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## Historic Lonz Winery Patio Comes Alive July 14, 2018—Middle Bass Music Festival Returns

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Middle Bass Island, OH – The Middle Bass Dock Company celebrating 95 years of service to Middle Bass Island presents the [Middle Bass Music Festival](#) at Middle Bass Island State Park on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 12 noon – 8pm, free admission and all are welcome.

Lonz Winery is one of Ohio's most historic destinations. It is our goal



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### 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 are two enjoying the day at the Island Wide Garage Sale and a very young John Ladd hamming it up with them!—More details on page 9!

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## Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve Ribbon Cutting! *By Lisa Brohl*

Join us on Sunday, August 5 at 1:00 pm at Fox Rd. entrance to the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve. We will have a ribbon cutting of the new trail there followed by a cake reception at the Middle Bass Island State Park Pavilion.

Thanks to The Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the purchase of the six acres the trail will cover. The event will also spotlight ongoing efforts to conserve important



Photo: Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve

wildlife habitat and provide recreation opportunities at the Preserve.

# Lake Erie Islands Water Trail Update *By Lisa Brohl*

The high water events this spring were not kind to our signs for the Lake Erie Islands Water Trail. Some of our signs went missing although they are starting to show up in other places! Mike Gora



Photo: Zac Pertner with recovered Kayak sign

found the one from the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve in his yard at Schoolhouse Bay. Tedi and Zach Pertner found the one from the Petersen Woods Preserve still attached to its post in the water on the East Point on Middle

Bass! All the signs have been reproduced by Lake Screen Printing and should be back in place soon. The missing signs are listed below.

### South Bass

#6 on South Bass at the Scheeff East Point Preserve

#2 on South Bass at the West Shore ice Ramp

#9 PIB Port Authority Access

### Middle Bass Island

#3 at the Kuehnle State Wildlife Area/Petersen Woods

#4 on Middle Bass Island at the Middle Bass

Island East Point Preserve.

### North Bass

Sign #3 – North Bass Island State Park (north)

Sign #4 – North Bass Island State Park (east)

### Mainland

Sign #10 – Marblehead Lifesaving Station.

We are working Andrea Irland of the National Park Service' Rivers and Trails program to be designated an official water trail with the State of Ohio. This will hopefully include funds to reprint the guide and provide replacement signs in the future.



## Island Artisans Fair Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00am-3:00pm Village Park in front of Boat House Rain location-Town Hall

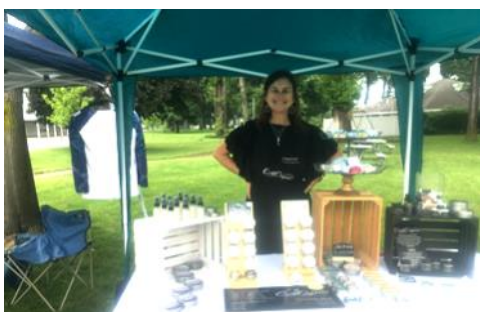
Come to shop or sell!

Homemade Jellies & Jams, Jessie's Jewelry, Baked Goods, Coffee, Native Plants, BeeHouses, Soaps, Artwork, etc.

Come to display your wares or buy!

Contact Christie Ontko at 419-366-1372 if interested in setting up a tent/table. Table Rent Benefits the Conservancy!

Thanks to Christie at Ontko Organics for organizing and to all who have participated so far- Perry Group, Kate Ptak, Amy Huston, Jill Cooks, Jessie Green, Celeste Mycoskie, Susan Byrnes, Lisa Brohl, Sally Duffy, Sue Prahst, Russell Brohl II, and Tracy Burgess.



# Middle Bass Music Festival Continued....

(MUSIC FESTIVAL Continued from page 1)

to share our love for Middle Bass Island and the restoration of Lonz Winery Patio and Pavilion with our friends, families and guests through the Middle Bass Music Festival. Ride the [Miller Ferry](#) from Catawba Island or the [Sonny S](#) from downtown Put-In-Bay and join us for the day. You can spend the night on Middle Bass Island at [St Hazards Resort](#) or tie your own boat up at the [Middle Bass Island State Park marina](#).

The beautiful Lonz Winery Patio will be filled with the sound of local musicians, The Island Band, Rock and Roll Stew, Mr. Willy and the Honey Bee, North Coast Goats, The Boilermakers and 100 Mile Haul. Come hungry and thirsty, Jimmy G's BBQ, Heineman's Winery, and Catawba Island Brewing are our concession partners.

While on the island, take a moment to tour the winery museum with its five historic Civil War era wine cellars. The museum showcases

the history of Lonz Winery with exhibits of century old wine making equipment. Walk the state park trails and enjoy a fun and relaxing family adventure.

Proceeds from the Middle Bass Music Festival will be donated to Lake Erie Islands Conservancy encouraging conservation and protection of natural and agricultural lands in the Lake Erie Islands since the year 2000. Their mission is to protect and conserve natural areas of the islands from commercial and private development. The Lake Erie Islands are a unique environment providing habitat for migrating birds and homes for a host of indigenous flora and fauna.

For more information on the Conservancy, see [www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org](http://www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org).

Event friends and supporters include The Hisey Group w/Howard Hanna @ [www.MiddleBassIsland.info](http://www.MiddleBassIsland.info) and [The Middle Bass Island Yacht Club](#)

## A special thanks to our sponsors and supporters

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**All Proceeds\* Benefit The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy**

\*Your contributions and membership fees are tax deductible.

This event is being held thanks to your donations and volunteers. Thank You!

## Middle Bass Music Fest Artist Space Available July 14 12:00-8:00pm

Each artist can expect one 8' foot table and 2 chairs per dedicated pavilion module. Please view photos detailing the pavilion modules 1 through 8, with frontal and two side views. Artists can choose which module they prefer on a first come first served basis. We will provide artists pavilion space per individual, up to the eight module limit. Should modules be filled and there would be artist interest beyond the eight module limit, it is incumbent upon the artist to provide their own shelter, table, and chairs which will be configured adjacent to the visual artist area of the pavilion.

Electricity is available for use to be connected from outlets on posts of "module 1", between posts of "module 4 and module 5", and last post of "module 8". Artists are to provide their own extension cord lines for connecting to outlets. Artists can setup their displays starting at 9.00 am on the day of the Music Festival.

Upon agreement, payment of \$25.00 as check shall be made to: Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, P. O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456. (Please reference MBI Music Fest Artist Space on memo line). A confirmation email will be sent to follow. Please contact Roman Sapecki (419-581-1919 or [RomanQ1@aol.com](mailto:RomanQ1@aol.com)) with any questions.



## Hello Everyone ~

**Miller Ferry adds an extra passenger only ferry** departing Middle Bass Island **Saturday, July 14 at 7 PM** for guests who wish to fully enjoy the day at the **Middle Bass Island Music Fest** on the grounds of historic Lonz Winery.

Here's a link to the MBI Music Fest Facebook page should you want to share the page with your friends and add your photos and comments.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/174782476502897/>



The contact number for the Middle Bass Island Music Fest is Bruce Miles [brucemiles@gmail.com](mailto:brucemiles@gmail.com)

The Miller Ferry Middle Bass Island schedule, fares and more can be found at <http://www.millerferry.com>.

