

An Early Christmas Present *By Lisa Brohl*



Photos: Left—Marianne and Ron Manderbach Photo by Teddi Keith-Morris; Right—Map showing Manderbach donation parcel yellow. The adjacent Costello Tract Preserve is in red.

We are excited to announce the donation of a .459 acre parcel of woods adjacent to the Costello Tract, owned by the Put-in-Bay Township Park District on Middle Bass Island.

Ron and Marianne Manderbach have been full time residents of Middle Bass Island since 1999 and frequent visitors to the banding station at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve. Their

island home is on the market and they are donating the lot behind their home to our Park District. We are grateful for their generosity and thoughtfulness. This will make the Costello parcel of 3.9 now 4.4 Acres. Thank you Ron and Marianne and we wish you the best in New Mexico this winter!

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....
Raise them up in the way they should go... Thanks to amazing mom Kristin Stanford for guiding little Vivian towards Conservation! More on pg. 5!

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2020: A Big Year for LEIC *By Lisa Brohl*

Our Lake Erie Islands Conservancy got its start and held its first official meeting in December of 2000!

This means that next year, we will be celebrating twenty years of land protection on the Lake Erie Islands.

Together with the Put-in-Bay Township Park District we have protected over **100** acres of island habitat. We hope to have a special event in 2020 to mark our 20th year and our preservation efforts!



Our organization started with the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy. We received our own 501c3 status in 2015. If you have a great idea for the celebration or are a good party planner, let us know at

leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. We all should be proud of what we have been able to accomplish together! Join us this coming year in celebrating all we have achieved and our exciting plans for the future!

Conservation is our Future... and the Future is Now — so join us in 2020!

Giving Tuesday in Northwest Ohio 2019

By Lisa Brohl

We will be celebrating Giving Tuesday on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will be eligible for a chance in a drawing for \$5,000 from the Toledo Community Foundation for participating in Giving Tuesday. Any check sent to us dated December 3, 2019 or donated to us via our PayPal on our www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org can be used to qualify us for the drawing. The donation can be earmarked for stewardship or land protection—we have a lot of grant applications out right now that need matching funds and more projects all the time to preserve island forests and shorelines!

#GIVINGTUESDAY™ NWO

New Geocaches at our Put-in-Bay Township Preserves



Some may not know that there is another interesting way to visit our preserves. Jen Miller and Karen Wilhelm have been busy in the past putting geocaches in them. For those of you not familiar, it is a game of trying to find caches with a GPS unit.

Check out www.geocaching.com for clues to get to sites that then have either a prize or a sign in sheet. The Scheeff East Point Preserve, Massie Cliffside Preserve, Jane Coates Wildflower Trail, Dodge Woods Preserve, Middle Bass East Point Preserve and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center all have geocache sites as well as other island locations. Another way to get your family off the couch and out in the woods!

Annual Meeting Held at Middle Bass Island

By Lisa Brohl

We held our annual meeting Saturday, October 5 at the Middle Bass State Park picnic pavilion. It was beautiful weather, good food and of course, great people! Russ Brohl manned the grill, Nancy Welter helped with set up, and thanks for Miller Boat Line for helping with transport over. We welcome Dave Bugoci to our Conservancy board. He was elected at this annual meeting. Board members Lisa Brohl, Kristin Stanford, Susan Byrnes, Peggy Leopold, and Marsha Collet were re-elected to their board seats for

two more years at this meeting. We also welcomed our new life members Mary Ann and Rich Plewacki. Dedicated board member Ken Farber was present on he and Jennifer's wedding anniversary!

In attendance were: Russ and Lisa Brohl, Ken and Jennifer Farber, Dave and Linda Bugoci, Nancy Welter, Teddi Keith-Morris, Lee Hisey, Kelly and Marty Faris, Mary Ann and Rich Plewacki



Photos: Rich Plewacki, Linda Bugoci, Teddi Keith-Morris, Russ Brohl, Dave Bugoci, and Mary Ann Plewacki; Russell Brohl manning the grill; Lee Hisey, Ken Farber, Nancy Welter, Marty and Kelly Faris, Jennifer Farber

Audubon Christmas Bird Count 2019

By Lisa Brohl

Walk the island from dawn to dusk listening, watching, counting. Enjoy the quiet time of year. Or sit in your recliner and watch colorful winter birds visit your bird feeder for a portion of the day. It all adds up with statistics from other birders around the country and a lot of fun to participate!

