



# ROOKERY

## WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES



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Grand River Restoration Coordinator  
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WHITNYE LONG JONES

Executive Director  
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TORY MATEO

Stay-at-Home Parent of Two



SANJAY SINGH

Chairman and CEO  
of Mace Security International

## A WARM THANK YOU

### TO OUR OUTGOING TRUSTEES

Graham Hearn and Meredyth Ralph

### AND TO OUR OUTGOING AFFILIATE TRUSTEES

Tori Mills, Doan Brook Watershed Partnership, being replaced with Beaux Berkeley  
Tres Roeder, City of Shaker Heights, being replaced by David Weiss

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO PETER BODE, PRESIDENT AND CEO FOR BEING HONORED IN THIS YEAR'S CRAIN'S CLEVELAND 40 UNDER 40 LIST!



As our Annual Plant Sale continues to grow, we are committed to most effectively utilizing our limited resources and small staff, managing increasing plant costs, and continuing to be true to our mission.

This year, you can look forward to the following changes that will enhance our sale and help the Nature Center focus more on native plants and gardens, increasing the number of native perennials throughout our community.

### ONLINE SALE

- The online sale will no longer include annuals and will focus strictly on natives and native perennial gardens.
- We are working through details to continue to offer delivery options and also include potential order pick-up options.
- Quantities and orders in the online sale will be limited. First-come, first-served.
- More details on delivery options, sale timing, and offerings will be forthcoming in late winter.

### DAY OF SALE

- The day-of plant sale on May 11 will be expanded to include a larger selection of annuals, baskets, and mixed pots, trees, shrubs, and larger container sized perennials with no minimum order quantity, and curbside loading.

### MEMBER BENEFITS

- Member benefits will continue to include a \$5 discount with online sale orders, early online sale access, and the day-of sale member preview.

More information in late winter.

Winter Solstice  
**LUMINARY WALK & HOLIDAY MARKET**  
Friday, December 15 | 5:30-8:30PM | NCSL  
*Celebrate nature and the beginning of winter!*

All are invited to a free stroll around the illuminated ADA-accessible All Peoples' Trail boardwalk. Keep warm at a bonfire near the heated pavilion where there will be warm alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for sale, or inside at our nature-inspired Holiday Market and Duck Pond Gift Shop. Donations welcome. Market items, food, and beverage available for purchase.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST with the Birds

Saturday, February 24 | 8AM-12PM | NCSL

Join the Nature Center and the Rotary Club  
of Shaker Heights for a homemade pancake breakfast.



Learn about the habits and habitats of birds, enjoy a craft at the front desk, take a guided nature hike and meet live birds. Purchase tickets online at shakerlakes.org or in person at NCSL or from any Rotarian. Stroller and wheelchair friendly. Gluten free available. **\$12 adults, \$6 children (ages 4-12), 3 and under free.** Advance ticket purchase price for members: **\$10 for adults, and \$5 for children.** Pre-purchase tickets or walk-ins welcome!



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### HISTORIC HOMES TOUR | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Join the Nature Center and Shaker Historical Society for a cozy afternoon exploring the rich history of the Nature Center origins through the Freeway Fight. The event will feature local food and beverage partners and tour of local homes in Heights neighborhoods. Homes featured on this tour would have been destroyed had the freeway fight not prevailed. More details to come.

# WINTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## ART ON VIEW:

### BEES, BUGS, & BUTTERFLIES:

#### POLLINATING ALONG THE CUYAHOGA

Opening reception: March 7 | 5:30–7PM | NCSL

Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies: Pollinating Along the Cuyahoga is a traveling photography exhibit that highlights the beauty and importance of pollinators—more specifically, the ones that live in our own backyards. This exhibit will be shown from March 2–April 30. For more information, please visit [shakerlakes.org/artonview](http://shakerlakes.org/artonview).



## SELF-CARE SUNDAYS

Sunday, December 10, January 7, February 11 | 12:30–4PM | NCSL

Join New Era Cleveland for Self-Care Sundays at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes! Self-Care Sundays serve as a safe space for healing trauma, learning self-love, conflict resolution, yoga, and meditation. Enjoy beginner friendly meditation, yoga, and self-care activities. Registration optional. Classes are offered on a first come, first serve basis. Free to attend!

## WINTER BOOK CLUB:

The Accidental Ecosystem: People and Wildlife in American Cities by Peter S. Alagona Saturday, February 10 | 1–3:30PM | NCSL

Gather and connect with your neighbors to discuss timely and relevant topics related to nature, wildlife, and the changing environment around us with Wild Ones Greater Cleveland. The Accidental Ecosystem tells the story of how cities across the United States went from having little wildlife to filling, dramatically and unexpectedly, with wild creatures. The Accidental Ecosystem calls on readers to reimagine interspecies coexistence in shared habitats, as well as policies that are based on just, humane, and sustainable approaches. Registration required. Free. Donations welcome.

## VISITOR ACTIVITIES AT THE WELCOME DESK

Stop by the Welcome Desk year-round for fun, rotating activities to enhance your visit!

