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Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2016

Clean Ohio Grants Awarded *by*

Lisa Brohl

Great Spring News!!!

The Put-in-Bay Township Park District was awarded two Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grants on April 20, 2016 from District 5 Natural Resources Advisory Council. The Middle Bass Forested Wetlands Phase 2 and Dodge Woods projects were funded. The Middle Bass Forested Wetlands project will add another 12 acres of wet woods to that already preserved by the Put-in-Bay Township Park District.

This will make a forest reserve of over 20 acres-something rare for the Bass Islands! This area has swamp forests of silver maple, green ash, eastern cottonwood, elm, and oak, salamanders, migratory songbird habitat, and hibernation sites for the Lake Erie watersnake. We will know soon if the Park District was successful in securing a CELCP grant for a portion of the 25% required match for this project.

The Dodge Woods project will preserve a 3.5 acre wooded parcel on South Bass Island in the center portion of the island. It will give us a preserve in a highly visible area-a nice spot for visitors to stop on their bicycles or as they walk to downtown from the ferry dock. This will give our Park District and Conservancy more visibility with our many summer visitors. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and a private donor are providing funds as well as a partial bargain sale from the owner to provide the 25% match.

Thanks goes to Neal Hess, donors, and the property owners involved for working with us on these island preservation projects! If you wish to be involved in either donating to these projects or in the preparation of the project sites for public access, contact us at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087.

We look forward to providing open space for residents and visitors alike to enjoy!

Thanks to our members for your support in making these projects happen!!

Our Mission:

To encourage conservation and Protection of Natural and Agricultural Lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the Benefit of Future Generations.



FUTURE GENERATIONS

Speaking of Future Generations.... here's a great picture of Luke Spencer helping to clean up Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve over the Easter Holiday! *more on page 13*

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Photo Above: Middle Bass Forest Preserve; Inset: Buttercups at Dodge Woods
Photos by Lisa Brohl

BASS ISLANDS EARNED THEIR NAMES by John Hageman

Even though they have gone through a few name changes, North, Middle and South Bass Islands earned their current names by providing tons of Smallmouth and Largemouth black bass since earliest recorded time to Native Americans, Commercial netters and Sportfishermen.

After Zebra mussels from Eurasian were released into the Great Lakes via ship ballast water in the late 1980's, increased water clarity gave rise to the regeneration of submerged aquatic vegetation in the bays and harbors allowing Largemouth bass populations to noticeably increase.

In the clearer water, anglers often found casting traditional weight-forward lures for walleyes in the brighter water column less productive. Many salvaged their fishing trips by finishing the day catching the ever-reliable bass, primarily practicing catch and release.

Unfortunately, this back-up plan peaked in the mid-1990's before the Round goby, a European bottom fish species, was also brought over in ballast water and expanded throughout the islands. The shallow, rocky or weedy habitat that gobies prefer coincides with bass nesting areas.

Male sunfish, whose members include largemouth and smallmouth black bass in Lake Erie, enlist for the duty of defending eggs deposited by multiple females into his nest until they hatch and the fry are large enough to swim off.

Even though gobies primarily feed upon zebra mussels and other invertebrates, they were soon observed preying heavily on bass eggs and fry each spring.

Underwater camera footage shows each nest encircled by anxious gobies waiting to

plunder unattended eggs and fry. Even during catch and release fishing, when the defending male is only temporarily removed from the nest, they quickly feast on them in his absence.

Drifting along the shoreline while removing the hook or posing for pictures with the fish adds time and distance that the fish has to swim back to resume defending the nest. Every second from the nest equals more egg or fry loss.

One way to cut down on the impact of fishing on bass during the spring nesting season is to fish inside the confines of marinas, where there are shorter distances traveled after a fish is hooked, landed and released.

This isn't the place for an unskilled caster, as many obstacles such as dock lines, shoreline brush, boat swim platforms, docks and dock posts can provide many opportunities for snagged and lost lures. As long as anglers are floating, without touching privately owned land, above or below the water, they are legally on "waters of the state."