The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held in the Lake Erie Islands Count Circle on Sunday, **December 15, 2019**. Participants will be needed on Kelleys, Pelee, and the Bass Islands that day. On South Bass, we need volunteers to listen for owls in the early morning, travel the island bird watching during the day, and to watch their feeders at home. We are also looking for birders or feeder watchers to help with Middle Bass and North Bass.

If you are interested in watching your feeders or traveling the island for all



Photo of Carolina Wren at Christmas Bird Count 2018 by Elizabeth M. Heineman

E.M. Heineman
December 2018

or part of the day, call Lisa Brohl at (419) 366-2087 or e-mail at leiconservancy@gmail.com. Those on South Bass can meet at the Brohl residence (441 Mitchell Rd.) at 7:00 AM for coffee and strategy. We will get together for pizza and to share results after the count. Participation in the Christmas Bird Count is free and a lot of fun! Contact Nancy Welter (nkw2329@yahoo.com) or 419-341-5806 to participate on Middle Bass.

John Pogacnik, the official Count Circle Compiler, will be coordinating the efforts on Kelleys Island. Please correspond with him at jpogacnik@hotmail.com or with

Tom Bartlett at hthomas.bartlett@gmail.com if you wish to help at Kelleys.

How Do People Find our Preserves? Parrish Results *By Lisa Brohl*

Kristin Parrish, graduate student at Ohio University, helped prepared the Trail Challenge, PIBTPD brochure with the PIBTPD board and Brian Cultice as part of her practicum project. You may also have seen her sign-up logs at our local preserves this summer. They were on the back side of the entrance posts to our preserves so visitors would see them as they left the trails and returned to the parking lots. They asked visitors to records their numbers, place of residence, and how they heard of our preserves. These graphs are some of the early information that Kristin was able to gather for us. Below are the numbers of visitors that signed our guest book this year—we know there are more that do not sign. It gives us an idea of how many are using our trails and where they are from. It seems that so far most visitors found our preserves by just seeing our signs (48% of total.) Although looking at visitors to the Ladd Carr Woods/Jane Coates Wildflower Trail, 42% found the preserve because of a map.

Kristin also started an Instagram for our Park District and a photo tagging program to help get the word out electronically. Kalen Cap also started a Facebook Page for our Park District. We will see if, in the future, more hear of us from social media or brochures as a result of these new publications and outlets. We were surprised that not more made use of the photo tagging program. We realize that social media is tough to keep up with—our AmeriCorps intern Emily Young and Kristin did a great job this summer. We need assistance with maintaining this presence on Facebook, Instagram and our website.

Kristin is still writing up her data for defense of her thesis on December 9, 2019. Lisa Brohl is on her committee and hopes to attend. We will have an updated article on her full results in the Spring. Thanks Kristin for your hard work and congratulations on your upcoming completion of your graduate degree!

or Visitors Signing Log at Preserves 2019 from the weekend before Memorial Day to the weekend after Labor Day