Passengers traveling to Middle Bass Island aboard Miller Ferry *do not* need a reservation, however Middle Bass *vehicles do* require a reservation. Reserve vehicles through office 800.500.2421

**Many Thanks!**

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## Coopers Woods Update AND... Big Trees of the Bass Islands *By Lisa Brohl*

A letter of intent regarding the sale of Coopers Woods has been signed between the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the DeRivera Park Trust. A grant preproposal for 1/2 the purchase price has been accepted by the Conservation Fund and a full proposal will be completed by July 31. There will hopefully be Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grants available for our District 5 this fall for a match. We will be working hard on this and will keep you up to date. We hope that everything continues to move in a positive direction. Thanks for all your support!



Photos: Gorgeous supersize trees located in Coopers Woods. The middle photo was taken as a panoramic to try and capture the whole tree! (Photos by Michelle Pennington)

We picked up a great idea from our Canadian neighbors while at our LEIICC meeting on Pelee Island. Everyone keep your eyes open while out in the island woods this summer and let us know where you think the biggest trees on the Bass Islands are located. The Village or DeRivera Park? Cooper's Woods? Your own yard or woods? We would love to have records of where the largest of different species are! Send photos of your big tree to [leiconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:leiconservancy@gmail.com) or text Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087. We may have something special planned next spring as a result during our Village of Put-in-Bay Arbor Day ceremony next year!

## Another Awesome Arbor Day Celebration *by Kelly Faris*



memory of Danny French. All trees were planted in DeRivera Park. A

On Friday, April 27, the Village of Put-in-Bay celebrated its 10th Arbor Day. Seventy-eight people participated in the planting of two Swamp White Oak trees and a Chinquapin tree, sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Garden Club, in

Susan Hildebrandt spoke about the life of Danny French.

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.



Photos (Clockwise): Arbor Day Celebration; Ken Farber delivering trees; Kate and Joe Byrnes reenacting the scene from 50th Anniversary Stamp on left

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. Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris, and Kendra Koehler.



memorial stone will be inscribed "Danny French, A Man for Others, A.M.D.G." and will be placed at the base of the Chinquapin tree. The Swamp White Oak 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.

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

Kelly Faris, on behalf of the Tree Commission, hosted the celebration and reviewed how we use the "language of trees" everyday: We turn over a new leaf...We branch out... Our ideas blossom... A new adventure bears fruit... Our momentum is sapped... Our resolve is deep-rooted... and sometime we can't see the forest for the trees....



# 3rd Annual Island Green Week Continues to Showcase Natural Beauty of Lake Erie's Bass Islands

Island Green Week Press Release 2018

Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Name of Event: Island Green Week

Hosted on: Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, Gibraltar Island, and Kelleys Island

Dates: August 4- 11, 2018

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Website Address: [lakeerieislandswildlife.com](http://lakeerieislandswildlife.com)

## Event Coordinators, Description of Event, & Sponsors

This week-long celebration, *Island Green Week, 2018*, will run from August 4 to August 11. The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, OSU's Stone Laboratory, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and, for the first time, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, have collaborated to produce a week of Ecotourism, Adventure Travel, Agritourism, and History sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Put-in-Bay Gazette, Miller Boat Line, Jet Express, Park Hotel, Frosty Bar, Cameo Pizza, The Boardwalk, and Island Bike Rental.

## Calendar of Events August 4-11, 2018

### Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day

**Saturday August 4** from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Middle Bass Island; cost is \$20. Kayakers start and finish at the Middle Bass Island State Park west beach. The paddle around the island includes three additional stops (the State Park Marina, the MBI East Point Preserve, and the Kuehnle State Wildlife Area/Petersen Woods Preserve). A welcome packet at the start has a description of the course and information about the stops. Stops are staffed with volunteers for safety and to distribute poker cards and snacks. The finish has a cook-out with hot-dogs, chips, and bottle of water while 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners are determined. Proceeds from the event will benefit signage for the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's newest preserves on Middle Bass Island. (Rain Date August 5) The Registration is available at: <https://lakeerieislandsconservancy.org>. Deadline to register is August 1, 2018.



# ISLAND GREEN WEEK

**PUT-IN-BAY, MIDDLE BASS, KELLEYS & GIBRALTAR ISLANDS**

**AUGUST 4-11, 2018**

*Enjoy the natural beauty, geology, and ecology of these islands.*

## Activities include:

- Poker Kayak Run
- Stargazing Cruise
- Pig Roast
- Glacial Groove Hike
- Island Auction
- Lantern Tour of Hotel Victory Site



- Eco-tours of:
  - Gibraltar Island
  - Put-in-Bay and its Lighthouse
  - Lonz Winery
  - A Natural Cave
  - Aquatic Center and more!

@islandgreenweek

for further event details, lodging, and discounts visit [lakeerieislandswildlife.com](http://lakeerieislandswildlife.com) or call 419-285-3037

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### Historic Lonz Winery Tours, Middle Bass Island

**Saturday August 4, Sunday August 5, and Saturday August 11** from 11am to 5pm on Middle Bass Island; cost - FREE. Participants will get a guided tour of the iconic Lonz



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## A SWIFT NIGHT OUT at PIB *By Lisa Brohl*

A SWIFT NIGHT OUT is a continent-wide effort to raise awareness about and encourage interest in Chimney Swifts and Vaux's Swifts. As summer draws to a close and the swifts have finished raising their young, these fascinating aerial acrobats begin to congregate in communal roosts prior to their migration in the fall. Some roosts may consist of an extended family group of a half a dozen birds or so, but the larger sites can host hundreds or even thousands of swifts!

We have Chimney Swifts here on the Bass Islands in many of the older homes and buildings with chimneys-The Aquatic Visitor Center, PIB

Town Hall, as well as several private homes. Keep your eyes to the skies at dusk in late July and watch for areas where swifts are feeding. Look for a tall shaft, chimney or similar structure to locate where Chimney Swifts go to roost in your area.

We will be taking a walk at the Scheeff East Point Preserve on Friday, August 10 at 7:00pm to view any chimney swifts using the new Chimney Swift Tower. Participants at 8:00pm can then join the Night Hike at the Massie Cliffside Preserve for Island Green Week!!



Photos: Casey Carty and Eric Booker erect Chimney Swift Tower with assistance of Richard Gump and Ken Farber

## Chimney Swift Tower—Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve *By Kelly Faris*

Brick chimneys are disappearing and Chimney Swifts are getting scarce. There may or may not be a correlation between these two statements. Man-made chimneys – Chimney Swift towers--are being constructed to provide nesting places for the swifts.

Lake Erie Island Conservancy member Karen Jennings provided funding for the materials for a Chimney Swift tower and Casey Carty constructed the wooden structure in three parts at his home in Avon, Ohio. Using tall step ladders and a backhoe, Eric Booker, Casey Carty, and Ken Farber erected the tower at the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve.

The tower has a large enough diameter for the Chimney Swifts to nest and roost inside the shaft. The tower stands 14 feet high and is insulated to prevent the inside from overheating. Ventilation holes at the bottom permit air to circulate through the shaft and also prevent overheating. The holes are small so that snakes cannot enter the chamber. A removable bottom piece facilitates cleaning at the end of the nesting season. Metal flashing at the top prevents raccoons and other animals from entering.

