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Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Fall 2021

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\$5,000 Match Fundraiser!



Thanks to a wonderful community member, any donation you make from now through Giving Tuesday (November 30th) will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to **\$5,000!** Your gift of any size will be **DOUBLED** up to a grand total of **\$10,000!** These funds will go to our newly created Sustaining Fund, which will contain set-aside funds for wages for Nature & Wildlife Center employees. With the current state of the employment environment in mind, we have committed to raising our wages for all positions at the LEINWC to ensure that we can hire and retain high-quality employees to support our mission of promoting education about and conservation of the nature, wildlife, and lands of the Lake Erie Islands. We have been fortunate to have such amazing employees (see pictures!) and we want to be able to offer competitive wages to attract even more qualified candidates who will continue to make the visitor experience at the Nature & Wildlife Center enjoyable and educational. Please help us towards this goal for a bright future at the LEINWC by making a donation towards our Match Challenge. **Remember, every donation you make will be doubled!** Thank you so much for your support!



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donate!

2021: Record-Breaking Season!

We are thrilled to report we have had a record-breaking season this year! Like so many businesses on the island, we saw a massive influx of visitors this year, with an especially large increase in our weekday visitation. We had around a 20% increase from 2019 in museum visitation and participation in outreach and events, even with a lot fewer school groups this year. Our gift shop sales were almost double what we did in 2019! It was so exciting to be able to open our doors again and share the newly updated Nature & Wildlife Center with our members and visitors! We received fantastic feedback from our visitors and community alike as they enjoyed the new space and displays. We loved hearing as people walk out the door, "Wow, that place was amazing!" which happened on a daily basis. Thank you so much to everyone who made this season our best yet! We can't wait to show you what we have in store for next year!

2021 Wildlife Center Events

By Renée Fultz

Soft Reopening

The Soft Reopening on Tuesday, May 25th was a wonderful celebration for the islanders to come see the newly finished addition and the new displays! It was a great opportunity to thank our amazing community because we could not have come so far without their support! Everyone was thrilled to see how the remodel turned out and enjoyed some local wildlife including fox snakes & our new resident turtles!



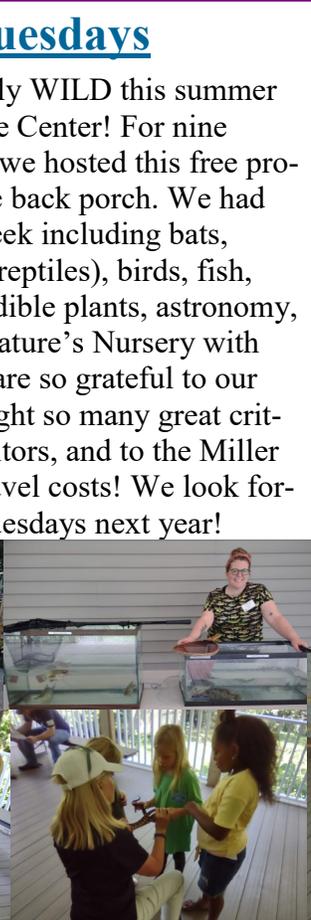
Grand Reopening

Our Grand Reopening celebration took place Memorial weekend with an open house, live music by Lucas Guy, and a delicious cook-out manned by John & Peggy Leopold. Everyone enjoyed taking part in our turtle naming contest (Squirt, Rocky, & James Pond won!) as well as the music, food, and refreshments outside. We kicked the season off with a bang as islanders and visitors alike had a blast enjoying the new space at the Nature & Wildlife Center!