Jane Coates Wildflower Trail: 500

Dodge Woods Preserve: 338*

Massie Cliffside Preserve: 1152

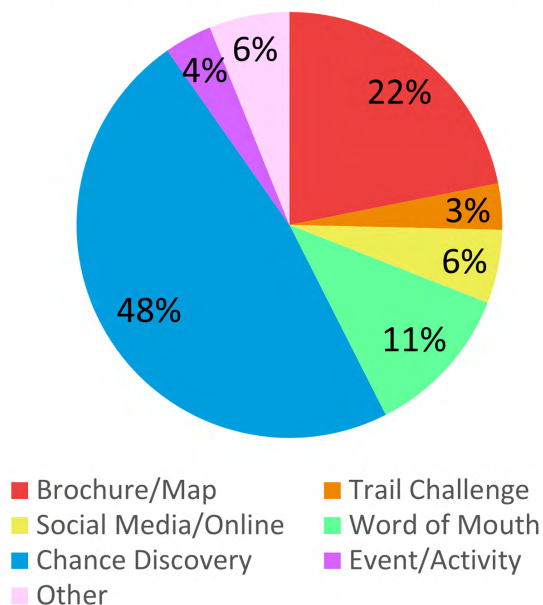
Scheeff East Point Preserve: 355

Middle Bass Forested Wetland Preserve: 29

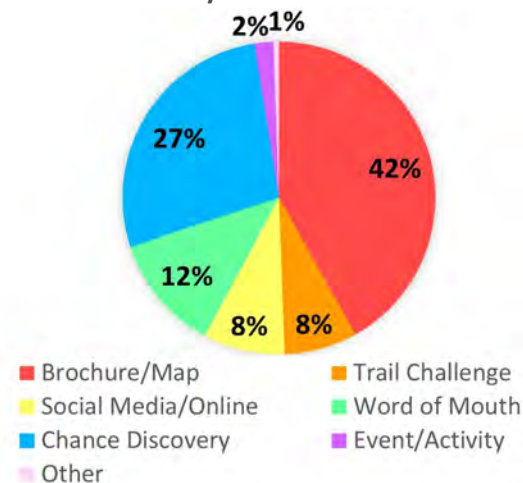
Middle Bass East Point Preserve: 166

***Karen Wilhelm of Erie Islands Library had 1514 sign her book there in 1 year**

TOTAL RESPONSES - ALL PARKS COMBINED



Ladd Carr Woods / Jane Coates Wildflower Trail



Clean Ohio Success *By Lisa Brohl*

This fall the Put-In-Bay Township Park District has been very busy in the grant department. They were awarded two Clean Ohio Conservation fund grants on November 13 at the District 5 NRAC meeting. One to purchase property from the Cleveland family adjacent to the Middle Bass East Point Preserve and one to purchase another partial acre from the Dodge family to add to the Dodge Woods Preserve. We will hear on December 4 about additional funding from the Conservation Fund for the Cleveland purchase.

We are still working on our due diligence for the purchase of Coopers Woods and we hope to close on it in early 2020.



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2019 Winter Bird Seed Sale Thanks *By Lisa Brohl*



It is that time of year again to fill your bird feeders and get ready for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count! Thanks to all who ordered bird seed this year to make our Lake Erie Islands Conservancy sale a success—it takes an island! We especially wish to thank Kip Nickerson and Titgemeier's Feed and Garden Store in Toledo for working with us, Heineman Winery for the use of their truck, Miller Boat Line for getting the vehicle over and back, Gary Kowalski for diesel fuel for truck, Russ Brohl for picking up the seed, Rudy Rence, Mike and Joe Byrnes, and Pinky Batt for delivery help, Kelly and Marty Faris for taking orders, and to Dustin and Ed at Heineman's Winery for allowing us to store the seed in their building while we distributed. We really appreciate everyone support – and so will the birds! Check out Titgemeier's at 701 Western Ave. in Toledo—they have an amazing variety of bird foods and feeders in addition to brewing supplies, beekeeping supplies, pet supplies, and garden supplies and tools (www.titgemeiers.com)!



Photos: (Clockwise L to R) Lisa Brohl and Kip Nickerson at Titgemeier's entrance; Delivering Crew—Rudy Rence, Russ Brohl, Mike Byrnes, Ed Heineman, and Joe Byrnes; Best Customer—Susan Harrington, Delivering—Russ Brohl and Mike Byrnes; Russ Brohl and Dustin Heineman unloading at Heineman's; Kip Nickerson loading pallets of birdseed at Titgemeier's; Kip Nickerson and Russ Brohl at Titgemeier's with loaded truck; Not shown: Pinky Batt loading bird seed at Heinemans



LEIC and PIBTPD Wish List

As Fall "leaves" us and the beautiful colors fade, we hope you will think of us here as the bustle of the holidays approach. And if Santa asks, please tell him we've been extra nice! Do let us know if you can help out with any of these items at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. Or you may have skills you wish to contribute—please call!