The inside of the tower has a rough texture so that the small birds can cling to the vertical inside where they build their small nests from twigs and saliva.

The Chimney Swift is a medium-sized, sooty gray bird with very long, slender wings and very short legs. Some have called the Chimney Swift a “flying cigar.”

The Chimney Swift spends most of its time flying, catching insects and even drinking by skimming over water. The swifts have a short legs and small feet. The bird cannot roost in trees, but can only roost by clinging to a vertical surface. The swifts mate for life. The female lays 4 to 5 eggs, and the young hatch in 19 days and fledge in about a month later. The birds live about five years.

The Chimney Swifts winter in South America as far south as Peru. They will spend about six to seven months in their new tower, and will return to this tower year after year.

## Back to the Wild Visits *By Lisa Brohl*

Back to the Wild, a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Castalia, Ohio brought their -birds and critters to the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on May 6 for two shows-one for the Road Scholar program and one for the island community after school. Thanks Put -in-Bay Recreation Committee, Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, and Miller Boat Line for sponsoring!



## StoryWalk® Trail *By Lisa Brohl*

Karen Wilhelm of the Erie Islands Branch of the Ida Rupp Library has created a StoryWalk® trail for the Dodge Woods Preserve owned by the Put-in-Bay Township Park District. Karen has received funding from a number of sources and is looking for sponsorship of books (\$50 each) and volunteers to help put in the trail. Contact her for more information. We look forward to this great addition to our island preserves. The Conservancy has agreed to sponsor at least one book with a seasonal nature theme.



Photo: Karen Wilhelm with the Erie Island Library StoryWalk project

## Earth Day—The Beginning *By Kelly Faris*

For many years before there was an “Earth Day,” many individuals were concerned about water, earth, and air pollution. Their concern was punctuated by the 1969 burning of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio. The fire was the cover of Time Magazine.

The Cuyahoga River – as was true of many streams and rivers – was an open sewer of human and industrial waste.

People were shocked by the “burning river” photos and state of the river and the environment.

The outcome of this uproar and outcry was the Clean Water Act of 1972 -- A law created to restore and maintain the integrity of the nation’s waters and to preserve the viability of America’s wetlands.

Also as an outgrowth of this national concern, Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day, and the first celebration was held on April 22, 1970. Twenty million people in the United States joined in the observance.

Today on April 22 of each year, Earth Day is celebrated around the world in 192 countries to call attention to the fragile environment of this planet Earth and the need to protect and clean up the environment.

In 2016 on Earth Day, The Paris Agreement (Accord) was signed by 195 countries. One of the provisions of the pact is to address the causes of climate change. The United States signed this historic agreement but has threatened to withdraw. The threat has become true. The Trump Administration has withdrawn from the Paris Accord!

## Earth Day 2018 Put-in-Bay, Ohio *By Kelly Faris*

World Earth Day was held on Sunday, April 22, and individuals on South Bass Island joined in the international activity.

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy held an Earth Day celebration at the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve. Paula Ziebarth presented a program on purple martins and tree swallows. The martins and swallows have returned to the Preserve from their wintering in South America. Binoculars were available for closer looks at these early spring arrivals.

Participants were provided garbage bags and buckets to clean up the Preserve. Garbage bags and water were provided by the Heineman Winery. The group also saw the recently built Chimney Swift Tower. Lake Erie Islands Conservancy member Karen Jennings funded the construction of the tower, and Casey Carty built the structure, transporting it in three pieces to the Island. Using tall ladders and a backhoe, Carty along with Erie Booker and Ken Farber erected the tower.

After the clean-up at the Scheeff Preserve, many went to the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail to pull out invasive garlic mustard which is encroaching on the early spring wildflowers. Dutchmans breeches were growing along the wildflower trail.



Photos (Clockwise): Paula Ziebarth giving her talk; At Jane Coates Wildflower Trail-Lisa Brohl, Jennifer, Todd, Matthew Newhouse, Joe and Michelle Pennington, Travis Zwisza, Paula and Greg Ziebarth; At Scheeff East Point: Marty Faris, Kristin Stanford with Vivien Scarpelli, Matthew Newhouse, Travis Zawisza, Lisa Brohl kneeling, Todd Newhouse, Paula Ziebarth, Jennifer Newhouse, Roger Parker, Susan Bixler holding Vince Scarpelli, Steve Orlando holding Sienna Orlando (eight month old-youngest participant!) Other participants not pictured Stephanie Eidt and Kimberly Schraitle from OSU Stone Lab, and Mary Parker; Mike and Joe Byrnes at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail; At Jane Coates pulling invasive garlic mustard- Matthew Newhouse, Travis Zwisza, Michelle Pennington, and Jennifer Newhouse



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# Pelee 2018 Visit by Kelleys, Middle Bass and South Bass Islanders *By Jean Gora*

The Lake Erie Islands International Consortium (LEIIC) held its annual meeting on Pelee Island, Canada, this year on June 4-5. Representatives from three US islands -- South Bass, Middle Bass, and Kelleys -- also attended. The group's mission is to share ideas and work to preserve the islands' natural beauty and past culture and promote ecotourism, so that all who visit will enjoy the natural splendor and history that the islands have to offer. Members of the Consortium share ideas and methods relevant to the challenges and opportunities of the Lake Erie islands. See <https://www.facebook.com/lakeerieislandsintlconsortium/> or <http://leiic.org/>.



**Photo: Jill Crosthwaite of the Nature Conservancy Canada leads a walk at restored wetlands on Pelee with Mike Gora and John Ambrose. Article Photos by Mike Gora**

All four islands share a common ecological niche. Although the boundary between Canada and the United States separates the Lake Erie Islands into two countries, the islands have been historically, naturally and culturally interconnected to one another. At the confluence of two migration routes -- the Atlantic Flyway and the Mississippi flyway -- the islands are significant stopover sites for many species.

Birds cross the US-Canadian border more easily than people do. Boaters entering the US from Canada are likely to be helped by the new ROAM App allowing them to report entry using Mobile devices. The App is being offered by the US Customs and Border Protection and you can download it and register your information. It was not in full operation in Ohio at the time of the meeting but will be available shortly. When the new Pelee Islander II ferry goes into service this summer it will also improve access to the island but the big improvement will come a year later when there will finally be three big ferries serving the island after the older Pelee Islander is overhauled.

All participants in the meeting noted the challenges their islands face as a result of the high lake level. Late spring storms have already caused significant erosion. Major roads and break walls have been damaged. Residents of all four islands are only beginning to deal with the challenges.

Sumiko Onishi from the Pelee Island Bird Observatory led LEIIC participants on an early morning bird census walk at the Fish Point

Provincial Nature Reserve. Erosion from the northeast storms this spring was much in evidence. Sumiko told a story of the strong surges of water while doing a survey during one of the storms. A lot of the point is underwater at this time with the beach moved up into the forest. Indigo buntings, cedar waxwings, eastern wood pewee, greater black-backed gulls, turkey vultures and of course red-winged blackbirds were among the tallied species.

