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Celebrating 125 Years

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APRIL 2016

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

Take a look inside the MetroParks Calendar for a wide variety of programs.



FARM ANIMAL Baby Shower



April 10
10 AM – 4 PM

Welcome new arrivals to the barns and see who is still expecting for the season. Petting and touching permitted if baby's not napping. Enjoy cake and punch while supplies last as part of a Shower tradition.



DAFFODIL WEEKEND

FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS
APRIL 23 & 24 • 9 am – 5 pm

Discover the delights of daffodils!

See over 200 species and cultivars on display at the Gardens during a special guided walk each day. Take a stroll through Daffodil Meadow in Mill Creek MetroParks. Participate in the Daffodil Show in the Davis Center that highlights the diversity and beauty of daffodils.

Daffodil Show AT FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS:

Friday, April 22 – Entries accepted: 3 – 5 pm
Saturday, April 23 – Entries accepted: 8 – 10 am,
Judging: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, and Show: 1 – 5 pm
Sunday, April 25 – Show: 9 am – 5 pm.



Plant the Seed
to READ

Children's
Book Festival

Fellows Riverside Gardens | April 16 | 10 am – 3 pm

"Grow Through Reading" during the 10th annual Children's Book Festival. Altrusa Club of Youngstown, Mill Creek MetroParks, Western Reserve Public Media, and the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County together present an event that brings authors, illustrators, book characters, storytellers, and hands-on activities for children. Come out to meet Curious George & the Man in the Yellow Hat and then join the fun to promote literacy in the Mahoning Valley. Free.

Receive notices of MetroParks events by email!
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Kite Festival

Spring Skies Over Rock Ridge

Wick Recreation Area • April 30 • 11 AM – 4 PM

Join the celebration of kites and all things that float, soar and fly through the skies! Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites will brighten the skies with expert kite flying and ingenious designs. Bring your own kite to fly and enter in free games. Enjoy free bubble, glider, and pinwheel activities. Create-a-kite and sky crafts offered for small fee. Call Ford Nature Center for details.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

THE POETIC DETAILS OF PLANTS:

A Writing Workshop \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/12 – 5/10 | Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm
Join writer Karen Schubert in this 5-week workshop that incorporates the details of plants into your own writing. Dress for outdoor exploration. Register by 4/8. \$60; FFRG \$55

MOSAIC FLOWER POTS \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/13 | 6 – 8 pm
Barbara Arndt will guide you in creating a flower pot with mosaic flavor and a variety of color. Register/pay by 4/11. \$26; FFRG \$22

TREES ON TREES! \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/14 | 6 – 8 pm
Join artist, illustrator, and author, Dar James for a fun, hands-on painting workshop that celebrates trees. Register/pay by 4/12. \$34; FFRG \$28

FAMILY FUN

STARRY NIGHT

MetroParks Farm
4/2 | 8 pm, **rain date 4/16**
Save the date for a stellar evening at the MetroParks Farm. View the beauty of the night sky through high powered telescopes with the Mahoning Valley Astronomical Society. Call FNC for details.

FORD HUNT (& HIKE)

Ford Nature Center
4/6 – 4/30 | Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, Noon – 5 pm; Closed Monday
2016 is of our park district’s Quasquicentennial (125th anniversary). Stop by FNC to try to locate 25 birthday cakes hidden to commemorate this milestone, and then go for a hike of your choice.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

Ford Nature Center
4/16 | 10 am – 4 pm
Continue celebrating our park’s 125th birthday. View “classic” 1990s videos of MCMP. Then join the hunt for Volney Rogers’ realized dreams. This scavenger hunt will lead you to various landmarks and jewels of the park. Capture them on your camera to share.

TRACTOR – WAGON RIDES

MetroParks Farm
4/17, 4/24 | 1 pm – 4 pm
Tractor-wagon rides leave approximately every ½ hr for a guided tour. Barns are open to visit the animals. Craft fee \$1.

KIDS & TEENS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MILL CREEK PARK!

