SERIES
Mill Creek Ledge
2012 | 7 – 9:30 pm
Enjoy an evening of music with Rex Tenari.

THIS & THAT
SALSAL DANCE CLASS $28
Pioneer Pavilion
23, 216, 217, 218, 224 | 4 – 7 pm
Swing your hips and enjoy the Latin rhythms as you learn to twirl. No partner? No problem! It is a mixed dance, everyone learns together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Led by dance escort Lynda McPhail and A Time to Dance. Call FNC for tickets. $8

RUMBA DANCE CLASS $28
Pioneer Pavilion
23, 216, 217, 224 | 7 – 9 pm
Come out and enjoy learning this easy to follow slow dance. No partner! No problem! It is a paired dance, everyone learns together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Led by dance escort Lynda McPhail and A Time to Dance. Call FNC for tickets. $8

METROMUTTS: Puppy Love
Lily Pond
21 | 11 am
Take a brisk walk with your favorite Valentines (your canine companion) as we explore the winter beauty of the Lily Pond. Meet at Birch Hill Cabin afterwards for hot drinks, cookies and treats by the Firepave. Share the love and bring an item to donate to local animal shelters. Call FNC for details.

CONTRA DANCE AT PIONEER PAVILION $28
Pioneer Pavilion
21 | 7 – 10 pm
Join in the fun of a Contra Dance on the ballroom floor at the Pioneer Pavilion. This unique folk dance form from the British Isles can be enjoyed by beginners and veterans alike. Dancers are included for each dance. Call FNC for details. $7

CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
Fellows Riverside Gardens
22 | 2 – 3:30 pm
Join Eric Browak for a talk and presentation about this unique and remote park located off the east coast of GA, and an important nesting and surviving natural wonder. Call FNC for details.

METROMUTTS: Hot Dog Hike
Ford Nature Center
20 | 10 – 11 am
Join us for a winter hike around the Ford Nature Center and get warm by the campfire with hot dogs and chocolate. Moderate rating. 2 mi. MetroMutt members free, not yet members $3. Register by 2/26

FOR THE BIRDS
COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS $28
Ford Nature Center
24 | 9:30 – 11 am
As part of the annual Great Backyard Bird Count, join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Nancy Brundage to watch birds while sipping coffee and hot chocolate. Limited spaces, call to register. Choose one session; 9:30 – 11 am or 10:15 – 11 am. $8

BLUEBIRD BOX WORKSHOP $28
MeVick Museum
21 | 1 – 3 pm
Learn about Carolina Bluebirds and make a nest box to attract your favorite bug. Limited spaces, call to register. Afternoon hike, like to the Bluebird trail along the MetroParks Bixley. 510 Bixley Rd. Reservation required at Ford Nature Center by 2/8

AUDUBON SOCIETY/MAHONING VALLEY: NAS Priority Species & Habitats
MeVick Museum
22 | 7 – 8 pm
Join us for a program about the National Audubon Society’s priority species and habitats. Members previously worked for Audubon Maryland-3G.

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