Wild Tuesdays

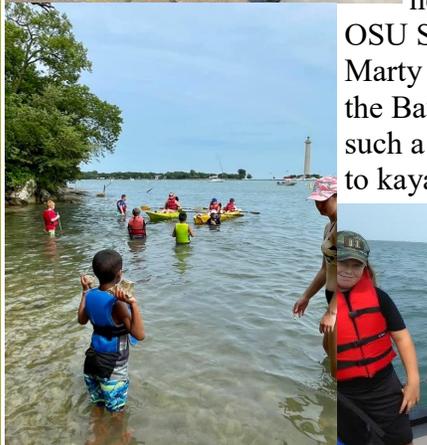
Tuesdays were positively WILD this summer at the Nature & Wildlife Center! For nine Tuesdays this summer, we hosted this free program out front or on the back porch. We had different topics each week including bats, snakes, amphibians (& reptiles), birds, fish, aquatic invertebrates, edible plants, astronomy, and even a visit from Nature's Nursery with backyard wildlife! We are so grateful to our guest experts who brought so many great critters and thrilled our visitors, and to the Miller Ferry for sponsoring travel costs! We look forward to more WILD Tuesdays next year!





Nature Camp

Staff and campers alike were so happy to have Nature Camp back in person this summer! The theme this year was “Everything under the Sun” and included topics of fish, insects, birds, geology, and astronomy. Thank you to our Camp Consultant Jackie Taylor, Camp Counselors and volunteers Adam Danes, Regan Monnett, Maddie Hart, Amanda O’Loughlin, Katie Dean, Sydney Ralofsky, Emily Beal, Marissa Dowalter, Kim Burgess, El Kostura, Zoe Titchener, & Lisa Brohl, and Glenn Cooper & Russ Brohl for captaining the chase boats during kayaking. Thank you also to those who helped with programs and transportation including OSU Stone Lab, Lisa Brohl, Jay Reynolds, the Sonny S, Marty Harayda & Harry Foley, the Miller Ferry, Kayak the Bay, and Perry’s Family Fun Center! Everyone had such a good time from birdwatching and finding insects to kayaking and learning about fossils and the sun!



Island Green Week 2021

Stargazing Cruise

The sprinkling rain stopped just in time for our Stargazing Cruise and everyone was thrilled we were able to bring it back this year after a Covid hiatus. The Miller boat left the downtown dock just after 8pm and we enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord of appetizers by Chef

Fred Futrell and his catering crew from Frosty's Bar as well as wine donated by Heineman's Winery. Jay Reynolds of Cleveland State University led us in discussing some of the stars we might see. Although we only saw a few stars, every time one appeared through the clouds, cheering erupted among the stargazers. It was a beautiful evening with a gorgeous sunset and tour of some of the Lake Erie islands. Thank you so much to the Miller boat line for sponsoring this event and the wonderful crew of captain Bob Stausmire and deckhands Bo Temniuk, and Scott Market. And we greatly appreciate the amazing food spread donated by Frosty's and put together by Chef F, everyone was blown away! Thank you to Jay for being our "star" guide, Lucas Guy for being our sound guy, and Sharon Mitchell & Alan Studt for taking wonderful photographs (see our Facebook for more)! We look forward to continuing to make this the best event on the island!



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Pig Roast

This year marked our 9th annual Pig Roast at the Goat! Despite the delay due to rain, it was a huge success! Rob Hard cooked an amazing pig as always and we had delicious sides by the Goat, Topsy Turvey, the Brewery, Benches Farm, and desserts by Pauline Garsteck! We were lucky that the rain stopped right in time for everyone to relish their meals out in the biergarten while enjoying the wonderful music by Lucas Guy. Thank you so much to all who made this event a success especially Scotty & Caroline Jackson for hosting the event at the Goat as well as everyone who donated food and our volunteers Russ & Lisa Brohl (cooked the corn), Jordan Beck (assisted Rob with the pig), Amy Alford, Regan Monnett, Olive O'Rourke-Sherf, Linda Rence, Dallas Mohn, Jamie Graf, Madeline Pugh, John & Peggy Leopold, and Kristin Stanford! We also received many amazing donations from community businesses and individuals for our online auction and raffle baskets. Due to that pesky rain, the raffle was moved to our Ribbon Cutting event and was a great success! We greatly appreciate all of the support we receive from our fantastic community for events like this, we certainly would not be as successful without you!



