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2019 Programs & Events



# FEBRUARY

Mill Creek MetroParks





# JEWELS of Winter

Through 3/3 | Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm  
Fellows Riverside Gardens

Find the spirit of the tropics within the comfort of the Davis Center as you observe orchids, the jewels of the plant world, on display.



# Winter Seminar

Gardening Potpourri - A Mix of Gardening Topics

Fellows Riverside Gardens

2/16 | 9 am - 4 pm

The annual Winter Seminar is presented by the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown and Mill Creek MetroParks. For more information and to register, visit the Winter Seminar site:

<https://mgcy.org/>. \$50 before 2/7; \$60 after 2/7





CUISINE

**Beginner Cookie Decorating: Valentines \$ ♦**  
*MetroParks Farm*  
**2/12** | 6 - 8 pm  
Hands-on. Adults & ages 10+ with paid adult. Learn decorating techniques to create a set of colorful cookies to take home with Cindy Velt. Register/pay by 2/9 at FRG. \$36 R; \$40 NR

**My, Oh My, I Like Pie \$ ♦**  
*MetroParks Farm*  
**2/19** | 6 - 8 pm  
Hands-on and tasting. Adults & ages 12+ with paid adult. Join Cindy Velt and Hollie Baker in the making of pie from flaky pie crust to cherry pie filling to a rustic apple cheddar tart. Bring an apron and a rolling pin. Register/pay by 2/14 at FRG. \$30 R; \$34 NR

**Laid Back Cooking: Asian Appetizers \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/19** | 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Hands-on and tasting. Try your hand at the art of Asian cuisine with Jack Kravitz. Register/pay by 2/16. \$22 R; \$24 NR

**Peach Cookies \$ ♦**  
*MetroParks Farm*  
**2/23** | 11 am - 1 pm  
Hands-on. Join Cindy Velt in the making of these delectable peach baked goods. Register/pay by 2/20 at FRG. \$27 R; \$29 NR



EXPRESS YOURSELF

**Herbal Basket \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/9** | 10 am - Noon  
Create a unique and aromatic herbal basket with Judy Stanislaw. Register/pay by 2/7. \$24; FFRG \$22

**Photo Clique: “Still Green” Photo Walk ♦**  
*Meets at Ford Nature Center*  
**2/9** | 1 - 2 pm  
Walk along East Cohasset where winter weather juxtaposed with scenery that stays green all year pair up for excellent photo opportunities. Naturalist Nick Parish will add interpretation of the green winter vegetation. Weather conditions will dictate exact path/distance, but be prepared for the outdoors! Free but, please call FNC to register by 2/6.

**Valentine’s Day Heart Bowl \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/12** | 6 - 8:30 pm  
Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Lynn Cardwell will teach students to construct a clay bowl embossed with textured heart patterns. Register/pay by 2/10. \$28 R; \$32 NR

**Photo Clique Gathering: “For Love of Mill Creek” photo sharing and critique \$ ♦**  
*Pioneer Pavilion*  
**2/21** | 6 - 8 pm  
Mill Creek has numerous spots near & dear to hearts. In advance of the gathering, shoot pics of park places that are special to you. Then bring a few photos (print or digital) to share for a group “critique,” with an eye to finding new perspectives on how photos can “speak” to viewers. There will be opportunities to shoot pictures of “well-loved” historic Pioneer Pavilion. Free for Photo Clique Members; not-yet-members \$2. Please call the FNC by 2-19 to reserve your spot.

**Photo Clique Members Photo Opp: Mill Creek Maple Project ♦**  
*Wick Recreation Area- Morley Parking Area*  
**3/1** | 1 pm – 3 pm  
Photo Clique members will be guided behind the scenes to photograph the Mill Creek Maple process. Members: call FNC to register by 2/27; not-yet-members: please call FNC to learn about becoming a member to participate!

Program Key

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 Fee charged for this program

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 Registration Required

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 Add'l fee after deadline

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 Guardian/adult must accompany child

R

 = Mahoning County Resident

NR

 = Non-Resident

FFRG

 = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

EXHIBITS

**Nature Photography Exhibit**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery*  
**Through 3/24** | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm  
The skills of amateur photographers will be readily apparent as you stroll through the Weller Gallery.