However, several fishermen relate stories of how security staff armed with rifles persuaded them to leave one of Lake Erie's Island marinas in the past.

To allow falling bass numbers to recover from goby predation, the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Lake Erie Research Station biologists initiated a closed for possession Black bass season in May-June when they are concentrated near the shores spawning. (See current Ohio Fishing Regulations).

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AmeriCorps Intern Has Arrived! By Lisa Brohl

Jenna Prahst is a rising senior at Saint Joseph Academy in Cleveland, Oh. During the school year she spends her time rowing



for the St. Joe's crew team, competing during the fall and spring seasons. Jenna has been coming up to her cottage on the East Point of Put-in-Bay since she was born and has loved spending time on the island ever since. She enjoys kayaking, biking, photographing, and hanging out with friends during the summer months. Jenna is looking forward to this great opportunity to be an intern at the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and Lake Erie Islands Nature Center so she can continue her interests in the environmental sciences and love of the outdoors.

Back to the Wild Visit by Lisa Brohl

Back to the Wild brought birds and animals from their wildlife rehabilitation center in Castalia, Ohio to Put-in-Bay in May for the public to see. About fifty people came to see the critters. Thanks to Heather Tuttle and Ashley Palasics from Back to the Wild for coming, the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee, the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, Miller Boat Line and the Conservancy for sponsoring the event. It is always a surprise to see owls and a bald eagle in the Town Hall!



Photos by Susan Byrnes



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Spring Party at the Reel Bar by Lisa Brohl



The Conservancy held a Spring Party at the Reel Bar April 16. Everyone enjoyed the lasagna and company. A presentation was made to Glenn Cooper for his assistance to the Conservancy and Put-in-Bay Township Park District during his years as Township Trustees. Thank you Glenn! Thanks to Andy and Ray at the Reel Bar for working with us!



Kelly Faris presenting a certificate of appreciation to Glenn Cooper

Photos by Jamie Berger

Massie Cliffside Preserve Dedication By Lisa Brohl

The dedication of the Massie Cliffside Preserve will be Sunday August 7th at 1:00PM on South Bass Island. This will be a party and dedication for the newest of the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's preserves. This event will allow the public to learn more about the preserve and other preserves on the islands. Special activities include fishing, hiking, birding, and guided nature tours. Guest can come by car, kayak, foot, or bicycle to join the festivities. There will be parking for the event.



More hard-working youth helping to get ready! Photo by Lisa Brohl

Lots of Benefits to the Native Plant Sale!

By Lisa Brohl



Thanks to Paula Ziebarth for transporting our Native Plant Sale order to islands! And to our growers Gale Martin at Natives in Harmony and Ed Kapraly at Riverside Native Trees! We really appreciate all who purchased native plants for the islands- and those that donated for wildflowers for the Massie Cliffside Preserve!



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Wildflower Walk at Jane Coates Wildflower Trail

by Lisa Brohl

About a dozen folks attended a Wildflower Walk held May 13 at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail for the Put-in-Bay Garden Club. Lisa Brohl led the look at our

spring ephemerals. Invasive Garlic mustard is having a bumper crop this year and so participants pulled 10 large bags of the plant from the trail while enjoying the walk.

Jack-in-the-pulpit



Sally Duffy with a Sedge in flower



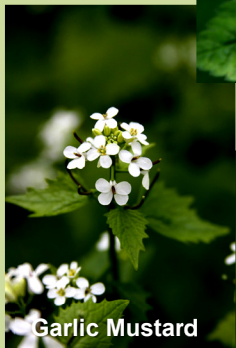
Wild Hyacinth



Invasive Garlic Mustard



False Solomon Seal



Garlic Mustard

Sweet Cicely



Blue Phlox

Gorgeous Photos compliments of Susan Byrnes



2nd Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day!



Sat., August 6, 2016
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

To BENEFIT the two newest MBI preserves: the MBI Forest Preserve & the Schneider Preserve!
(part of Put-in-Bay Township Park District)

To HIGHLIGHT other MBI preserves and the MBI State Park!