- New members! Check us out at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org!
- Larger Office Space, Assistance sorting, organizing office.
- Recycled Copying Paper, Ink for Printers (Brother LC 61, HP 970XL, HP 971XI—must not be generic)
- Volunteers Always Needed—spread mulch on trails, remove downed trees, and pick up litter—garlic mustard pulling, amur honeysuckle removal—all preserves.
- Website and Social Media Assistance

- Adobe Editing programs
- Medium Size Cat or Dog Carrier
- Golf Cart for Summer Transport of tools, personnel.
- Assistance with trail layout, construction, parking, mulching and signage with extension of the trail or boardwalk at the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve
- GIS Program / Volunteer with GIS Mapping Skills

Island Wildlife

Eastern Garter Snake by Roger Parker



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Buckeye Island Hop Thanks *By Lisa Brohl*

Thanks to the Ohio State University Stone Lab Buckeye Island Hop participants Madeline Baker, Josh Hug, Kristin Stanford and Vivian Scarpelli for mulching at the Jane Coates Wildflower on October 19. We appreciate Richard Gump for his help in moving mulch around to make it easier to spread. We had fun in the nice weather and enjoying migrating birds (hermit thrush) and interesting critters we found in the mulch—lead phase of the red-backed salamander as well as beetles (bess or patent leather beetles and ground beetles.)

Thanks also to Kristin Stanford and Susan Bixler for organizing the volunteers for the Buckeye Hop.

If anyone has some volunteer time, we still have a pile and need to finish the back loop of the trail.



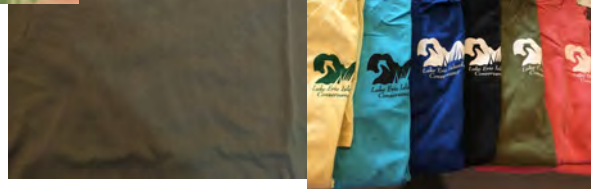
Photos: (Clockwise) Bess Beetle or Patent Leather Beetle (*Passalidae*); Lead phase of the red-backed salamander; Josh Hug and Madeline Baker working hard!; Richard Gump moving mulch; Vivian Scarpelli, our youngest volunteer; Josh Hug and Madeline Baker at the end!

Gift Ideas Featuring LEIC!

How about a new LEIC t-shirt for someone on your list? Here are new t-shirts in kids sizes and a new look for our adult tees. Still made in the USA of organic materials at LakeScreen Printing in Lorain, Ohio. Contact Lisa at 419-366-2087 or leiconservancy@gmail.com if you would like to purchase one.

AND/OR

An annual LEIC membership gives someone our quarterly newsletter and info on our programs. A donation to our Land Protection Fund in someone's name is a great gift that keeps on giving with the purchase of new preserves for us all to enjoy!



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Ohio Wildlife Diversity Partners Meeting 2019 *By Lisa Brohl*

Lisa Brohl attended the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Partners annual meeting on October 2-3, 2019 at the Shawnee State Park Lodge near Portsmouth, Ohio on behalf of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. Sessions included speakers from the Ohio Division of Wildlife Tim Parrot, Erin Hazelton. Kristin Beck on Wildlife Rehabilitators, and Cotton Randall from the Division of Forestry. Wildlife Diversity Coordinator Kate Parsons led participants on an exercise to gather ideas on how best to engage the public to visiting and appreciate wildlife areas. The Chief of the Division of Wildlife Kendra Wecker attended and made some exciting announcements including information about the Recovering America's Wildlife Act <http://ournatureusa.com>. Lisa attended a field trip to several Edge of Appalachia preserves where highlights were seeing a timber rattlesnake, smooth green snake, green salamanders in the cliffs, as well as Allegheny woodrat middens. The dolomite cliffs harbored a very different fauna than an island cliffs! We all enjoyed a visit to the Nature Center with local naturalist Jenny Richards where we saw some great ideas for kids nature play.

Participants voted on the next Wildlife Legacy Stamp with the theme being caterpillars. The winner Kyle Bailey of Shelby Ohio, with a great photo of an Io moth caterpillar that will be on the 2020 stamp. Consider a purchase of this annual stamp-it supports Wildlife Diversity programs in Ohio-our Conservancy and Park District have been recipients of these funds in the past. This year's stamps are available starting March 1, 2020-\$14 of the \$15 purchase price go directly to the Wildlife Diversity Fund. The 2020 photo contest will feature the northern cardinal, our state bird.



