



## Coming Events

**Fri, May 17th, 1:30**, Artist Tour Garland Wetlands

**Sat, May 18th, 9am-12pm**, Andersen Fen Invasive Specie Removal Project

**Wed, May, 22nd, 10am**, Nature Connect and Hike it Baby tour, Estel Wenrick Wetlands

**Mon, June 3rd, 6:30-8pm**, Sense of Place Program, Fairborn Public Library

**Sat, June 15th, 9am-12pm**, Andersen Fen Invasive Specie Removal Project

**Sat, June 22nd, 9am-11am**, Adopt-A-Hwy

## B-W Greenway Community Land Trust Celebrated it's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

This year's event included a wonderful presentation by Five Rivers MetroParks' Executive Director, Becky Benná. Becky highlighted many of the outstanding features of the Five Rivers MetroParks including its miles of bike trails, involvement in Dayton revitalization and its commitment to preserving our fragile natural spaces alongside B-W Greenway.

*A special thanks for donations from: Lauren and Zachary Craig at Humble Hive, Devin Whitney with Starbucks fariborn, Tractor Supply Beavercreek, Mason Weed with Fresh Thyme Fariborn and John Lemker, Photographer.*

## Green Heart Awarded



This year's Green Heart was presented to Joyce Massie, from B-W's Land Acquisition Team. Joyce has been integral to the preservation of our communities' green spaces and thanks to her dedication, efforts, and unwavering motivation, we have been able the continued conservation of our easements.

## Pearl's Fen

A B-W Greenway treasure off Byron Road is Pearl's Fen. It one of the highest quality wetlands in the Little Miami Watershed. It is a relict alkaline wetland with



167 plant species including four "Threatened" or "Potentially Threatened". The Threatened Spotted Turtle was also found on the site.

The fen was discovered in the late 70s but was not protected until purchased by The Nature Conservancy in the early 2000s. It is now owned by Greene County Parks and Trails (GCP&T) via a Clean Ohio Fund (COF) grant. Recently GCP&T received an additional COF grant to develop a parking area, research trials and removal of invasive species.

## Backyard Habitat Award



In an effort to promote wildlife and pollinator habitat preservation and restoration, B-W Greenway will recognize those places that maintain sustainable habitats. To qualify for the award, residents or organizations must reside in the B-W Greenway or be a member of the Land Trust. Nominated properties must meet minimum standards for four of the following five criteria created by the National Wildlife Federation: food source, available water, protective cover, places to raise offspring, and sustainable gardening practices. Awardees will be recognized at the annual picnic and will receive a certificate and an engraved garden stone. Applications and further information will be available in the summer newsletter or by contacting B-W Greenway at [www.bwgreenway.org](http://www.bwgreenway.org)



## B-W Greenway Welcomes It's Newest Trustee Zachary Craig

In September of 2013, Zachary Craig, an engineer by trade, purchased land and began designing his family's sustainable, "earthship-inspired" home and set out to build the home himself, with volunteer aid in exchange for education on sustainable building and living. Over the last five years, the family has continued to develop their farm, educational efforts and community involvement through workshops, tours, and public speaking events. Their farm has now come to be known as *The Humble Hive* based on the notion that just as a single bee could not create and manage a functioning hive on her own.



## Artists to Tour Garland Wetland Reserve



To assist artists to experience the beautiful features of the Garland Wetland Reserve in Fairborn for the B-W Greenway/Fairborn Art Association 2019 Juried Art Competition, a walking tour of the park will be held on Friday, May 17, at 1:30pm. The Garland Wetland Reserve is located on Commerce Center Blvd., north of the Kroger Shopping Center and just south of Garland Road. Artists will gather in the parking lot for the tour. Please wear

comfortable walking attire. For additional information regarding the juried art competition, visit: [www.bwgreenway.org](http://www.bwgreenway.org); or call 937-281-1313.



### B-W Teams Up with Nature Connect and Hike It Baby

Nature Connect Ohio's Environmental Educator Emily Foubert will be leading a guided tour of the Estel Wenrick Wetlands, Wednesday, May 22nd at 10am. Caregivers of young children with a love of nature and exploration are welcome to attend. Nature Connect provides avenues in which youth, adults and nature may connect. Emily, who also provides bird "language" education, will be guiding parents and their children through the Wenrick Wetlands exploring the plant and wildlife of our communities' wetlands.

For more information, call 475-2759 or go on Facebook to [www.natureconnectohio.org](http://www.natureconnectohio.org)

## The KarenClimate Corner

Carbon Dioxide is released into our atmosphere when a fossil fuel is burned. Yep, all of them. Coal, oil and gas. Once up in the atmosphere, the Carbon Dioxide molecule is highly persistent. It hangs around and traps heat like a catcher's mitt in its loose molecular bonds.

But that catcher's mitt is a one-way door. Light waves coming toward the Earth from the sun can penetrate it. The surface of the Earth is warmed, but when warmed surfaces on Earth try to radiate their heat back out into outer space, those heat waves get trapped by the CO2 catcher's mitt.

Discuss this with a friend, please, to raise consciousness on Climate, or go to [KarenClimate.blogspot.com](http://KarenClimate.blogspot.com) to comment.

## From the Executive Director



To all of our members, volunteers and supporters of B-W Greenway and the green spaces we preserve together, thank you.

Your dedication and support has allowed B-W to continue the preservation of our wetlands, waterways, Agricultural lands and natural habitats. We are dedicated, as you are, to the safeguarding of our conservation areas. This year your donations will provide educational programs for youth and adults, construction of boardwalks and the removal of invasive specie projects, so we may continue to grow and learn as a community.

From all of us at B-W Greenway, thank you.

Matthew Lawson, Executive Director



## Kid's Conservation Corner

### Be a Frog Scout

What frogs live in the B-W Greenway? Now's the time to get out with an adult and find out. Ask your parent or grandparent to take you to the Estel Wenrick Wetlands or the Garland Wetland Reserve to search for frogs! Frogs are on the lookout for wet places to find mates and lay eggs, so you should be on the lookout, too.

Here are a few tips:

- Listen for frogs calling for mates.
- Observing frogs is the best way to see how they act naturally, so try to observe them in their natural surroundings instead of catching them.
- A headlamp or flashlight will help you find frogs at night, when many are most active. (You can do this in your backyard!)
- Use a frog field guide to help you ID the frogs you find!

## B-W Greenway Community Land Trust

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**Mission:** To protect and restore the land and water between the Beaver Creek and Wenrick Wetlands while balancing human and wildlife needs as a link in the Greater Dayton Greenbelt.

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Join the B-W Greenway Community, together we can preserve our vital wetlands and agricultural lands.

## Wetland Species of the Month

*The Great Blue Heron*