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Start at your leisure, depending upon your kayaking leisureliness! (Well, there IS a finish time limit.)

- ◆ Start: MBI State Park Campground (W side of MBI State Park) – Sign In. Get 1st poker card.
- ◆ Stop #2: MBI State Park shore (E side of MBI State Park) by MBIYC – Get 2nd poker card + banana.
- ◆ Stop #3: MBI East Point Preserve (S side of East Point) – Get 3rd poker card + granola bar.
- ◆ Stop #4: MBI Swamp Cove at Keuhnle Wildlife Area – Get 4th poker card + sport drink for the long haul.
- ◆ Stop #5: MBI State Park Campground – again! Get 5th poker card + hot dog, chips, bottle of water.

◆ (Direction and sequence of stops subject to change due to lake and weather conditions.)

◆ Feel free to get out and walk around at any of the stops!

Because of people's different schedules and kayaking abilities, one need not be present to win! (We'll tell you!)

- ◇ 1st prize: Round trip ferry boat tickets for 2 adults and 1 vehicle (for PIB or MBI)
- ◇ 2nd prize: Gift certificate to Middle Bass General Store
- ◇ 3rd prize: Steaks from Costco

1. Mark your calendar.
2. Fill out registration form. (you will get map, kayak #, & goody bag at start)
3. Sign "Waiver and Liability Release" form. (Forms available online LEIC Website)
4. Mail or hand registration form + signed release + check/money order payable to: "Put-in-Bay Township Park District" to:

Tina M Larson
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Questions? Email: tmlarson@umich.edu
(Sorry OSU & MSU fans...)

Cost is \$10 – BUT YOU CAN DONATE MORE TO BENEFIT THE PRESERVES!!

LEIC in the NEWS by Lisa Brohl

Lisa Brohl was interviewed by writers from Country Living and Lake Erie Living magazines about places to visit on Middle Bass and South Bass Island. We look forward to articles about the islands green side!

You can now support LEIC through Amazon Smile!

We are all registered now at Amazon Smile to support our Conservancy projects! Click below or you can find the link on our Facebook Page [Lake Erie Islands Conservancy](#)!



Ohio Wildlife Diversity Meeting at OSU Campus



Lisa Brohl attended the Ohio Wildlife Diversity meeting at the Ohio Union on OSU Campus in April

Toledo Community Foundation Giving Tuesday Grant by Lisa Brohl

We were awarded a matching grant from the Toledo Community Foundation of \$1,000. It was based on funds raised on Giving Tuesday. A maximum of \$1,000 was awarded to non profits who registered ahead for a Giving Tuesday match. Thanks to all who donated to help us receive the match!



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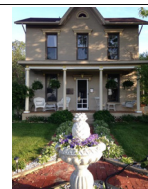
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Arbor Day Celebration by Kelly Faris



participated in the planting of two Sugar Maple trees in DeRivera Park. The trees replaced the two trees that were toppled during winter storms. Funding for the annual event is provided by the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay.

After the planting, refreshments were served and small trees such as Swamp White Oak, Black Chokeberry, American Plum, Hazelnut, Pin Oak, and Buttonbush were provided to the participants. These trees were from the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District.

In the eight years since its creation by the Village of Put-in-Bay, the Tree Commission has been instrumental in planting more than twenty trees in various locations in the Village.

On Friday, April 29, the Village of Put-in-Bay celebrated its 8th Arbor Day. Fifteen people

Once again, Put-in-Bay has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of the Village's commitment to the goals and principles of the Arbor Day Foundation: a tree commission board, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Village of Put-in-Bay is the smallest Tree City USA in the State of Ohio. Julius Morton held the first Arbor Day in the United States in Nebraska in 1872, and the Arbor Day celebration continues to grow not only in the United States but also around the world. Today, Arbor Day is celebrated in over 50 countries of the world, from Brazil to Korea, from China to Venezuela.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization whose mission is to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Information is available at arborday.org. Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris, and Kendra Koehler.