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Ford Nature Center
4/8 & 4/9 | 10 – 11 am & Noon – 1 pm
Ages 2 – 6. Celebrate Mill Creek Park’s 125th birthday with a fun craft, activity, and a ride on the Cohasset Express Trolley. Trolley space limited; 1 adult per child. Register/pay prior to 2 days in advance. Additional fee after deadline. \$7 R; \$10 NR

SPROUT CLUB: Moss Pets \$ ♦ G

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/21 | 1 – 2 pm
Ages 3 – 5. Learn about Marimo moss and create a moss pet to take home. Register/pay by 4/19. \$7

SAPLINGS: Mosaic Flower Pots \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/23 | 10 – 11:30 am
Ages 8+. Celebrate Mother Earth by creating a colorful flower pot for your garden or as a gift. Register/pay by 4/21. \$21

TROLLEY TOURS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MILL CREEK PARK TROLLEY TOUR \$ ♦

Boards at FNC
4/6 | 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm
Celebrate the 125th birthday of Mill Creek Park with a ride aboard the Cohasset Express to visit and enjoy nostalgic areas of the park which reflect Volney Rogers’ original vision and efforts. Limited seating. Register/pay at least 2 days in advance at FNC. Adults: \$8 R, \$11 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$6 R, \$9 NR. Additional fee after deadline.

125th ANNIVERSARY TOURS \$ ♦

Boards at FNC
4/16, 4/19, 4/24 | 2 pm or 3:30 pm
Sit back and relax on the Cohasset Express while enjoying views of the natural and historic features of 125-year-old Mill Creek Park, Ohio’s first park district. Limited seating. Register/pay at least 2 days in advance at FNC. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$5 R, \$8 NR. Additional fee after deadline.

BLUEBELL TROLLEY \$ ♦

Boards at FNC
4/28 | 12:30 – 2:30 pm or 3 – 5 pm
After viewing Mill Creek Park’s bluebells, we’ll head out to view the carpet of them in Poland Municipal Forest. Register/pay at least 2 days in advance at FNC. Adults: \$8 R, \$11 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$6 R, \$9 NR. Additional fee after deadline.

PROGRAM KEY

- \$ Fee charged for this program
- ♦ Registration Required
- G Guardian/adult must accompany child
- R = Mahoning County Resident
- NR = Non-Resident
- FFRG = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

GOLF

COLLEGIATE CLUB GOLF CARD SALE \$

Mill Creek Golf Course
available until 4/31
Available to any college student under the age of 23 with an active college ID. Colleges & universities include: Gateway Community College, University of Mount Union, University of Akron, Kent State University and Youngstown State University. Call MCGC for details. \$19.99

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SCHOOL \$ ♦

Mill Creek Golf Course
4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 6/7, 6/14, 6/28
3:30 – 5:30 pm
New program for high school juniors and seniors who want to take their games to the next level and look to play at the collegiate level (boys & girls sessions). Register/pay by 4/18. \$399/student includes a pair of Foot Joy Hyper Flex Golf Shoes (\$175 value)

DONALD ROSS AMATEUR SERIES – 2 Person Scramble Tournament \$ ♦

Mill Creek Golf Course – North Golf Course
4/23 | Tee Time – 10 am
Event #1. This season long golf series is available for all amateur golfers who have an active USGA GHIN Handicap. Divisions for both scratch and handicap for men, women and seniors of all abilities. \$45/player

HIKES & WALKS

Interpretive Hikes – Slower paced with stops
Call FNC for details.

SAME TRAIL TWELVE TIMES

Lanterman’s Mill overflow parking lot
4/3 | 2 – 3:30 pm
Mill Creek Gorge inspired Volney Rogers to establish our park district 125 years ago. We’ll celebrate the Quasquicentennial by hiking the Gorge every month this year. Moderate, 2 mi.

SEARCH FOR SPRING WILDFLOWERS

4/17, 4/24 | 2 – 4 pm
Join our weekly search for these charmingly named short-time bloomers.
4/17 – Meet at Scholl Recreation Area. Moderate, 2 mi.
4/24 – Meet at YCP. Wear boots. Moderate, 2 mi.

FROG WALK

Vickers Nature Preserve
4/29 | 8 – 9:30 pm
During spring, male frogs serenade the females. Join us as we listen, look, catch, and release in the “froggiest place” in the MetroParks. Boots required. Easy, 1 mi.

Recreational Hikes – Faster paced

Call FNC for details.