Jill Crosthwaite, conservation biologist with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), showed the group how the Conservancy is working to transform former agricultural fields on Pelee into meadows and wetlands. Each year NCC staff look for low, wet areas that could become future wetlands. Then, using contractors with excavators and bulldozers, these areas are dug deeper and wider, so that they will become ponds once the spring thaw and rain come. Volunteers and staff then collect seeds from native plants already growing on the island and plant them in the meadows and newly created wetlands, restoring the landscape to what it once was: a rich, fertile habitat for many species. Members of the consortium could see vivid examples of this process. The land transformed into meadows and wetlands several years ago showed a much greater variety of plants than the land transformed more recently. The tour was through a restored field on NCC's Florian Diamante Nature Reserve property -- the field is 86 acres and the whole property is 455 acres. they started the restoration in 2015, breaking the field into 4 sections to allow NCC to collect all the seed on Pelee Island (they can only collect so much each year and don't want to spread it too thinly). The last section will be planted this fall. Each year they plant 30-50 species of grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees, all collected locally. NCC also created almost 10 acres of wetland on the field by excavating depressions and breaking field tiles in the wet spots -- the first one was ~2 acres and created in 2015 and the other three were done in 2016. Our group also saw the rare Wilson Phalarope bird in one of the wetlands. NCC has protected over 1,000 acres (390 hectares) on Pelee Island, the most southerly inhabited part of Canada.

“Wetlands help to keep down pollution levels by filtering out nutrients



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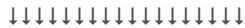
# 4<sup>th</sup> Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day!



Sat., August 4, 2018  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
(after MBI 5K Run)

To BENEFIT signage for the MBI preserves!  
(part of Put-in-Bay Township Park District)

To HIGHLIGHT the coastal MBI preserves and the MBI State Park!



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 1<sup>st</sup> poker card.
- ◆ Stop #2: MBI State Park shore (E side of MBI State Park) by MBIYC – Get 2<sup>nd</sup> poker card + banana.
- ◆ Stop #3: MBI East Point Preserve (S side of East Point) – Get 3<sup>rd</sup> poker card + granola bar.
- ◆ Stop #4: MBI Swamp Cove at Keuhnle Wildlife Area – Get 4<sup>th</sup> poker card + sport drink for the long haul.
- ◆ Stop #5: MBI State Park Campground – again! Get 5<sup>th</sup> 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!)

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

1. Mark your calendar.
2. Fill out registration form. (you will get map and kayak # at start)
3. Sign “Waiver and Liability Release” form.
4. Mail or hand registration form + signed release + check/money order payable to: “Put-in-Bay Township Park District” to:  
Tina M Larson  
1245 North Shore Drive  
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Questions? Email: [tmlarson@umich.edu](mailto:tmlarson@umich.edu) (Sorry OSU & MSU fans...)

Cost is \$20 – BUT YOU CAN DONATE MORE TO BENEFIT THE PRESERVES!!

In case you’re feeling generous to fund whole or in part: consider a large entrance sign \$1500; 17”x22” interpretive trail sign \$200; (donor name(s) on signs included); recycled plastic bench including name(s), info, inscription, & installation \$2000.

For registration forms, go to [www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org](http://www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org), stop at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center or at the Middle Bass Island State Park or e-mail at [tlarson@umich.edu](mailto:tlarson@umich.edu) or [leiconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:leiconservancy@gmail.com).

## Island Wide Garage Sale

By Lisa Brohl



The LEIC had a table at the Island Wide Garage Sale in May at John and Paula Ladd’s at the corner of Catawba and Erie St. T-shirts, hats, common and swamp milkweed, butterfly weed, hairy beardstongue plants reared from Massie Cliffside Preserve seed! Also Hummels for sale! Thanks Ladd’s for a great location!

## Eagle Scout Project

By Lisa Brohl

Evan Hart, a summer resident of Middle Bass Island, has proposed an Eagle Scout project for the Petersen Woods Preserve. He will be building prothonotary warbler nesting boxes to place over the protected waters of the wetland there. We look forward to working with Evan as he fulfills his Eagle Scout requirements.

## Geocaches at our Preserves

By Lisa Brohl

Karen Wilhelm and Jen Miller have installed geocaches at the following of our preserves: Dodge Woods Preserve, Massie’s Cliffside Preserve, Jane Coates Wildflower Trail, Scheeff East Point Preserve, and the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve. Check out the website [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to join in the world’s largest treasure hunt!



Photos: Gorgeous Spring Wildflowers L-R Columbine; Appendaged Waterleaf; Mayapple

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# Spring Bird Banding 2018 *By Tom Bartlett and Lisa Brohl*

Here are the spring banding reports for efforts on Middle Bass Island and South Bass Island. We have now banded 9839 individuals on the Bass Islands and 114 species. The Yellow-throated Vireo and Cerulean Warbler were new this spring. It was an exceptionally incredible week of birds at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve this spring!

Thanks to all who help us with our efforts—those mentioned that band, scribe or extract as well as Miller Boat Line for providing free passage for our banding crew and to Nancy Welter, Russell Brohl for housing on Middle Bass and to the Barnhill family for their continued hospitality on South Bass Island for hosting the banding station. We are grateful to those who have sponsored the purchase of nets in the past. We are always looking for additional nets and equipment if interested in helping with our efforts.

It is a great way to get people interested in birds and our island conservation efforts on their behalf—look at the number of visitors to the stations—61 people at Middle Bass... And last but not least, thanks to Tom and Paula Bartlett for making the islands such a big part of their lives!



## 2018 Spring Bandout Middle Bass Island

**Dates:** April 29 through May 4  
**Location:** East Point Preserve; Put-in-Bay Park District  
**Participants:** Tom Bartlett; Bander (Federal Permit: 21624)  
 Paula Bartlett and Lisa Brohl; Extractors and scribes  
 Teddi Pertner and Nancy Welter; Scribes and Assistants  
**Guests:** 61

### Birds Banded

9	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	2	Blue-winged Warbler
2	Downy Woodpecker	1	Tennessee Warbler
2	Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	<b>1</b>	<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>
1	Eastern Wood-Pewee	22	Nashville Warbler
<b>2</b>	<b>Least Flycatcher</b>	13	Black-and-white Warbler
1	Great Crested Flycatcher	13	Common Yellowthroat
<b>1</b>	<b>White-eyed Vireo</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Hooded Warbler</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Cerulean Warbler</b>
5	Blue-headed Vireo	4	Magnolia Warbler
1	Red-eyed Vireo	1	Blackburnian Warbler
11	Blue Jay	14	Yellow Warbler
12	Tree Swallow	2	Chestnut-sided Warbler
3	Black-capped Chickadee	1	Blackpoll Warbler
1	Brown Creeper	2	Black-throated Blue Warbler
18	House Wren	19	Palm (Western) Warbler
2	Winter Wren	70	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
1	Carolina Wren	6	Black-throated Green Warbler
3	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Eastern Towhee
8	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	Chipping Sparrow
29	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	Savannah Sparrow
4	Veery	6	Song Sparrow
5	Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	Lincoln's Sparrow
56	Swainson's Thrush	7	Swamp Sparrow
32	Hermit Thrush	64	White-throated Sparrow
3	Wood Thrush	2	White-crowned Sparrow
43	American Robin	1	Scarlet Tanager
17	Gray Catbird	3	Northern Cardinal
1	Brown Thrasher	1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
9	European Starling	61	Red-winged Blackbird
1	House Finch	14	Common Grackle
18	American Goldfinch	7	Brown-headed Cowbird
14	Ovenbird	5	Baltimore Oriole
6	Northern Waterthrush		