Island Green Week 2021

Barbershop Quartet Concert

We were excited for the return of the Barbershop Quartets for this fantastic concert! Around 15 quartets performed at the beautiful Mother of Sorrows Church (the perfect rain location!). Fun was had by all as we listened to the acapella melodies sung by the groups! We were even lucky enough to have Genuine Replacement Parts with organizer Jim “Curly” Wilson perform at the Nature & Wildlife Center before the big event!



Historic Victory Hotel Tour

Renee Market led a group of 70 around the South Bass Island State Park and told the fascinating tale of the Victory Hotel. The Victory was the largest wooden hotel of the time. Despite its grandeur, was unfortunately a very unsuccessful endeavor. After going bankrupt several times and changing ownership often, the structure met its fate in 1919 when it burned to the ground in a massive fire which thankfully only took the structure, but didn't take any lives. The ruins of this beautiful hotel can be found at the State Park. Don't miss this tour next year as it is a Green Week favorite!



Paint in the Park

Beautiful paintings were made on a lovely evening at Oak Point State Park during Island Green Week. Renee Market led artists in a tutorial to create gorgeous paintings of the monument, and one sunflower! We hope to do more events like this at the LEINWC!



Ribbon Cutting

Green Week concluded with a final celebration of the building addition and remodel (because there can never be enough fanfare for such a fantastic accomplishment!). Our Ribbon Cutting event celebrated the culmination of years of fundraising and planning and honored all of our donors who were vital in the completion of this ambitious venture. The ceremony was held inside, with the ribbon being cut between the new and old parts of the Nature & Wildlife Center, signifying the joining of these two spaces as well as the joining of the past and future. A lovely reception followed where the auction and basket raffle took place (since it was rained out at the Pig Roast). Visitors were thrilled to win such amazing items from our local businesses and community. We cannot say enough how much all of us at the Nature & Wildlife Center appreciate the continued support of our community. The event was made even more exciting by the announcement from Brad & Zoe Titchener about the \$50,000 endowment fund they are creating to ensure the LEINWC can continue operating in the event of any emergency that might occur (hopefully no more pandemics!) while providing some extra funds on a yearly basis. They encouraged others to add to this fund to support the continuation of our mission to promote education about and conservation of the flora, fauna, and lands of the Lake Erie islands. We are beyond grateful for this incredibly generous gift and we are overjoyed to have more financial security for the future of the Nature & Wildlife Center.



Bash on the Bay Parking

This year marked another hugely successful Bash on the Bay for the island and as a fundraiser for the LEINWC and Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church! Thank you to John & Peggy Leopold and Dianne & Bob Smith for the planning and organizing, Jack Zimmerman for the cones, Pauline Garsteck for the delicious meals, the PIB Port Authority for their support, and to our volunteers Lucas Guy, Jason Johndro, John Sabo Jr., Dave & Sherri Murphy, Joan Booker, Russ & Lisa Brohl, Dick Clair, Robin Greene, Jackie Taylor, Sue Prahst, Peter Huston, & Sarah Cochran. Over two days and with the Catholic Church running two lots, and the LEINWC one lot, we split the profits 50/50 and each organization made \$6,565!!

Monarch Tagging

We had a wonderfully successful event tagging monarch butterflies on Sunday, September 12th. It was a gorgeous day and perfect for monarchs flying through the islands on the start of their southern migration. We tagged a total of 75 monarch butterflies! Many were adopted as part of a fundraiser for the LEINWC, if they are recaptured in their journey to Mexico, it will be reported in the database and you can see where your butterfly has gone! We had a great crowd with lots of families coming out and helping catch butterflies, although Aaron Schroeder caught the most butterflies by far! Visitors enjoyed learning about the tagging process and the migratory patterns of monarchs. All the kids who came had so much fun catching butterflies and then adopting the ones they caught. Hopefully some will be recaptured so we can see how far and how fast our butterflies made it south! Thank you to our volunteers who helped with the event: Sarah Cochran, Hannah Lentz, Clayton Thomas, and Terri Wolf. Thank you to the Duggan family for letting us use their field for this fun and exciting event!