Photos: Clockwise—LEIC member and retired ODO naturalist Mary Warren on the trail; The Nature Conservancy's Rich McCarty and Mark Zloba from the Cincinnati Museum Center leading the field trip to Edge of Appalachia Preserves; LEIC board member and OSU Stone Lab education coordinator Kristin Stanford with green snake; Ohio Legacy Stamp 2019 Contest Winner—Io Moth by Kyle Bailey; ODO Erin Hazelton presenting to the group—She has visited the island as part of a cave and bat survey team.



Photo by Kyle Bailey

The overnight meeting is a great way to meet with others promoting wildlife diversity in the state of Ohio as well as Ohio Division of Wildlife Staff—a sharing of ideas and projects. It was announced that the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference will be held in Columbus on March 4, 2020—another great educational opportunity for everyone to enjoy. Watch the ODO website for registration.

Island Birding Surprises *By Lisa Brohl*



Many of our local islanders are birders and send me great photos of what they see in our preserves and in their yards. Photos: Elizabeth M. Heineman was able to catch this photo of migrating wood ducks with a great blue heron at the pond on South Bass Island.; Sandy Funtal caught this great shot of a young red-headed woodpecker near her home this fall. We see red-headed woodpeckers during migration here but not nesting—they prefer a more open wooded habitat than we have but we sure enjoy their visits!; Sandy also got this photo of a golden-crowned kinglet—hard to do as they hardly sit for a photo! They moved through in large numbers in later October, early November.; Sandy is always out looking! Here she captured a great shot of a red-tailed hawk visiting her yard downtown. We probably have nesting pairs now on the island as we see them year round.; Pam Stephens caught these immature cedar waxwings at her feeder in late summer—looks like she had a nest nearby! Pam has a great feeder set up in her back yard.

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2019 Fall Bandout: September 23 – September 28 East Point Preserve, Put-in-Bay Township Park District

Participants: Tom Bartlett; Bander (Federal Permit: 21624)
Paula Bartlett, Teddi Keith-Morris, Nancy Welter and Lisa Brohl; Extractors and scribes
Ken & Ann Shelton, Tina Larson, Bob Stausmire, and Chris Helman; Scribes and Assistants

For the week we had 16 birds recaptured of 13 individuals. One Carolina Wren originally banded 7/6/2019 was recaptured three times during the week and another banded 9/23/2019 was recaptured twice more during the week. Of the 13 individuals recaptured only three were migrants which banded during the week. These were a Gray-cheeked Thrush, a Swainson's Thrush, and an Ovenbird. The other 10 individuals are permanent residents of the island and were 2 Downy Woodpeckers, 2 Black-capped Chickadees, 3 Carolina Wrens, and 3 Northern Cardinals. Two of these birds, a Northern Cardinal and a Black-capped Chickadee were originally banded in 2017. Another Northern Cardinal was originally banded in 2018. All the other individuals were originally banded earlier in 2019.

This was our eleventh year of banding on Middle Bass Island. We have banded 4041 individual birds of 103 species in that time. The 2 Golden-winged Warblers banded this spring were new to the island's banding list and bring us to 103 species of birds banded here. 2019. Tom says.

Visitors included Gerald Shanley, Mark and Jan Ross, Glenda and Len Partin, John and Jeanette McDermott, Linda and Chuck Ibold, Jane and Bill Ibold

Banded Birds

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Eastern Screech-Owl | 10 Tennessee Warbler |
| 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 1 Nashville Warbler |
| 2 Downy Woodpecker | 3 Black-and-white Warbler |
| 1 Blue-headed Vireo | 3 Connecticut Warbler |
| 2 Philadelphia Vireo | 5 Common Yellowthroat |
| 4 Black-capped Chickadee | 18 American Redstart |
| 1 House Wren | 3 Cape May Warbler |
| 5 Carolina Wren | 14 Magnolia Warbler |
| 1 Veery | 25 Bay-breasted Warbler |
| 32 Gray-cheeked Thrush | 43 Blackpoll Warbler |
| 36 Swainson's Thrush | 9 Black-throated Blue Warbler |
| 2 Hermit Thrush | 1 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler |
| 3 Gray Catbird | 1 Scarlet Tanager |
| 1 Brown Thrasher | 3 Northern Cardinal |
| 1 White-throated Sparrow | 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| 6 Ovenbird | 2 Indigo Bunting |
| 4 Northern Waterthrush | |