Photo: Joe Byrnes waters tree
Photo by Kelly Faris



Photo: Group of Arbor Day tree planters!
Photo by Marty Faris



LEIC and PIBTPD Wish List

Need a summer "job"? No resume required!! Just contact Lisa Brohl (info below).

- Bicycle Rack for the Massie Cliffside Preserve and the Middle Bass Forested Wetland Preserve
- Office Space for LEIC and PIBTPD to share
- Thank You Note Writer
- Brush Removal from Tree Swallow Grid at Scheeff East Point Preserve
- Invasive Plant Sign Installation at Jane Coates Wildflower Trail, DeRivera Woods.
- Signs for New Preserves on Middle Bass
- Website and Social Media Assistance
- Volunteers to help with trail work, mulch, and clean up at the Massie Cliffside Preserve

You can contact us at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087 or send us a note on Facebook.

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Catawba Avenue



Thanks to Julene Market for this recycled plastic bicycle rack for the Scheeff East Point Preserve. And to Richard Gump for installation-ready for summer!



Lake Erie Shores and Islands Marketing Grant Awarded!

by Lisa Brohl

The Lake Erie Shores and Islands has awarded a grant of \$2,000 for marketing and advertising for Island Green Week to be held August 6-13 on South Bass and Middle Bass Islands. Partners on the grant and event are the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. Thanks to Jackie Taylor, Julene Market, and Kendra Koehler for their hard work on the grant. It will be a great week and a great opportunity to spotlight our beautiful islands with this grant.

<http://www.shoresandislands.com>

Things with WINGS



Sept. 17 & 18

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Native Plant Garden Installed

by Lisa Brohl

The Put-in-Bay High School Environmental Club installed a native plant garden at the Miller Boat Line dock with plants purchased from the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy's Native Plant Sale.



Photos: L—Kaylyn Goebel, Gwena Market, Joe Byrnes, Erin Urge, Alex Knauer, Sophia Schroeder ; R—Gwena Market, Sophia Schroeder, Ian Pippert-Ladd, Erin Urge, Kaylyn Goebel Photos by club advisor Missi Kowalski

Island Green Week Showcases Natural Beauty of Lake Erie's Bass Islands

- First-ever Island Green Week scheduled for August 6 - 12, 2016.
- Island Green Week explores the natural beauty of Lake Erie's Bass Islands through outdoor activities, entertainment, education and relaxation.
- Event is open to the public and all fundraisers will benefit island nature programs.

June 3, 2016 — Put-in-Bay, Ohio — Island Green Week on Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Islands this summer will make you remember most about the islands as a kid - water, rocks, cliffs, caves, kayaking, meteor showers, moss, moonlit nights, beach bonfires, cozy camping, swimming, beach combing, cottaging with your family, ferry rides, overnight stays on the lake and nature.

Three of the biggest organizations and proponents of nature on the Erie Isles have teamed together to bring some great activities during this week-long event August 6-12, 2016. Experience a taste of the unique wine culture, an island-style pig roast, kayaking a Great Lake, a dedication to the newest Put-in-Bay lakefront nature preserve, sailing on a meteor cruise and an opportunity to tour and hike rarely explored island gems.

Island Green Week includes activities for adults, families and children. Special pricing and coupons for events, restaurants, transportation and entrance fees will be available for participants. Event highlights are:

- ⇒ Aug. 6 - Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain date Aug. 7) Fee.
- ⇒ Aug. 7 - Dedication and Party at the new PIB Massie Cliffside Preserve - 1 p.m. Activities include hiking, fishing, birdwatching and guided nature tours.
- ⇒ Aug. 8 - Tour a Great Lake Lighthouse - Put-in-Bay - Fee.
- ⇒ Aug. 9 - Wild Tuesday at the Nature & Wildlife Center - Put-in-Bay - Free.
- ⇒ Aug. 10 - Island Preserve Ramble & Eco-Tour highlighting natural areas on South Bass Island - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Includes special activities at each preserve, printed guide and light lunch. Fee.
- ⇒ Aug. 10 - Kick up your heels and enjoy the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center's Annual Pig Roast at 6 p.m. at the Goat Restaurant. Entertainer Ray Fogg performs, plus a silent auction fundraiser. Fee.
- ⇒ Aug. 11 - Meteor Shower Cruise aboard a Miller Boat Line ferry. Cruise for two hours, departing at sunset. Refreshments included. Fee.
- ⇒ Aug. 12 - Visit the Aquatic Visitors Center and Fish Hatchery. Free.