VOLUNTEER-LED RECREATIONAL HIKES

4/6 | 9 am & 6 pm – Happy 125th Birthday – Hike in Gorge. Meet at Lanterman’s Mill overflow lot. Moderate, 2 mi.
4/10 | 2 pm – Meet at ODOT (401 W. Main St., Canfield). Easy, 2 to 3 mi.
4/20 | 9 am – Meet at overflow parking lot on West Golf Dr. Easy, 1 or 3 mi.
4/26 | 6 pm – Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MPF. Easy, 2 or 4 mi.

FOR THE BIRDS

WOODCOCK WATCH II

MetroParks Farm
4/8 | 7:30 – 9 pm
Witness the amazing mating flight of the males. Wear boots. Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead. Moderate, 1.5 miles. Call FNC for details.

BIRDING THE SANCTUARY ♦

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
4/16 | 8 – 9:30 am
Search for birds with Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited. Boots required. Space limited. Register by calling FNC by 4/15.

EAGLE WATCH ♦

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
4/17 | 8 – 9 am, 9 – 10 am, or 10 – 11 am
Join Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited to observe bald eagles. Reservations must be made by phoning FNC by 5 p.m. April 16. “Walk-ins” not permitted.

AUDUBON SOCIETY/MAHONING VALLEY: Introductory Birding for Kids

MetroParks Farm
4/26 | 7 – 8 pm
Presented by Katie Shipka and Anne Kravitz, Audubon Board members. All kids are encouraged to bring a parent!

UPCOMING

SPRING PLANT SALE

Fellows Riverside Gardens
5/6 & 5/7 | Fri., 10 am – 6 pm & Sat., 10 am – 3 pm
Unique quality plants for the home garden will be available. Perennials (sun & shade), annuals, herbs, fruits and vegetables, roses, trees, shrubs, and more will add to your garden’s beauty.



GET GOLF READY ADULT CLINIC LESSON SERIES \$ ♦

Mill Creek Golf Course
4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17
6 – 7:30 pm
Learn everything you’ll need to play golf in just a few lessons. PGA Pros will show you ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness. Each session will focus on various golf skills. Mix and match clinics: \$25 – 1 day clinic, \$45 – any 2 clinics, \$60 – any 3 clinics, \$100 – any 7 clinics.

LADIES NIGHT OUT \$ ♦

Mill Creek Golf Course
4/28 | 5 – 9 pm
Featuring a golf clothing trunk show, give-a-ways, contests and prizes. Area vendors and sales representatives will be on hand to give a preview of the 2016 ladies clothing, shoe, purses and accessory lines. Drink specials, popcorn and appetizers. \$15

LECTURE

BRENT HEATH & UNDAUNTED DAFFODILS ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/23 | 1:30 pm
These unstoppable, pest-free, beauties have captured the hearts and borders of gardeners in all fifty states and their various climates. This lecture will take you from early spring to early summer, exploring the multiplicity of different types of these bulb flowers. See new varieties to plant in your garden this fall. Sponsored in part by the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Memorial Lecture Series. Registration requested, not required.

HORTICULTURE

SPRING FLOWER PALETTE \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/14 | 6 – 7:30 pm
Join Ellen Speicher for a tour in search of early-blooming flowers. Register/pay by 4/12. \$14; FFRG \$12

MASTER GARDENER GATHERING ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/21 | 6 – 8 pm
Master Gardeners from any program are welcome at this spring gathering of plants, food, and fun.

GUIDED DAFFODIL WALK

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/24 | 2 pm
Delight in the beauty, diversity, and fragrance of daffodils on this guided walk. Drop-in. Free

DESIGNING GARDENS FOR THE VERY YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/26 | 6 – 7 pm
Thinking about creating a home, community, or school gardening space? Come learn about the principles of designing gardens that are welcoming to visitors at any age. Register/pay by 4/24. \$12

BOTANICAL MORNINGS \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/29 | 9 – 10 am
Discover the joy in the blossoming Spring here at FRG with one of our knowledgeable staff members. Register/pay by 4/27. \$5

ATTRACTING MONARCHS \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/30 | 10 – 11:30 am
Learn how to attract Monarchs with tips from Ellen Speicher that include providing simple food and breeding sites for these lovely butterflies. Register/pay by 4/28. \$14; FFRG \$12

EXHIBITS

ORCHIDS AT FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
2/26 – 4/10 | 9 am – 5 pm
Jamie Kirkell’s large silk paintings bring a fun and fresh perspective to the study of the orchid and the iris.