33 Species Banded; 245 Banded individuals; 6 Banding Days; 798.75 Net hours of effort; 16 Recaptures; 2 Escapes/released birds; 0 Casualties; 263 Total birds handled; 0.31 Birds banded per net hour; 0.00 % Casualties per bird handled; 68 Visitors; 1 Owl Banding days

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Photos: Counterclockwise—Brown thrasher, ; Philadelphia vireo; Black-throated blue warbler—Photos by Paula Bartlett; Bay-breasted warbler; Group Photo—Paula Bartlett, Ken Shelton, Jan Ross, Tom Bartlett, Bill Ibold, Mark Ross, Linda Ibold, Jane Ibold, Chuck Ibold—by Lisa Brohl; Tom Bartlett with american redstart—Photo by Lisa Brohl; Common Yellowthroat; Photo of Tina Larson, Nancy Welter and Teddi Keith-Morris enjoying a great soup lunch at the banding station; Silver-haired bat caught in the nets before dawn. This was our first silver-haired bat caught in the mists nets. We have had Red Bats and Hoary Bats before. They are so much fun to get out...; Scarlet tanager by Paula Bartlett-banded at the station



By Islands for Islands *By Kristy Beyer of Drummond Island*

There are nearly 30 year-round island communities in the Great Lakes. Though independent by choice, they are facing economic, social, and ecological challenges that require a higher degree of collaboration and cooperation. On October 20-23, 2019, over 130 people from 14 Great Lakes islands convened at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, Michigan, for the 3rd Annual Great Lakes Islands Summit. This meeting serves as the annual member meeting for the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA). The Summit is the only Great Lakes-wide event dedicated to the needs of island communities to foster relationships and share information Great Lakes island living.

"I'm often asked how this organization is benefitting Drummond Island and my answer is simple. 'Great Lakes islands share many common challenges. As a single island we are easily overlooked when facing challenges, but as a group of islands we are able to leverage our experiences through the GLIA network and have a more amplified voice'" said Kristy Beyer, GLIA Steering Committee Member. "I'm proud of the

work we are doing and excited about the network we are establishing."

GLIA is a voluntary network connecting individual island leaders and developing tools to aid collaboration. This year's attendance nearly doubled, proving the validity of this bi-national group as an important network with a unique purpose. Thanks to the administrative support of Northland College, the group was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Mott Foundation. With this financial support, GLIA will spend the next 12 months establishing the Great Lakes Islands Alliance as a legal entity, an influential voice for policies to protect the interests of Great Lakes islands and continue to provide a support network for year-round island communities. Featured speakers at the 2019 Summit included Lisa Powers, chairwoman of the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians; Phil Porter, Director, Mackinac State Historic Parks; Eric Ellis, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission; Lisa Brush founder and executive director of the award winning Stewardship Network.

GLIA Lake Erie Participation—LEIC *By Lisa Brohl*

As Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Chair, I attended the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) meeting at Mackinac Island on October 20-23, 2019. Kelly and Marty Faris, Russ Brohl, Glenn Cooper, Anita and Amanda McCann, Peter and Amy Huston, Matt and Laurie Miller, Eric Engel, Caitie and Austin Bolyard Jeff Koehler, Julie Leopold, and Steve Poe all attended from South Bass Island. Jackie Taylor, Jordyn Killam, Julie and Kim Valentine, and Cynthia Holmes were representatives from Kelleys Island. Renee Fultz of the LEINWC and Mike and Jean Gora represented Middle Bass Island. Janice Hensel, Clayton Walls, Dave DeLellis, Barbara and Leib Lurie were there from Pelee Island as well.