**65** Species Banded  
**6** Banding Days  
**63** Recaptures  
**0** Casualties  
**0.91** Birds banded per net hour

**675** Banded individuals  
**740.5** Net hours of effort  
**6** Escapes/released birds  
**744** Total birds handled  
**0.00** % Casualties per bird handled



Photos: Top to Bottom— Banding Troupe; Common Yellowthroat; Veery; Northern Waterthrush; Right— White-eyed Vireo — all bird photos by Shane Roberts

2018 Road Scholar Bird Banding Results

**Dates:** May 6-9 and May 14-16  
**Location:** Vineyard B&B; eastside of South Bass Island  
**Participants:** Tom Bartlett; Bander (Federal Permit: 21624)  
 Paula Bartlett, John Lortz, and Lisa Brohl; Extractors and scribes  
 John & Peg Leopold, Nancy Welter, Tyler Nace; Scribes and Assistants  
**Guests:** 124 and 74 (Total = 198)

		Banded Birds	
9 (4,5)	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	3 (3,0)	Ovenbird
3 (3,0)	Downy Woodpecker	5 (4,1)	Northern Waterthrush
1 (1,0)	Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	1 (0,1)	Tennessee Warbler
<b>2 (0,2)</b>	<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>	3 (3,0)	Nashville Warbler
1 (1,0)	Acadian Flycatcher	5 (3,2)	Black-and-white Warbler
6 (4,2)	Least Flycatcher	9 (2,7)	Common Yellowthroat
2 (2,0)	Eastern Phoebe	2 (2,0)	Hooded Warbler
1 (1,0)	Eastern Kingbird	3 (0,3)	American Redstart
2 (2,0)	White-eyed Vireo	1 (0,1)	Northern Parula
2 (1,1)	Blue-headed Vireo	16 (8,8)	Magnolia Warbler
2 (1,1)	Warbling Vireo	18 (10,8)	Yellow Warbler
1 (0,1)	Red-eyed Vireo	2 (2,0)	Chestnut-sided Warbler
5 (5,0)	Blue Jay	1 (1,0)	Black-throated Blue Warbler
8 (7,1)	Tree Swallow	1 (1,0)	Palm (Western) Warbler
3 (3,0)	Black-capped Chickadee	1 (1,0)	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
2 (2,0)	White-breasted Nuthatch	6 (6,0)	Black-throated Green Warbler
11 (6,5)	House Wren	1 (1,0)	Eastern Towhee
2 (1,1)	Carolina Wren	4 (3,1)	Lincoln's Sparrow
1 (0,1)	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1 (1,0)	Swamp Sparrow
13 (12,1)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4 (3,1)	White-throated Sparrow
2 (2,0)	Veery	14 (10,4)	Northern Cardinal
1 (0,1)	Gray-cheeked Thrush	4 (4,0)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
13 (9,4)	Swainson's Thrush	2 (1,1)	Indigo Bunting
1 (1,0)	Wood Thrush	134 (77,57)	Red-winged Blackbird
37 (25,12)	American Robin	43 (32,11)	Common Grackle
28 (20,8)	Gray Catbird	6 (4,2)	Brown-headed Cowbird
1 (1,0)	House Finch	4 (0,4)	Orchard Oriole
3 (2,1)	American Goldfinch	17 (4,13)	Baltimore Oriole
56 (48,33)	Total Species Banded	474 (302, 172)	Total Individuals Banded
7 (4,3)	Banding Days	674.5 (453.75,220.75)	Net hours of effort
73 (34,39)	Recaptures	2 (0,2)	Escapes/released birds
0 (0,0)	Casualties	551 (338,213)	Total birds handled
0.54 (0.67, 0.78)	Birds banded per net hours	0.00%	Casualties per bird handled

**Red = New species to SBI Banding List  
 Now is 98 species**

# Bass Islands Bird Banding

**(Remaining Summer 2018 Schedule)**

**South Bass Island-Scheeff  
 East Point Preserve  
 July 10**

**Middle Bass Island-Middle  
 Bass Island East Point  
 Preserve  
 July 12**

**North Bass Island  
 July 13**

**Gibraltar Island  
 July 14**

Dr. James Marshall of Rockford University teaches at the Ohio State University's Stone Lab for the five week REU session. He and an REU student band birds on alternate days. Most days the banding will begin around 8:00 AM and continue to noon.

Dr. Marshall's students may be present on some days but observers are welcome on any of the banding days.

**All banding is weather permitted.**

## 10,000th Bird Banded on the Bass Islands!

Below are photos of Dr. James Marshall and his Assistant, Raphaella banding a second year female Red-winged Blackbird on North Bass island (Isle of St. George) Saturday 6/30/2018. This was the 10,000th individual bird banded on the Bass islands by Tom Bartlett's team since beginning in 2003. It was a very hot but very productive morning on North Bass.



# REU Students at the Preserves!

This summer there are two REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) students from the Ohio State University Stone Lab working on our island preserves on projects. Dr. James Marshall of Rockford University is supervising Raphaella Mascia from College of the Holy Cross (Massachusetts)



Photos: L—Dr. James Marshall and Raphaella Mascia banding birds at the MBI East Point Preserve, R—Matthew Monteith measuring diameter at breast height of trees in the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve.



Lisa Brohl is supervising Matthew Monteith from the Ohio State University's Forestry program on a look at what species are coming up in the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserves Dieperink and Schneider tracts after the demise of green ash trees after the emerald ash borer. Invasive amur honeysuckle and buckthorn were removed last fall and this spring by

on a bird banding project including the Scheeff East Point Preserve and the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve. They are giving us data on what birds breed in our preserves in the summer-and how successfully.

EnviroScience—we will see if that makes a difference.

It is a great partnership between our Put-in-Bay Township Park District and Stone Laboratory!

## Purple Martin Banding *By Lisa Brohl*

About thirty people enjoyed viewing the purple martin banding at the Scheeff East Point Preserve on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Tom Kashmer, federally licensed bird bander and executive director of the Green Creek Wildlife Society banded over 400 young purple martins on South Bass Island with the assistance of Lisa Rock, Mike Picciuto, and Rhonda Miller also of the Green Creek Wildlife Society. Local purple martin expert Paula Ziebarth, AmeriCorps intern Samantha Newhouse,



Audrey Borchert and the South Bass Island Lighthouse were banded as well.

If you have a purple martin colony on the islands, let us know next year and we can add yours to the list for banding.



and Lisa Brohl were there to help too. It was a hot day but fun to see the birds up close and share with all the visitors to the Scheeff East Point Preserve. Birds from Paula Ziebarth, Lisa Brohl, Sharon Duggan,

Thanks to the Green Creek Wildlife Society crew for all of their help and to Miller Boat Line for their passage to the island.