Road Scholar

by Martyn Drabik-Hamshare

After two years of difficulties related to the ongoing pandemic which included the planning and cancellation of ten Road Scholar programs, we have finally been able to run one successfully. Twenty-two Road Scholars visited South Bass Island for our Birding the Shores and Islands program - our first attempt at a birding program in the fall - and by all counts, it was a wonderful week.



2022 Dates:

Lake Erie: Birding the Islands & Shores (#12641)

May 1st to May 6th

May 8th to May 13th

May 15th to May 20th

Sept. 11th to Sept. 16th

Oct. 23rd to Oct. 28th

To learn more about our programs, read Road Scholar newsletters, or research other programs, visit the Road Scholar website at roadscholar.org



PIB Music Festival

We had a blast helping with the PIB Music Fest at the Boathouse this year! Thank you to Peter Huston and Kevin Dailey & the Boathouse for organizing and making the LEINWC the benefitting charity with a donation of \$1,000! Thanks to volunteer Patricia Fisher, our 50/50 raffle was a huge success! We couldn't have done it without our other awesome volunteers: Lucas Guy, John Fisher, Doraine Toms, John Sabo Jr., Hannah Lentz, Clayton Thomas, Steve & Sue Prahst, and Sarah Cochran.



PIB Road Races

We were thrilled to be a part of this exciting island tradition of the Road Races! This year, the races occurred over two days at the airport. As drivers started their engines and sped off to win the title of champion, we sold hotdogs and beverages to all the hungry onlookers. Thank you to PIB Port Authority for the warm welcome and support, our volunteers Lucas Guy, Amy Alford, Peggy Leopold, & Courtney Russell, and especially Dustin and Chontel Shaffer for suggesting we use their hotdog stand to raise money for the LEINWC!



Upcoming Events



Fall Bazaar

Holiday Gift Shopping! Saturday, October 17th, 11-4 pm at the Goat. Local candles, photos, paintings, jewelry, woodworking, organics, wreaths, cards, soaps, sweets...come and see what your neighbors have been making. Sponsored by LEIC & LEINWC. To reserve a table (\$10), leave a message for Sarah at 419-285-4448. We loved having an outside Bazaar last year at the Goat Biergarten, so we are doing it again! Stop in to the Biergarten for a beer to quench your thirst while you shop! Rain location is the Goat open porch.

Movie Night

The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, in partnership with the Erie Islands Library, will be hosting its first ever FREE movie night! To kick off what we hope will become a regular winter event, we will be showing *Night at the Museum* on Thursday, November 4th at 4pm. We are so excited to be able to use our new space to put on fun events for the community! Movie night is open to all ages (keep in mind the movie is rated PG). Make sure to bring blankets and pillows to get comfy on the floor during the movie. Please sign up in advance as space is limited by emailing leinwc@gmail.com. Let's hope we don't (or do?) unlock some magic and bring alive our museum!



Holiday Bazaar

Missed the Fall Bazaar but still need holiday gifts? No problem! We, along with the LEIC, are bringing back our traditional Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, November 18 from 3-7, but this year we will be holding it at the Nature & Wildlife Center. Finish up your holiday shopping with unique gifts from local small businesses and artisans. For interested vendors: \$10 per space (please bring your own table if you can or contact us for table availability). Call 419-285-4448 to reserve your spot.



Giving Tuesday

November 30th from 4-6pm we will be celebrating Giving Tuesday with drinks and appetizers as well as Christmas decoration exchange! Bring your unwanted (but working!) Christmas decorations and find some new treasures just in time for the holiday season! We will also be celebrating the conclusion of our \$5,000 Match Fundraiser, counting all donations received from October through Giving Tuesday.

News & Announcements

Winter Yoga

After hosting a successful yoga series on the back porch this summer, we are very excited to announce that Patricia Fisher will continue to hold yoga classes inside the LEINWC throughout the winter! Classes will begin October 11th and run through December. Classes are forming now and will include both gentle stretching and vinyasa flow classes. Drop-in cost is \$15, or you can purchase a 10 session punch card for \$100 (\$5 discount per class!). A portion of the cost is donated to the Nature & Wildlife Center. Join us to recuperate from a stressful summer and bring balance and peace to our winter on the island! If you are interested or for more information contact Patricia Fisher at 419-250-8451 or patriciafishercsp@gmail.com.