It was great to meet and network with other islanders on topics that affect all of us as island communities. I attended a session on recycling with Mike Olson of Mackinac to hear about their very successful programs. They even use crushed recycled glass as part of their island paving and have an active compost program. Mike also helped present a program on their affordable housing project. Joe Scarry from Madeline led a great session on literary efforts on the islands. Joe Shorthouse of Manitoulin Island led the discussion on Environmental Topics. We shared ideas on setting up a reporting system for monitoring monarchs and making restoration efforts a priority. We toured the Mackinac Island Butterfly House as part of our Environmental Conservation tours. Some of the best information came with just exchanges between participants—learned from Pam Grassmick at Beaver Island about their introduction of parasites for the emerald Ash borer—something we could look into here.

Two meetings have been held—one at Mackinac and one here on South Bass to start planning the GLIA visit to the Lake Erie Islands next October



Photo: Clockwise—Renee Fultz at the Butterfly House; Anita and Amanda McCann meet other islanders; Caitlyn Bolyard reporting during group exercise; Jackie Taylor, Glenn Cooper, Renee Fultz at the Environmental Session with Joe Shorthouse; Lisa and Russ Brohl at Mackinac; Mike Olson of Mackinac Island presents on their recycling program

for the 4th annual meeting. We will be hosting with participants staying on South Bass with side trips to Middle Bass, Kelleys Island, Pelee Islands and Gibraltar Island while here. If this is something you would like to participate in or help with, contact the PIB Chamber of Commerce who is heading up efforts to host the group.



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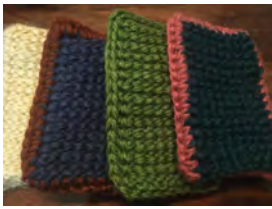
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A Special THANKS...



We really appreciate Tracy Burgess Sayeh knitting for us in California! She sent us hand made pot scrubbers to sell at our Bazaar-made from yarn found at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Resale Shop. We still have some left if you need an island stocking stuffer!

Brian Hovey donated these handmade bird houses and a duck crossing sign to our Conservancy. Brian is so creative! We sold two at the Bazaar and have two more if anyone's looking for a Christmas present.



Thanks for the donated printer cartridges from Ray Lewis. He saw our Wish List in an archived Put-in-Bay Gazette and sent them along for us!



Pam and Gene Zajac had been storing a donated telescope from Bruce Miles at their home-now being housed at the LEINWC. We appreciate all their help over the years.

Photo of Gene and Pam with telescope by Lisa Brohl

Thanks to Teddi Keith-Morris for driving our Phase 1 personnel around Middle Bass for a grant application. Teddi is always ready with a vehicle when needed!

One of our LEIC Heroes, Richard Gump and crew replaced and installed split rail fencing at our Massie Cliffside and Scheeff East Point Preserve. Thank you!

Joe and Michelle Pennington visiting the island during the OSU Buckeye Island Hop recently—we love the job Michelle does on the newsletter!

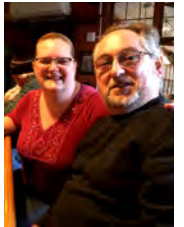


Photo by Lisa Brohl



Thanks to Chris Helman for replacing the entrance gate post at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve after it had been hit by a car. We really appreciate all Chris's hard work maintaining our trail all season!

Photo by Chris Helman



Gerald Shanley spent an afternoon at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve trimming trees near our mowed area. Township employee Del Taylor then did the annual late season mowing of this one area to keep in tall grasses for a

variety of habitat for migratory birds. Nancy Welter opened the gate for Del. Thanks to all for keeping our Preserve ready for the birds!

Photo of area by Gerald Shanley, Photo of Gerald by entrance, Photo of area by Nancy Welter

Marty and Kelly Faris picked up the LEIC fall newsletter and made sure it was folded, taped and mailed! What would we ever do without these two?!!

Photo by Marty Faris



Thanks LEIC Board member Linda Shull for not only her great job bringing us new members but also for her help in getting us organized and cleaned up at the LEIC/ PIBTPD office this fall. Much appreciated!!

Photo by Lisa Brohl



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THANK YOU!

Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher by Lisa Brohl

Looking for an "Island Getaway" this Winter?