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# LAKE ERIE WING WATCH

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## LAKE ERIE WING WATCH

# Things with WINGS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

Enjoy programs, food and vendors! Food and vendor booth open at 1 P.M. All events and activities will occur at Osborn MetroPark, near the Frost Center, except the Bird Hike.

TIME	EVENT
8:00 A.M.	Bird Hike at Old Woman Creek 2514 Cleveland Rd. E Huron, OH 44839
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Keynote Speaker Joe Dorrian from Ohio School of Falconry
3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Citizens Doing Science at Old Woman Creek with Emily Kuzmick
4:15 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Swifts and Swallows with Paula Ziebarth
5:15 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Let's Get Batty with Deb Nofzinger

### OSBORN METROPARK ACTIVITIES 1:00 - 4:00 VISIT THE VENDORS' TENT

**Back to the Wild (1:00 - 5:00 PM)** - Stop by and see some of their rescued wildlife. Learn about what it takes to rehabilitate an injured wild animal.

**Time and Optics** - Want to know more about how to view migrating birds? What optics are best for your viewing habits? Stop by their table to try all the newest innovations and tried and true classics in wildlife viewing.

Friends of Magee Marsh	Erie MetroParks
Friends of Old Woman Creek	Lake Erie Islands Conservancy
Firelands Audubon	Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

The purpose of Lake Erie Wing Watch is to use birding to advance conservation of natural areas in Erie and Ottawa counties by increasing knowledge and awareness of natural resources for existing birders and for new portions of the population.



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joseph P. Dorrian, Director - Joe has had a lifelong passion for birds of prey and the sport of falconry since the age of 12, when he first read the book My Side of the Mountain. Dorrian is married to his wife Kim and they have two children, Mason and Lainey. A graduate of The Ohio State University (with an MA in Workforce Development), he has worked for over 20 years as an Organizational and Leadership Development Consultant. Soon after completing his graduate work, Dorrian began his journey towards becoming a licensed Apprentice Falconer and became a state licensed Master Class falconer in 2012. It was around this time that Dorrian began to see the connections between what he trained in his leadership courses and his efforts training and hunting with birds of prey. The Ohio School of Falconry is the meeting of these two worlds. With each program that he facilitates, Dorrian strives to help individuals understand and appreciate, not only birds of prey and the sport of falconry, but also the important role that trust plays in the development of healthy working relationships, whether it be with humans...or hawk!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Morning birding 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.

PROGRAM	INFO	GUIDE
Birding by Kayak	The Coupling MetroPark 11618 SR13, Milan, OH Kayaks are limited, register by calling 419-625-7783 x 221 You can bring your own kayak	Erie MetroPark
Put-in-Bay Monarch Tagging	Sign up ahead at: 419-366-2087 or leiconservancy@gmail.com With registration, you will receive a ferry discount code. Meet at South Bass Island Lighthouse	Jackie Taylor
Hike Sheldon Marsh	2715 Cleveland Rd. W Huron, Ohio 44839 Meet in the parking lot	Firelands Audubon
Hike Great Egret Marsh	1068 N Buck Rd, Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440 Meet in parking lot	The Nature Conservancy



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## French Bench Dedication

A large group of family and friends showed up on Mothers Day 2018 to the Massie Cliffside Preserve to see a bench dedicated to Danny French. Deacon Mike from Mother of Sorrows Church gave a blessing. It was a beautiful day and will be a lovely spot to visit and reflect.



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## NORTH BASS NEWS



**The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District wrote letters of support for the Heineman Winery's proposal to lease back acres of grape vineyards and three historic homes on North Bass Island. Our Conservancy and Park District both have in their mission statements to see agricultural lands preserved on the Lake Erie Islands and are excited for the Heineman family for this new chapter in their Winery history!**

## LEIC RAFFLE TICKETS \$1 each or 6 for \$5



We are selling raffle tickets on this beautiful queen sized afghan made and donated to our Conservancy by Tracy Burgess. It has over 13,000 crochet stitches and made with

acrylic blend yarns from orphan skeins and reclaimed knits. Her other work by Calliope Hand Knits can be seen on the [Ravelry](https://www.ravelry.com/people/calliope) site

for knitters and crocheters. Signing up is free!

We will be selling raffle tickets at each of the remaining Artisan Fairs, the upcoming Music Festival, and several other events up until the Holiday Christmas Bazaar in December where the winner will drawn that evening and notified by phone or by email.

Thank you Tracy!!!

## Native Plant and Tree Sale *By Lisa Brohl*



Thanks to Gale Martin at Natives in Harmony and to Ed Kapraly of Riverside Native Trees for working with us again this

year to offer plants and trees native to the island for sale. We appreciate all those who purchased from us as well! Ken Farber picked up the trees from Riverside Native Trees and Lisa Brohl did the pick up at Natives in Harmony. Visit the growers at their locations! Just beautiful! We

sold extra milkweed, butterfly weed and hairy beardstongue reared from Massie Cliffside Preserve seed. Look for next years sale!



## T-Shirts and Hats for Sale!

We now have organic cotton made in the USA t-shirts with our LEIC logo in a variety of colors and sizes. They are for sale for \$20 each.

We still have our LEIC hats in three colors as well for \$22 each.

Contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or [leiconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:leiconservancy@gmail.com)!



## NOAA Visit in June *By Lisa Brohl*

Yetty Lombardo, local liaison, of the Ohio Coastal Management Program and Liz Mount, Coastal Management specialist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recently visited all the projects they have funded on Middle Bass Island. Thanks LEIC member Bob Cummings for showing them around. We really appreciate the continued support from the Coastal Management program!!



Photo: Yetty Lombardo and Liz Mount

# Island Green Week 2018 Continued...

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Winery. **On Saturday August 4, 5:30pm to 7:30pm ONLY**, the tour will be followed by a bonfire at the Middle Bass Island State Park. The Sonny-S Boat Line Inc. is available from the Boardwalk at Put-in-Bay to the main dock on Middle Bass. [Sonny S. The Sonny S Ferry Prices are; One-way fares, CASH ONLY. Adults \(13+\)- \\$6.00, Children \(6-12\) \\$3.00, Children \(under 6\) Free.](#)

## **Historic Aquatic Visitor Center Tours with Wild Saturday Outreach Program at Put-in-Bay**

**August 4, 8, 9, 10, 11** from 10am to 5pm; cost - FREE. Visitors can stop by the Aquatic Visitors Center, about one mile west of downtown Put-in-Bay, to experience Lake Erie science up close. Activities include inspecting Lake Erie's complex ecosystem through hands-on displays, observing and identifying live fish in ten large aquariums, and discovering current research to protect Lake Erie. Children under age 16 can fish from the fishing pier for free. The facility is run by Ohio Sea Grant and OSU's Stone Laboratory. Saturdays (August 4 and 11) will also include special interpretive programs from 1 pm to 3 pm