## GUIDED BIRD WALKS

Select Sundays: December 3 & December 17, January 7 & January 21, February 4 & 11, March 3 & 17 | 8–9:30AM | NCSL



Join a guided walk through the Shaker Parklands looking and listening for birds. The first walk of each month begins on our ADA-accessible boardwalk and moves to dirt trails throughout the Parklands. The second walk of each month (marked with an asterisk) is fully accessible and includes an ASL interpreter. For all hikes, meet in the Nature Center parking lot. Binoculars are available to borrow. Rain or shine. Accessible hikes will be canceled if the paths are covered in snow/ice. Registration required. Free. Donations welcome.

## NATURALIST NOTEBOOK: WALDEN BY HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Sunday, February 11 | 1–3PM | Loganberry Books

Reading about Thoreau's immersion in nature in part is a show of independence, quest for spirituality and certainly the goal of self-reliance. Published in 1854, Walden still calls us to read...and reread this memoir. Registration required. Free. Donations welcome. Purchase your book at Loganberry Books for a 10% discount.

## WINTER SEED SOWING WORKSHOPS

Saturday, January 20 | 12–2PM | NCSL & Thursday, February 8 | 6–7:30PM | NCSL

It's time to start preparing your garden! Winter sowing is an easy and effective way to start seedlings outdoors and look forward to spring. No prior experience necessary. The workshop is great for all ages! Bring your own plastic milk or cider jugs to start your seedlings. \$5 per person. Registration required.

## BEHIND THE SCENES: ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM

Second Saturdays of the Month | 11AM–12PM | NCSL

Snakes: January 13 | Frogs: February 10 | Snails: December 9 | Turtles: March 9

Join us the second Saturday of every month for a "behind the scenes" look at our animal care program. All presentations will conclude with a feeding demonstration for that species. Registration required. \$7 for children 4 and up; no charge for adults and children ages 3 and under. Donations welcome.

winter warmup  
AT THE NATURE CENTER

Select Fridays  
December 1, January 12,  
February 2, March 8  
6–8:30PM

Warm up indoors at the Nature Center this winter!

## NATIVE SEED DOCUMENTARY MOVIE NIGHT | Friday, December 1

Settle in for documentary Native Seeds: Supplying Restoration and discussion led by the Nature Center and Wild Ones Greater Cleveland. Native Seeds: Supplying Restoration is a nine-part video series that explores the native seed supply chain in the western United States. This documentary runs for one hour. Light refreshments provided. Registration required. Free. Donations welcome.

## VERBINGO WITH VERBENA FREE SPIRITED | Friday, January 12

Looking for something fun to do with friends and family during Dry January? Join us for the Verbingo you know and love—at the Nature Center! We're partnering with Verbena Free Spirited to bring you a night of connecting with others in a healthier, more meaningful way—and without alcohol. Ticket includes 5 rounds of bingo with prizes, handheld charcuterie cups, and one complimentary drink! \$25 per person. \$20 for members. Registration required.

## NORMA STORER CARD MAKING WORKSHOP | Friday, February 2

Norma Storer makes stunning cards for every occasion—and she's passing her wealth of knowledge to you! Stop in for this workshop to learn how to craft cards that you can gift to family and friends, or keep for yourself as a beautiful piece of art. Registration required. \$12 per person. \$10 for members.

## WINTER WHISKEY NIGHT | Friday, March 8

This fun gathering will include whiskey tastings and cocktails provided by Cleveland Whiskey. Local food pairings included. Registration required. \$35 per person. \$30 for members. More details coming soon.

## SUMMER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Our Summer Outdoor Adventure Camp is opening for registration soon! Offering eight weeks of in-person camps for children ages 4 to Grade 9 with themes such as Crazy Critters, Wonders of Water, Poisonous & Proud, and MORE!

### MEMBER REGISTRATION

begins Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10AM  
(Household membership discount of \$30 off per week applies!  
Contact Cara at [cara@shakerlakes.org](mailto:cara@shakerlakes.org) to renew or join.)

### PUBLIC REGISTRATION

begins Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 10 AM

Please Note: Due to overwhelming camp demand, we are limiting registration per camper to a maximum of four weeks total. There will be no camp the week of July 4.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### FEEDERWATCH

November–March | 2-hour shifts weekdays or weekends

Citizen scientists needed! Help us count the birds visiting our bird feeders as part of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project FeederWatch. Volunteers of all birding abilities are welcome. Training is provided.

### WINTER SOLSTICE LUMINARY WALK & HOLIDAY MARKET

Friday, December 15 | shifts available from 3:30–9PM

Volunteers assist with set-up, wayfinding, activities, or clean-up.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS

Saturday, February 24 | shifts available from 7:45AM–12PM

Volunteers are needed to assist with wayfinding, parking, crafts, and as hike sweeps.

SPRING BREAK CAMP: MARCH 25–29 | Stay tuned for more information, including registration links, at [shakerlakes.org/camp](http://shakerlakes.org/camp)

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DATE

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