Bird Banding on South Bass Island - Tuesday, December 3—Thursday, December 5

Tom and Paula Bartlett will be on the island for bird banding December 3-5. They will be banding the afternoon of Tuesday December 3, all day Wednesday, December 4 and the morning of Thursday December 5 at the Brohl residence at 441 Mitchell Rd., Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456. They will be banding owls the night of December 3 and 4 at the Barnhill's Vineyard at

the tip of east point. If you have questions on times or location, give Lisa Brohl a call or text at 419-366-2087. Always a great opportunity to see the birds up close! The 2018 picture shows Melody Many and Eastern Screech Owl with bander Tom Bartlett!



LEIC Christmas Potluck 2019 - Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00pm in Lighthouse

Please RSVP by calling or texting Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or 419-285-5811 or e-mail at leiconservancy@gmail.com. See additional detail on last page of newsletter!

Audubon Christmas Bird Count - Sunday, December 15 beginning at 7:00am

Participants will be needed on Kelleys, Pelee, and the Bass Islands that day. If you are interested in watching your feeders or traveling the island for all or part of the day, call Lisa Brohl at (419) 366-2087 or e-mail at leiconservancy@gmail.com. See additional details on page 2!



Birds of a feather flock together in Powell parks, thanks to woman's effort

LEIC Board member Paula Ziebarth was featured in a nice article in the local Powell, Ohio paper about her bird conservation efforts. Way to go Paula! The article and photo were by Jim Fischer of ThisWeek Community News, and the story and photo were published in the November 7 edition of ThisWeek Olentangy Valley News. Thanks for allowing the share! Check out link below!

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/news/20191105/birds-of-feather-flock-together-in-powell-parks-thanks-to-womans-efforts?template=ampart>



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Thank You!

Middle Bass Music Festival 2020

By Lisa Brohl



The Lake Erie Islands conservancy will again be the recipients of funds from the Middle Bas Island Music Festival 2020.

The Middle Bass Dock Company has agreed to sponsor the event again and we hope to partner again with the Middle Bass Island State Park. Put Saturday July 18 on your calendars.



Dave Bugoci has agreed to be the manager of the event for 2020 and has applied for promotional funds from the Lake Erie Shores and Islands. Bruce is lining up bands and Lee Hisey is assisting with promotional efforts. Jim Roesch of the Middle Bass Dock Company, Lisa Brohl of the Conservancy, and Chris Zeitler of J. F. Walleyes also are on the planning committee. Miller Boat Line is running an extra ferry for the event next summer.



We are looking for assistance with the event for next summer.Please contact Dave if you wish to help out at

imaginembi@gmail.com. We have had our

first two festival planning meetings this fall and are excited for next summer!

Preserve Views and News! By Lisa Brohl



Photos: Clockwise from left—Photo by LEIC member Sue Ferguson of her grandson Kostura enjoying the Massie Cliffside Preserve on a sunny fall day.; HallowReads program by the Erie Islands Branch of Ida Rupp Library at the Dodge Woods Preserve this fall-very well attended by island children; A new bicycle rack for the Massie Cliffside Preserve as well as a new dog bag holder for Scheeff East Point Preserve. Please remember to pick up after your pet while out for a walk and most important remember that your dog must be on a leash to protect our local wildlife. There are no dogs allowed at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail by wishes of the original donor and to preserve birding opportunities there

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Stay active and warm with LEIC events—keep checking our website and Facebook pages for more info!



March 4, 2020 for Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference

July 18, 2020 for Middle Bass Music Festival 2020



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You're All Invited!

Conservancy Christmas Potluck 2019

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will hold its annual Christmas Potluck at the South Bass Island Lighthouse again this year. The festivities begin on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 starting at 6:00pm. We will provide the ham, coffee, and hot cider. Please bring a dish, salad, or dessert to share as well as a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. Please RSVP by calling or texting Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or 419-285-5811 or e-mail at leiconservancy@gmail.com. It is always a beautiful spot to celebrate the end to a busy year of land preservation!! It is also a great time for the community to see the Lighthouse and hear about our Conservancy as well as Stone Lab's wonderful programs. Thanks to our partners the Ohio State University Stone Laboratory for the opportunity!