## **Middle Bass Forested Wetland**

**Dedication Sunday August 5** at 1pm; cost - FREE. The Put-in-Bay Township Park District will dedicate a new trail and preserve. Participants will meet at the sign on Fox Rd. at the Preserve. A cake reception will follow at the Middle Bass Island State Park Pavilion. The Sonny-S Boat Line is available for transportation from the Boardwalk at Put-in-Bay to the main dock on Middle Bass. [The Sonny S Ferry Prices are; One-way fares, CASH ONLY. Adults \(13+\)- \\$6.00, Children \(6-12\) \\$3.00, Children \(under 6\) Free.](#)



## **Eco-Tour & Fair, Put-in-Bay**

**Monday August 6 and Tuesday August 7** from 9am to 5pm; cost- \$20.00 adult, under 18 FREE, on South Bass Island. Participants may stop in at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall any time during these days to pick up their tour packets that will include maps, tour booklets, several goodies, freebies, and coupons from island businesses. Several island businesses and artisans will be selling their wares at the Town Hall. This unique ramble and island tour will include over 32 fun nature and history related stops. Among the highlights planned will be: hiking Coopers Woods, seeing a natural cave, touring island vineyards and docent tours of island churches and other historic buildings. Discounts at several restaurants, reduced entrance fees at attractions, and coupons for gift shops will be given to Island Ramblers. Proceeds will benefit the Put-in-Bay Township Park District and will be used to maintain and preserve island parks.



## **Miller Boat Line Stargazing Cruise, Put-in-Bay**

**Monday August 6** at 8pm; cost - Adults- \$20, Kids - \$10. The ferry cruise will leave from the downtown Miller Boat Line dock on Put-in-Bay at sunset. The stars will light up the sky as Cleveland State University instructor and astronomer, Jay Reynolds, will engage with the guests sharing information about the night sky, planets, and stars. Passengers will have an amazing opportunity to enjoy the show from outer space as the ferry boat travels around the Lake Erie Islands. Heineman's Winery is donating wine. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be donated by Frosty Bar, The Put-in-Bay Gazette, and Cameo Pizza. Bring your own chair. Proceeds will benefit the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center's Building Addition.



## **Wild Tuesdays- "Slitherin' Snakes", Put-in-Bay**

**Tuesday August 7** from 1pm to 3pm at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center; cost -FREE. The purpose of our Wild Tuesdays programs is to educate visitors and local residents about Ohio's native wildlife by providing up-close and hands-on interactive experiences. This week's topic, Snakes, will be presented by Dr. Kristin Stanford from OSU's Stone Laboratory, who was featured on "Dirty Jobs". Kristin will be here with the *Lake Erie Watersnake* and other native snakes to teach about the importance of snakes on the islands. This is a really "wild" family event.



## **Bonfire and Lantern Tour of Historic Hotel Victory Grounds, Put-in-Bay**

**Tuesday August 7** from 7:30pm to 10pm; cost - FREE. South Bass Island State Park will host a campfire and a Lantern Tour of the famous Hotel Victory grounds. This family event will start with a beautiful sunset at South Bass Island State Park. A bonfire will be lit in the wooded group camping area near the glacial grooves, available throughout the evening for those who do not want to tour around the park. The tour will highlight various still-existing features of the Hotel Victory, with information shared by a local historian.

## **Historic Gibraltar Island Tour- In the Harbor of Put-in-Bay**

**Wednesday August 8** from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm OR 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm; special cost - \$5.00. Tours are limited to the first 70 participants on a first come first served basis. Tour discount for Eco-Ramble participants ONLY (must show wrist band). The two hour-long island tour will include a glimpse of the history and natural history of this island, including the historic Stone Laboratory and Cooke's Castle. The Water Taxi to Gibraltar will leave from the Boardwalk (\$3 Round Trip price – for this event only). Participants should plan to get there 15 minutes prior to tour time. Parking will be available at the Town Hall or on the Street, not at the Boardwalk.



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# Island Green Week 2018 Continued...

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## The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center's- Annual Pig Roast & Raffle, Put-in-Bay



**Wednesday August 8** from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Goat Restaurant at Put-in-Bay; cost - \$15.00 (Advance dinner tickets will be sold at the Wildlife Center starting July 1). \$20.00 (day of). Participants will be treated to a slow spit-roasted hog with corn and baked potatoes along with tasty sides donated by Island restaurants. Popular island entertainers Drew LaPlante and Jamison Smith will feature performances of favorite songs. There will be a silent auction with a variety of unique island prizes such as: a trip for two to Rattlesnake Island, Ferry Passes, a biplane ride, a five-course dinner for eight at a local restaurant, and hand-crafted art work.

Raffle tickets will be available at the Goat Restaurant on the day of the event. The proceeds from this event will go toward the Building Addition Fund for more space at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center to continue to carry out our mission educating youths and adults about the unique ecology of the islands

## Lake Erie Islands Historic Society Auction, Put-in-Bay



**Thursday August 9:** viewing time 3:00pm to 5:00pm; live auction at 5:00pm at Heineman's Winery on Put-in-Bay. The annual auction of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society will feature a very impressive selection of items donated by Put-in-Bay residents and businesses, many of which focus on Put-in-Bay History. Cash Bar.

## Nature & Art at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Put-in-Bay



**Friday August 10** from 1:00pm-2:30pm or 2:30pm-4:00pm, at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center; cost - \$10.00. Come to our back porch for an afternoon of "Plein Air" Artwork. We will supply the materials and Mother Nature will supply the subject matter. Island artist, Celeste Mycoskie will guide you in your efforts to capture your subject on paper.

## Night Hike, Put-in-Bay

**Friday August 10** at dusk (approx. 8:00pm); cost – FREE. Participants will meet at the Massie Cliffside Preserve parking lot at 611 State Route 357 on South Bass Island for a night hike. We will be listening for owl calls, looking for spider eyes, and watching for other night flying critters including bats. Please bring a flashlight and wear comfortable shoes.



## Historic South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours, Put-in-Bay



**Saturday August 11** from 11am to 5pm at the South Bass Island Light on Put-in-Bay; cost - Free. Guests will be able to tour the South Bass Island Lighthouse and learn about its history; climb its stairs up 60 feet to take in the stunning views of Put-in-Bay and Lake Erie from the top of the tower; and to walk the historic grounds that include a butterfly garden certified by Monarch Watch. The Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Kelleys Island Glacial Groove Tour and Geology Hike, Kelleys Island



**Saturday August 11** from 1:00pm to 4:00pm; cost - FREE. Join the staff of Kelleys Island State Park for an opportunity to visit and view up close the largest glacial grooves in North America. Park staff will discuss the different theories of how these grooves were created and the history of the surrounding stone quarries. The tour will also include a visit to one of Kelleys Island's abandoned quarries to discuss fossils and the habitat created by this aging quarry. Participants will have the option to ride the Jet Express to Kelleys Island from Put-in-Bay. Discounts to be announced, call 419.285.3037 for more information.

## The following businesses have generously donated discounts, please support them during your visit to Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, Gibraltar Island, and Kelleys Island.

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# A Special THANKS...



Another beautiful sign for our preserves! Thanks Marc Wright from the Old Forge for another great design of the Chimney Swift sign for our Scheeff East Point Preserve and a sign for the MBI Wetland and to Jack and Diane Kerin at Great Lakes Retrographics for making them!