Winter Use of the LEINWC

With our director becoming a year-round resident, we are thrilled to be able to provide the indoor space of the LEINWC in the winter as a great spot for events and activities for the community. If you would like to hold an event (i.e. birthday party, art class, etc.) at the Nature & Wildlife Center, please email Renée at leinwc@gmail.com.

Congratulations Tom Bartlett!

Congratulations to Tom Bartlett for banding his 10,000th bird on South Bass Island this Fall! He also banded his 5,000th bird on Middle Bass just a few weeks later!



News & Announcements continued

Brave Wilderness Episode

It was a fantastic experience working with Coyote Peterson and his awesome Brave Wilderness crew again on an episode for their new series,



Wild Field Trips. This episode, set on South Bass Island, focuses on Coyote and young Sydney (@SafariSydneyH on Instagram) educating their audience on invasive species (the round goby in particular) and the benefits of the native Lake Erie watersnake.



Make sure to watch for the scene filmed at the LEINWC! The series will premiere on YouTube this winter and aims to educate kids by having a kid co-star with Coyote. We can't wait to watch!

OCCF Grant

We are excited to report that we have received grant funding from Ottawa County Community Foundation for displays! The funding priority will be the creation of an animated film demonstrating how the Lake Erie islands were formed, expanding our current geology exhibit as a more comprehensive natural history display. After this project, leftover funds will be contributed to our live beehive and a migratory bird display. We are so grateful to OCCF for the support! We rely on grants like these to create and update the displays at the LEINWC.



Thank You to All Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the Nature & Wildlife Center. Especially in a year like this where everyone was busier than ever, we appreciate every little bit of help we received. We could not have made it through this year without you. Thank you all for your support & enthusiasm!

Aaron Schroeder	Deb Nofzinger	John Leopold	Nik Pettenski
Aiden Curry	Dianne Smith	John Sabo Jr.	Patricia Fisher
Alice Lentz	Dick Clair	John Scarpelli	Paula Ziebarth
Andy Burns	El Kostura	Julene Market	Pauline Garsteck
Betsy Brohl	Emil Michael	Kate Byrnes	Peggy Leopold
Bill Cherry	Glenn Cooper	Kim Burgess	Renee Market
Billy Peterson	Hannah Lentz	Kit Knaser	Robin Greene
Brad Titchener	Heather Durdil	Kristin Stanford	Russ Brohl
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Burns Pierce	Jamie Graf	Linda Rence	Sarah Cochran
Caleb Kowalski	Jason Johndro	Linda Shull	Sherri Murphy
Chef Fred Futrell	Jay Reynolds	Lisa Brohl	Sue Bixler
Clayton Thomas	Jen Blumensaadt	Lucas Guy	Sue Ferguson
Cody Kowalski	Jessica Reidner	Madeline Pugh	Sue Prahst
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Thank you Brad Titchener for volunteering at the Center 3 times a week this summer! It was a joy to work with and learn from you again!

A big thank you to Lucas Guy (newly engaged to our director) for helping with literally everything: events, music, sound set up, landscaping, cleaning, displays, etc. #1 Volunteer Award goes to you!



Thank you Mark Nemec for building the beautiful benches for the Wildlife Window, donating plants for the plant sale, and helping with trail maintenance!



Thank you so much to Heather Durdil who has been helping write thank you cards for the LEINWC this year! It has been a huge help and we appreciate your charm and wit (and lovely handwriting!) in your cards.



A special thank you to Eric, Cade & Beth Nahama, Jeremy, Tiffany, Xavier, Theo & Dafne Janicki and mastermind Joe Janicki (LEINWC member) for running a lemonade stand in July to benefit the Nature & Wildlife Center! They raised and donated an amazing \$232!



Thank You to Our Sponsors & Donors!