While the many activities for Island Green Week are sure to keep visitors busy, everyone is encourage to explore the many wonderful features of South Bass Island as well. Whether that's historic treasures, caves, museums or simply the gorgeous limestone shores of the island, the choice is completely up to you. Some fees apply.

The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District have teamed up to sponsor Island Green Week.

Lodging and transportation information is available at visitputinbay.com or go to SHORESandIslands.com. For additional details visit lakeerieislandswildlife.com.



Island Preserve Ramble & Eco-Tour coming up!

By Lisa Brohl

Wednesday August 10th at 9AM until 5PM on South Bass Island. Participants will meet at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall any time during the day to pick up their tour packet. This includes maps, tour booklet, several goodies, freebies, and coupons from island businesses. This unique ramble and island tour will include twenty-eight stops.

Among the highlights planned will be hiking DeRivera Woods (Cooper's Woods/Shady Path) to see natural caves and a visit historic Gibraltar Island. A tour of an historic home, touring the island vineyards, the Village of Put-in-Bay water plant, glacial grooves, are among other unusual stops that are planned for the tour. The ramble includes discounts at several restaurants and gift shops given to Island Ramblers on this tour. Miller Boat Line will give a \$5.00 discount to anyone wishing to rent a golf cart that day and offer a special discount for round trip transportation that day.

Transportation for the Ramble on the island will be on your own. Proceeds benefit the Put-in-Bay Township Park District and will be used to maintain and preserve island parks. The \$40 Tour Tickets include lunch at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall and will be available for purchase on the day of the tour at the Town Hall.

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Pics from the Preserves by Lisa Brohl



Massie Cliffside Preserve



Volunteers at Scheeff East Point Preserve



Middle Bass East Point Preserve



Tree Swallow Conservation at Scheeff



Jane Coates Wildflower Trail



Clean Up at Massie Cliffside Preserve



Columbines at the Massie Cliffside Preserve



Successful Wine in the Garden Held

by Lisa Brohl

A very successful Wine in the Garden fundraising event was held at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center on Saturday, June 4 from 3:00-5:00 pm! Guests enjoyed appetizers and wine from the Prahst family cellar. Donations of over \$700 were received for the AmeriCorps intern program shared by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Thanks to Sue, Steve, and Jenna Prahst for organizing and setting up the event, to Sandi Glauser, Kendra Koehler, Amy Huston, Jackie Taylor, Lisa Brohl, Debbie Larcey, for helping out, to The Goat Restaurant for donating ice, and to all who came out and enjoyed the evening!

You may still donate to the AmeriCorps intern program if you wish by sending a check to LEIC, P. O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 with Intern on the memo line or visiting our Generosity Fundraiser on Facebook.

2016 Spring Bandout Middle Bass Island by Tom Bartlett

Dates: April 24 through April 29
Location: East Point Preserve; Put-in-Bay Park District
Participants: Tom Bartlett; Bander (Federal Permit: 21624)
 Paula Bartlett; Extractor and scribe
 Shane Roberts; Extractor
 Teddi Pertner and Nancy Welter; Scribes and Assistants
 Matt Luginbihl; Assistant