Carol Craigs and Elaine Martens put in butterfly plants at the Massie Cliffside Preserve.



Mark Chance, Scott Ferrell, Richard Gump, Matthew Luecke, Zack Bitner were all out installing entrance signs and new interpretive signs at our preserves in April.



Ken Farber made this replacement sign for our new office at the Airport for the Perry Group-and weed-whacked at Scheeff East Point just before our program.

Ken Farber brought up the trees for the Village Tree Commission's Arbor Day and the LEIC Native Tree and Plant Sale.

Ken installed the final piece on the Chimney Swift Tower for the Scheeff East Point Preserve-the flashing to exclude predators. He also stained it for weather protection. He has been our go-to volunteer lately!



John and Paula Ladd—John is showing his support for Coopers Woods and Paula is sporting one of our LEIC t-shirts!



Thanks Alec Lydon Washtock and Richard Gump for getting our Chimney Swift Tower sign up at the Scheeff East Point Preserve



Todd Martin and Dianna Daoheung purchased two beautiful big bur oak for their Put-in-Bay yard from the Conservancy through Riverside Native Trees. Thanks to Ken Farber for his transportation. And we wish new LEIC member Todd and Dianne good luck with their new trees!



This new sign at Massie's Cliffside preserve recognizes tree donors and planters there.



Art Otermat is putting up some additional trail signs for us at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail.



We appreciate the answers to our Wish Lists! Kat and Dave Holscott donated this filing cabinet to the LEIC office. Mel Ginsberg donated this nice tall legal sized filing cabinet for all of our Put-in-Bay Township Park District's closing documents. Thanks to all!

Dustin Heineman and Alex Bastien moved the filing cabinet donated by Mel Ginsberg up to the LEIC an PIBTPS office in April.



Steve Stapleton and Brian Hovey picked up a garbage can of stuff from the woods at the Massie Cliffside Preserve this spring. What a great neighbor and friend to have!!



Bruce Miles installed this new sign at the MBI East Point Preserve.

# New and Renewing Members

## Friends

Chris Armbrrecht  
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 Stacey and Alan Clink in  
 honor of wedding of Craig  
 and Sharon Cox  
 Jim and Betsy Brohl  
 Michael Durinsky III

## Land Protection Fund

Mary and Tom Katzenmeyer

## New Bench for the Scheeff East Point Preserve

Family of Wally and Jean Hall

## Middle Bass Music Festival

South Shore Marine

**THANK  
 YOU!**



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*Great spangled Fritillary at MBI East Point Preserve—Photo by Tom Bartlett*

## DeColores Montessori Farm Jr High School Pulls Invasives *By Lisa Brohl*



Thanks Carrie Winhoven and the DeColores Montessori Farm Jr High School for pulling garlic mustard at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail in May with Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial Ranger

Kathie Holbrook! They removed over 15 bags of garlic mustard from the trail! This is the second visit from Carrie and DeColores Montessori Farm Jr. High School and we hope they visit again!

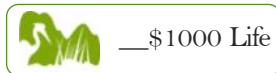
## Support LEIC through Amazon Smile!

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy website sports a new ad for the Amazon Smile website. Shopping here will send donations to the LEIC account. Click the box below to go directly to the Amazon Smile website!

## LEIC Membership Form

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**Thank You!**

## Island Green Week 2018 Continued...

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### Transportation Discounts

**E's Golf Cart Rental-** \$10 off day rental, August 4-11. For discount mention Island Green Week.

**Miller Boat Line,** - Discount to participants for passengers for Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Islands.

**Island Bike Rental-** \$20 off day golf cart rental at the Jet Express

and Lime Kiln Dock, Put-in-Bay on Monday August 6 to Friday August 10. Mention Island Green Week.

### Island Lodging Partner Discount

**Park Hotel,** <https://www.parkhotelpib.com> - August 5-9 Sunday through Thursday ONLY. Buy 2 weekday nights get 1 night FREE. **THIS DISCOUNT CAN ONLY BE RESERVED BY PHONE 419.285.3581.** Mention Island Green Week.

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like phosphorous and nitrogen, which are currently a big problem for Lake Erie because they cause toxic algal blooms. Wetlands also support many plants, which are important for insects, including pollinators that help produce our food," said Jill.

Beyond creating habitat for species at risk, the wetlands are also good for people. The restored ponds help with much-needed flood reduction, water filtration, erosion reduction and nutrient retention.

The group toured the site and back woods of the former Strowbridge Quarry. Pelee Island resident Ron Tiessen, who manages the Pelee Island Heritage Center, gave a lecture on the geological formation of Pelee with evidence from the Strowbridge site.

The Pelee Island Winery offered the group a wine tasting and exclusive use of its guest house. The winery is on the same latitude as the prestigious wine regions of the world (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany and France).

At 550 acres, the Pelee Island vineyards comprise the largest private estate in Canada. Having control of its grape supply allows it to grow and care for each vine to specifications outlined by the [World Wildlife Fund's](#) strict Sustainable Vineyard Practice. In brief, this means limited and controlled pesticide spraying and use of a 100% island grown natural fertilizer; sorghum grass.

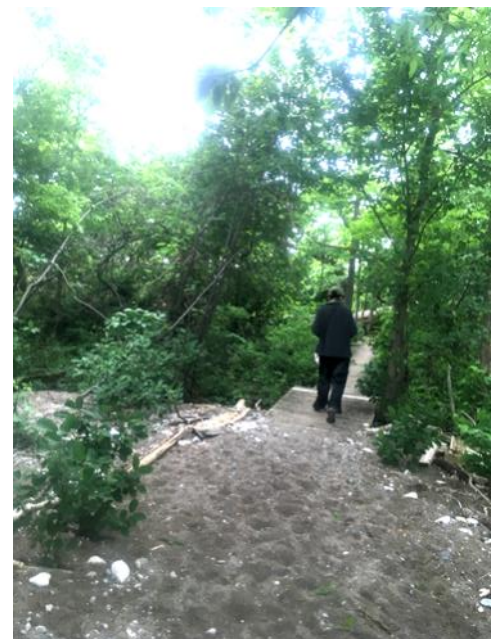
Varietals grown on the island include: **White:** Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Vidal, Pinot Gris, Tokay Friulano **Red:** Merlot, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Baco Noir, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Chambercin, Gamay, Zweigelt, Lemberger

Pelee Island Wine Pavilion  
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519-724-2469

<https://www.peleeisland.com/>

The group had lunch at an impressive new Pelee restaurant, the Stone House 1891, near the west dock. It provides Canadian craft beer

and local Ontario wines. All of the food is made from scratch with ingredients from the island and regional farms and markets. It uses an 800° wood-burning oven for pizza. <http://stonehouse1891.com/>



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



**September 8, 2018 for Swift Night Out Round 2**

**September 23, 2018 for LEIC Annual Meeting Heineman Winery**

**December 16, 2018 for Audubon Christmas Bird Count**



**Bench for Wally and Jeanne Hall**

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



Shelley Perry at the site where her family is donating a bench in memory of her parents Wally and Jeanne Hall. Wally had constructed the nesting boxes for the tree swallow grid shown here at the Scheeff East Point Preserve. Thanks to the family of Wally and Jeanne!