**Mill Creek MetroParks History**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens – Melnick Museum*  
**Ongoing** | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm  
The Melnick Museum offers the visitor a peek into the unique history of Mill Creek MetroParks.

FAMILY FUN

**Yum, Yum Chocolate \$ ♦**  
*MetroParks Farm*  
**2/9** | 11 am - Noon  
Ages 8-12. Join us to learn about where chocolate comes from and the best part is we will be making and tasting some yummy treats. Register/pay by 2/4 at MPF. \$5 R; \$6 NR

**Presidents’ Day Weekend Scavenger Hunt**  
*Ford Nature Center*  
**2/16** | 10 am – 5 pm & 2/17 | Noon – 5 pm  
Stop by this holiday weekend and look for 20 images of our national bird, the Bald Eagle, hidden throughout Ford Nature Center. Then visit our lakes and search for this national symbol. Call FNC for details.

**Crafty Critters**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens - Library*  
**2/28** | 1- 4 pm  
Come down to the library at Fellows Riverside Gardens to enjoy some fun, simple crafts, stories, and a scavenger hunt. Drop-in.

KIDS & TEENS

**Little Explorers Club: Tracks \$ ♦ G**  
*Ford Nature Center*  
**2/7** | 10 - 11 am  
Ages 3-6, plus adult. Join the club as we explore and enjoy the wonders of winter! In February, we will discover whose track is that. Register/pay by 2/5. \$5/class

**Tales for Tots: Best in Snow \$ ♦ G**  
*Ford Nature Center*  
**2/15** | 10 - 11 am  
Ages 2-3, plus adult. Let’s celebrate snow! We’ll read “The Best in Snow,” then go outside to enjoy our winter wonderland. Register/pay by 2/13. \$4 R; \$6 NR



FOR THE BIRDS

**Owl Prowl**  
*Meet at Golf Course Overflow Parking Lot on West Golf Drive*  
**2/8** | 7 - 8:30 pm  
Ever find the nocturnal nature of owls uncanny? Join in to demystify the lives of owls and go on an exploration. Dress for the weather. Call FNC for details. Moderate, 2 mi.

**Coffee with the Birds ♦**  
*Ford Nature Center*  
**2/16** | 8 - 8:45 am or 8:45 - 9:30 am  
This weekend is the 22nd Great Backyard Bird Count! Watch our feathered friends at the feeders with Jeff Harvey. Bring your favorite mug. Limited space. Register by 2/15.



HEALTHY LIVING

**Yoga in the Gardens \$**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/5, 2/7, 2/12, 2/14, 2/19, 2/21, 2/26, 2/28** | 9:30 – 11 am  
Enjoy yoga with Marina Perdos that will help you keep a healthy outlook. Bring a mat and small blanket. Drop-in. \$12/class

**T’ai Chi Step One in the Gardens \$**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27** | Noon – 1 pm  
Warm-ups, breathing exercises and movements with Marie Lew will ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Drop-in. \$10/class

**Yoga Basics Course \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**3/3 - 4/21** | Sundays, 9 - 10 am or (no class 4/7)  
**3/5 - 4/23** | Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm (no class 4/9)  
Choose Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this relaxing seven-week yoga course with Karres Cvetkovich. \$70; 10% discount (\$63) if registered by 2/26.

THIS & THAT

**Chat with a Naturalist**  
*Ford Nature Center*  
**2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23** | 1 - 3 pm  
Stop by the Nature Center to chat with a Naturalist and learn about seasonal and phenological happenings here at Mill Creek MetroParks. Feel free to bring questions!

**MetroMutts: Doggie Language \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens - Kidston Classroom*  
**2/2** | 2 pm  
Dogs speak a language of their own. Come join us as Katie from The Canine Campus teaches us how to communicate and read your dog through body language. Make sure to leave Fido home for this one. MetroMutt Members free, not-yet-members \$5. Call FNC to register by 1/26.