Guests: 58

Birds Banded

Species: 33

Individuals: 244

1 Mourning Dove	1 Louisiana Waterthrush *
1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird	2 Nashville Warbler
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker	2 Yellow Warbler
1 Downy Woodpecker	9 Palm Warbler ("Western")
1 Northern Flicker	18 Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Myrtle")
1 Blue-headed Vireo	2 Eastern Towhee
9 Blue Jay	1 Field Sparrow
40 Tree Swallow	1 Lincoln's Sparrow
4 Barn Swallow	3 Swamp Sparrow
3 House Wren	34 White-throated Sparrow
1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4 Northern Cardinal
2 Golden-crowned Kinglet	32 Red-winged Blackbird
17 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5 Common Grackle
5 Hermit Thrush	10 Brown-headed Cowbird
16 American Robin	5 House Finch
4 Brown Thrasher	5 American Goldfinch
3 European Starling	

Species in Bold are new to the banded list for Middle Bass Island

*** = First of this species banded by me on the Lake Erie Islands in 21 years**

Recaptures: 49(38 individuals); 1 from 2010, 3 from 2012, 2 from 2013, 4 from 2014, 9 from 2015, and 17 from earlier in 2016. 2 individuals are from unknown sources at this time.

Escapes: 2 – Blue Jay and Red-winged Blackbird

Casualties: 1 – White-throated Sparrow (0.34% per birds handled)

Effort: 6 days 717.75 net hours
 0.34 birds banded per net hour 0.41 birds handled per net hours

**1612 individuals of 89 species of birds have been banded on
 Middle Bass Island since 2009**



Photos: Top—Connecticut Warbler; Bottom—Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Inset—Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Purple Martins—What a Trip! By Lisa Brohl

We enjoyed a great presentation on purple martins by Paula Ziebarth on April 2nd. Following the program, we had lots of help to get the rigs up at the Scheeff East Point Preserve and move tree swallow boxes—thanks Paula and Greg Ziebarth, Lisa Brohl, Alice Lentz, Karen Sams Frederick, Ken Farber, Ryan Frederick, Jennie Gies, Jackie Taylor. We finished just before the rain/snow started!!

White Pelicans on Little Chick—What a sight!

Yesterday out on Little Chick we counted 19 White Pelicans, huge and beautiful!



(BASS ISLANDS Continued from page 2)

Although many non-resident bass fishermen stopped coming after the closed season was implemented, others continue to legally practice catch and release fishing for them.

Remember these tips for the best chances for the fish to survive being caught and released:

Play and land fish quickly.

Don't hang them by their lower jaw as dislocation may occur.

Support their body weight and handle them with wet hands to protect their slime layer. Gently return them to the water.

While the Bass Islands have the longest reputation for high quality bass fishing, Kelleys Island and the Canadian

counterparts provide equal or better numbers and better than average sized bass.

Eastward, other hot spots can be found inside the harbors, along the break walls and on the artificial reefs off Lorain and Cleveland.

For the past few years, fishing effort has been greater for Largemouth bass than Smallmouth bass in Western Lake Erie.

Beginning Saturday June 25, possession of bass season is again permitted in the Ohio Lake Erie zone, with a minimum size of 14 inches and a daily limit of 5 fish of any total combination of black bass (largemouth and smallmouth).

The Scheeff And MB East Point, and Massie Cliffside Preserves all offer fishing access

Purple Martins—What a Trip Photos!!



Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Summer Programs at the Preserves!

Come join the Conservancy and Americorp intern Jenna Prahst at our summer preserve programs! Check us out on Facebook or www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org. For details, contact Jenna at prahstj05@gmail.com

June 25 Massie Cliffside Clean up Day 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Please be sure to wear gloves and closed toe shoes.

July 19 Marine Debris Cleanup at the Scheeff East Point Preserve 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Join Interexchange employees in cleaning and exploring the shoreline. Snacks and beverages provided.

August 13 Middle Bass East Point Preserve-Photo Walk 10:00 am-11:00 am

Sign up ahead to arrange transport to preserve by contacting Jenna at prahstj05@gmail.com.

Latest Attack on the Invasive Garlic Mustard by Lisa Brohl

Eric Valentine and his students from Miller High School spent an afternoon pulling the invasive garlic mustard at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail this week with Kathi Holbrook. Kathi is in her seventh season as a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Park Ranger at Perrys Victory. Thanks to all for the good work!