IN THE FOREST

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
4/22 – 6/12 | 9 am – 5 pm
The work of realist painter Jason Floyd Lewis relishes the natural beauty of uninhabited places.

AMERICA’S SCHOOLMASTER: The Early Days of William Homes McGuffey

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Melnick Museum
1/2016 – 1/2017 | 9 am – 5 pm
Learn more about the early days of McGuffey and his boyhood homestead located in Coitsville and now known as the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve.

PLANT SALE

MAHONING VALLEY DAHLIA SOCIETY TUBER SALE

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/10 | 9 am – 4 pm
The Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society will hold a sale with unique varieties that will add to the diversity of your dahlia collection.

HEALTHY LIVING

YOGA IN THE GARDENS \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/5, 4/7, 4/12, 4/14, 4/19, 4/21, 4/26, 4/28 | 9:30 – 11 am
Enjoy yoga that will help you keep a healthy outlook. Bring a mat and small blanket. \$12/class

T’AI CHI STEP ONE IN THE GARDENS \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 | Noon – 1 pm
Warm-ups, breathing exercises and movements will ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. \$10/class

CHAIR TO MAT MOVEMENT \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 | 9 – 10 am
Chair to Mat Movement™ is designed to increase mobility and flexibility for those who find seated floor movement challenging. Drop-in. \$10/class

SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/14 | 6 – 7 pm
Enjoy this deep meditative experience with vibrations of gongs, crystal singing bowls and more. For participants 13 and older. Register/pay by 4/12. \$25

MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/17 | 10:30 am – Noon
Explore a diversity of mindfulness methods. Register/pay by 4/15. \$15; \$18 drop-in



THIS & THAT

CHA-CHA DANCE CLASS \$

Pioneer Pavilion
4/5 | 6 – 7 pm
Learn this fun and versatile Latin dance. No partner? No problem! Everyone learns together. Beginners welcome! Led by dance expert, Lynda McPhail. Call FNC for details. \$5/class at the door.

RUMBA DANCE CLASS \$

Pioneer Pavilion
4/5 | 7 – 8 pm
Enjoy learning the Latin dance of love! No partner? No problem! Everyone learns together. Beginners welcome! Call FNC for details. \$5/class at the door.

STORIES WITH BILL

Pioneer Pavilion
4/9 | 2 – 3:30 pm
Join us as guest speaker Naturalist Emeritus Bill Whitehouse returns to reminisce about his experiences in the Park during more than half of its 125 year existence.

LET’S DANCE! \$

MetroParks Farm – McMahon Hall
4/12 | 6 – 9 pm
Spend the evening dancing the Salsa, Swing, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango, Hustle, West Coast, Polka and more with Lynda McPhail. Half-hour dance lesson at 6 pm. Singles and couples welcome. Call FNC for details. \$5/person at the door.

METROMUTTS: Hike into Spring

East Newport Boat Launch
4/16 | 10 am
Spring has sprung, and if we’re lucky, the daffodils have too. We’ll continue our tradition and take our spring hike up East Newport Drive past spectacular Daffodil Meadow. Call FNC for details. Easy, 2 mi.

METROMUTTS: Beginner Obedience \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm, Barn #4
4/20 | 6 pm
Presented by The Learning Dog. Learn how to teach your dog commands such as “sit,” “down,” “stay,” and play a few obedience games. Call FNC to register/ pay by 4/17. Additional fee after deadline. MetroMutts members free, not-yet-members \$6.

BOY SCOUT EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Ford Nature Center
4/23 | 9 am – Noon
Local Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, and Girl Scout Troops will spend the morning helping to clear out winter’s accumulation of litter across the MetroParks. Call by 4/11 to reserve a work area.

EARTH DAY THEN & NOW

Ford Nature Center
4/23 | 2 – 3:30 pm
Join Naturalist Emeritus Bill Whitehouse for a discussion about the beginning of Earth Day, our current challenges, and how to make a difference.