**Swing Dance Class \$**  
*Pioneer Pavilion*  
**2/5** | 6 – 7 pm  
Learn this fast paced dance form. No partner? No problem! It’s a paired dance, but everyone learns together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Led by dance expert Lynda McPhail. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

**Tango Dance Class \$**  
*Pioneer Pavilion*  
**2/5** | 7 - 8 pm  
Try out this synchronized dance, well known for its romantic flavor. No partner? No problem! It’s a paired dance, but everyone learns together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Led by dance expert Lynda McPhail. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

**Polka Dance Class \$**  
*Pioneer Pavilion*  
**2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12** | 6 - 7 pm  
Learn this Y-Town favorite! No partner? No Problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners encouraged and welcome. Led by dance expert Lynda McPhail. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

**Rumba Dance Class \$**  
*Pioneer Pavilion*  
**2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12** | 7 – 8 pm  
Come out and enjoy learning this easy to follow slow dance. No partner? No problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door

**MetroMutts: Puppy Love \$ ♦**  
*Old Log Cabin*  
**2/16** | 1 pm  
Why not explore the beauty of nature on a beautiful winter day with your favorite Valentine – your canine companion! Easy, 1 mi. Hike is free for all. Refreshments: MetroMutts members free; not-yet-members \$1. Call FNC to register by 2/14.



HORTICULTURE

**Men’s Garden Club Talk**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/6** | 7 - 8 pm  
The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown invites you to attend their general meeting. Drop-in.

**Walk-In Orchid Repotting Clinic \$**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/9** | 10 am - Noon or  
**2/19** | 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Bring your orchids for some TLC and have the experts repot them for you. Cost includes orchid mix, pots, loving care, and free advice. Three plant limit per person. Drop-in. Starting at \$3.

**Botanical Mornings \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**2/22** | 9 - 10 am  
Discover the progress of seasons here at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Register/pay by 2/20. \$5

**The Fundamentals of Green Gardening Course \$ ♦**  
*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
**3/26, 4/9, 4/16 & 4/30** | 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
The Fundamentals of Green Gardening course covers ways to take your home landscape to the next level of stewardship. Register/pay by 3/12. \$45 R; \$55 NR

HIKES & WALKS

Call FNC for details.

**Winter Walk at Sebring Woods**  
*Sebring Woods*  
**2/3** | 2 - 4 pm  
What do animals eat in the winter? Come out and join us on a winter walk through Sebring Woods to find out! Moderate, 1 mi.

**Lily Pond in Winter**  
*Lily Pond*  
**2/9** | 11 am - Noon  
Visit this very popular spot during its “off-season” to see what happens with the wildlife during winter. Moderate, 1 mi.

**Recreational Hikes**  
*Newport Boat House*  
**2/13** | 9 - 10 am  
Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MetroParks Farm. Easy, 2 or 4 mi.

**2/27** | 9 - 10 am  
Meet at Ford Nature Center. Moderate, 2 or 4 mi.

**Winter Hike at Hitchcock Woods**  
*Hitchcock Woods*  
**2/16** | Noon - 1:30 pm  
Come and enjoy a wintry walk in the woods and see what Hitchcock Woods has to offer. Easy, 1.4 mi.

**Wild Women of Mill Creek: Mindy Henning Memorial Trail**  
*Metroparks Farm Bikeway Trailhead*  
**2/17** | 2 - 4 pm  
Take a walk on the wild side! Join us as we explore the Mindy Henning Memorial trail in this series of programs designed for women of all ages. Moderate, 2.5 mi.

**The Hunger Moon**  
*Meet at Lanterman's Mill Parking Lot*  
**2/19** | 7 - 8:30 pm  
Why did some Native American tribes use such an odd name? Join our walk in Mill Creek’s Gorge and find out. Wear sturdy shoes. Moderate, 2 mi.

**A Wildflower in Bloom, Now?**  
*Meet at Scholl Recreation Area*  
**2/24** | 2 – 4 pm  
A flower blooming in the snow? Join us as we search for the first wildflower of the year. This amazing plant can push up through snow and ice! Moderate with some hills, 2.5 mi