On May 21, the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy tackled the invasive garlic mustard on the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail-it had grown to epic proportions with the cool wet spring!!

AmeriCorps intern Jenna Prahst and her mother Sue pulled 8 large bags from around our blooming native wildflowers like mayapple, blue phlox, appendaged waterleaf, and wild hyacinth. Steve Prahst assisted Lisa Brohl in weed-whacking off the garlic mustard flower heads before the seeds matured in the worst infestation in the back loop of the trail.



Special Thank You!

Thank you BURNS PIERCE for bringing us mulch when we need it and ANTHONY BAILEY at Lake Disposal for taking all our garlic mustard away!



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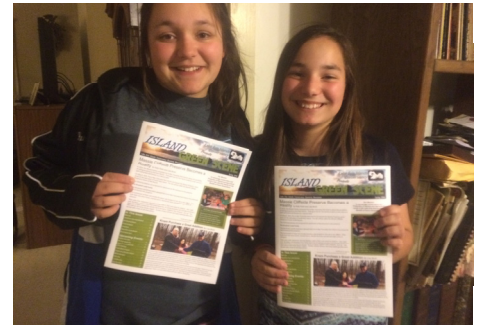
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A Special THANKS...

Massie Cliffside Preserve Cleanup bulldozes forward!

Alvin Brandt and Jason Brandt removing the last building at the Massie Cliffside Preserve for scrap.



Fold, Tape, Repeat!

Hannah and Alice Lentz folded, labeled, and stamped the spring newsletters. What would we do without them!



Those sure weren't Easter Eggs they were finding!

Thanks to Chris Helman, Jennifer Spencer, Brandon Burkey, Luke Spencer and Cody Burkey for their clean up efforts at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve over the Easter holiday. They were able to collect over three bags of garbage from the preserve as well as clear the trail. We appreciate the assistance of Chris as well as his father Ron in keeping our trail maintained for everyone to enjoy!!

Fast as fast can be, oh yes we did catch you little birdies!

Kathy and Dave Holscott help Russ and Lisa Brohl move equipment to Middle Bass for bird banding



More beautiful helpers on a beautiful day making Massie Cliffside Preserve more beautiful.... It's a beautiful thing, isn't it?



Even Batman seems to think it is important to help out at Massie Cliffside Preserve ... it doesn't get much cuter than that!!



This might actually be considered a DOUBLE-TAKE!

Valerie Chornyak pulling garlic mustard at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail during the Photography Road Scholar in May. We appreciate the double tasking!



Hey, I recognize those! Thanks for helping to spread the word about the Conservancy Alice!!

Alice Lentz helps set up for Reel Bar Potluck.

New and Renewing Members



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THANK YOU!



Mulching makes a difference!

Rebecca Walton came out to the Massie Cliffside Preserve and began mulching the young trees planted there to give them a head start. Rebecca is currently working as a Historic Rowing Ranger at Perry's Victory and IPM. Thanks Rebecca! Looks nice!

Call for Volunteers by Lisa Brohl

We are always looking for volunteers-trails to be mulched, invasive plants removed, or garbage picked up. If you can help with any if these projects contact Lisa Brohl or Americorp intern Jenna Prahst, pictured here shoveling mulch at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail at prahst05@gmail.com



Squawroot is a parasitic plant that lives off of oak roots

LEIC Membership Form

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Lots of events coming up this Spring and Summer—keep checking our website and Facebook pages for more info!



August 6 for the Middle Bass Poker Kayak Day

August 7 for the Massie Cliffside Preserve Dedication

August 10 for the Preservation Ramble and Eco-Tour—LEIC and PIBTPD



A HUGE Thanks to Bostwick-Braun for printing assistance!!



Yep, even I trekked up to the Preserve from over three hours away to help clean up Massie Cliffside Preserve and with me is my ever-faithful husband Joe Pennington. Boy the things I get him into!!