

Nature News

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Winter 2019

The mission of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center is to promote conservation of and education about the flora, fauna, and lands of the Lake Erie Islands ecosystem.

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Groundbreaking Day!

The day finally arrived this Fall when we were able to break ground on our building addition! On the chilly Monday morning of Veterans Day, November 11th, we had a

small ceremony to commemorate this historic



chapter of the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Around 20 community members joined us as Kristin Stanford (Chair) and Renée Fultz (Director) dug the first shovelful of dirt to start this exciting project. The actual construction began two days later (due to weather) and the foundation is now almost finished! We plan on completing the addition in time to open for the 2020 season. The new space will add 980 square feet to our existing building where we will house new displays as well as an office and library. We are working hard to plan the new displays as well as the best way to update our existing displays. Visit us in 2020 to see all of the exciting renovations!

Holiday Bazaar

On Thursday, November 21st, we held our annual Holiday Bazaar in partnership with the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. It was a huge success with tables selling out and many beautifully crafted gifts for sale. Thank you to all who participated and shopped at the event!

Milkweed Seed Challenge

With the help of Missi Kowalski and her Environmental Club, we organized a milkweed seed collection with the Put-in-Bay school. Congratulations to the winner, Vincent Scarpelli, who won a prize from the LEINWC gift shop! The Environmental Club then separated the seeds, which will be stored until Spring when the students will plant the seeds in their greenhouse to grow Milkweed plants native to South Bass Island. Thank you to everyone for your participation and help supporting pollinators!

Thank You!

Everyone at the LEINWC would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of our donors, members, and community sponsors who supported the Nature & Wildlife Center this past year. It is because of you we are able to provide programs for the community and raise the funds for our building addition. We appreciate you more than we can say!

Nature & Wildlife Center Wish List

Please help us this holiday season by donating for specific items on our wish list, or if you wish to purchase the items themselves, please contact us for specifics. Thank you!



- Wildlife Window
- **Summer Employee Housing**
- **Butterfly Enclosures**
- **New Live Exhibits**
- **New Displays**
- **Benches for Porch**
- **Tables for Porch**
- A/V Equipment
- **Updated Signage**

- **Shed for Outdoor Display**

 - Wall Murals for Displays
 - **Rocking Chairs**
 - **New Bird & Squirrel Feeders**
 - **Black Sunflower Bird Seed or Good Mix**
 - Large Clear Plastic Bins (64 qts)
 - **Trail Cameras**
 - **Pond Rug for New Kids Corner**

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WILD Giving Tuesday

Join us Tuesday, December 3rd from 4-8pm at the Nature & Wildlife Center for Wild Giving Tuesday! We will have a clothing exchange from 4-6 and owl banding with cocktails and snacks from 6-8! See our Facebook page and website for more details. If you can't attend but wish to donate, please do so on our website, LakeErieIslandsWildlife.com!



Thank You to our Recent Donors and Welcome to our New Members!!

Black Squirrel
Bob Cummings
Barb Chrysler

Monarch Butterfly Joseph & Maria Link Bald Eagle
Herbert & Diane Fultz

Marvin & Pat Booker

General Fund

Dave & Kathleen Holscott

Nature Camp Fund

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Ruilding Fund

Building Fund

Herbert & Diane Fultz Sue Bixler Adoptions
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Special Year-End 2019 LEINWC Donation Opportunities I would like to donate to: 2020 Membership registration **Nature Camp Fund** Black Squirrel \$15.00 Individual Member: Season Pass to I would like to contribute \$ for expenses LEINWC and equipment related to the Nature Camp Program. Monarch Butterfly \$25.00 Family Member: Season Pass, **Animal Adoption** 5% Nature Camp Discount I am interested in adopting an animal and would Lake Erie Water Snake \$100 Business Member: Season like more information sent to me. Pass, Ad in Each Newsletter, Link on our Website, Social **Square Meter** Media Promotion, 10% Nature Camp Discount I am enclosing \$ for Square Me-Bald Eagle \$500 Life Member: Lifetime Pass, 25% Disters (\$50 each). count on sponsored events: Stargazing Cruise, Pig Roast, & **Building Addition Fund** Nature Camp, Name on a Scale of the Eastern Fox Snake dis-I would like to donate \$ to help played in the back porch, \$500 Credit towards Animal Adopwith new furnishings and displays in the building tion *Limited Time Only: FREE reusable shopping bag & addition. LEINWC hat with new Bald Eagle Membership!* Name: City, State, Zip: Telephone: E-Mail: Please make checks payable to LEINWC and send to: PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 All donations are tax deductible