*Your support is invaluable to us.
Thank you for believing in our mission.*

BLACK SQUIRREL

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*****This list reflects memberships
and donations since March 2021***

In Memoriam

Scott Pugh

Long-time South Bass Island Resident, Scott Pugh, passed away on September 14, 2021 after a hard-fought battle against cancer. Scott and his family and his business, Put-in-Bay electric, were longtime supporters of the Nature & Wildlife Center. He was always willing to help and did a lot for our renovation, despite being sick at the time. Scott was a beloved member of the community and known for his kindness and humor. He will be sorely missed. Memorial contributions go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



AmeriCorps Intern Farewell

We were grateful to share AmeriCorps intern Regan Monnett with the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy for the summer! Regan was a huge help at the Nature & Wildlife Center this season. She assisted in many projects and activities including leading educational tours for groups and visitors, helping with social media, counseling for Nature Camp, and so much more! Her knowledge, humor, and positive attitude made her a wonderful asset to our team and she will be missed! We wish Regan the best back at University of Michigan!



How can you help?

As a private 501c3 non-profit, we do not receive any tax or government funding. We rely solely on admissions & gift shop income, donations, fundraisers, & grants. There are lots of ways to support the LEINWC, choose what works best for you!

Wishlist:

Sponsor Expenses or Donate Needed Items

Trash Pickup (Lake Disposal).....\$205	Utilities (electric, water).....\$1800
Website Redesign.....\$835	Newsletter designer
Microsoft Software.....\$100	Printer Cartridges for HP 8035
OE Meyer Propane.....\$500	Rocking Chairs for Back Porch
Newsletter Printing.....\$500	Large Clear Plastic Bins (64 qts)
Spectrum (Phone, Internet).....\$840	High Quality Bird Seed & Suet

Become a Member!

- ◆ Now is the perfect time to get your 2022 LEINWC Membership!
- ◆ Fill out donation form on the last page and send back!
- ◆ Makes a great gift for any nature lover!

Membership	Price	Pass	Discounts	Other
 <i>Individual</i>	\$15	2022 Season		
 <i>Family</i>	\$25	2022 Season	5% off Nature Camp	
 <i>Business</i>	\$100	2022 Season	10% off Nature Camp	Ad in quarterly newsletter & on website, social media promos
 <i>Lifetime</i>	\$500	Lifetime Pass	25% off: Nature Camp, Stargazing Cruise, Pig Roast	Name on scale of Donor Fox Snake, \$500 adoption credit

Adopt a LEINWC Display Animal

- ◆ Your name will be displayed on a plaque with your adopted animal
- ◆ You get a LIFETIME membership to the Nature Center (NEW!)
- ◆ Your name will go on a scale of our Fox Snake on the back porch
- ◆ Great present for Christmas, Birthdays, etc.
- ◆ Adoptable animals are divided into three levels:



LEVEL ONE \$500	LEVEL TWO \$1,000	LEVEL THREE \$2,500
50 Animals from Grey Fox to Wood Duck	22 Animals from Badger to Wolverine	11 Animals from White-tailed Doe to Grizzly Bear

For a full list of animals available for adoption, visit our website:
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Island Explorer Packs



The LEINWC presents: **Island Explorer Packs!** Go on a fun & educational adventure around South Bass Island! Follow the map to complete challenges, then send a photo with your completed Pack to receive a prize! Packs include: Explorer booklet, explorer gear (binoculars, compass, flashlight, & magnifying glass), colored pencils, & more, all in an *Island Explorer* backpack for only \$20! The Bird-themed pack is available now, coming soon: Geology and Pollinators! To purchase, call or go to lakeerieislandswildlife.com/shop

Square Meter

- ◆ Receive a unique piece of the Nature Center property for only \$50!
- ◆ You can acquire adjacent squares.
- ◆ Call or visit our website to “close the deal.”



Traditional Donation

Send a check or donate on our website through PayPal. With donations of \$500 or more, you get your name on a scale of our Donor Fox Snake, a Lifetime Membership, & credit towards an adoption!



Consignment Sales



We were excited to offer consignment sale items in our gift shop this season, supporting local artisans and offering a better variety of local products to our visitors. Some of the items offered were jewelry by Jessie Greene, Photo prints by Elizabeth Heineman, watercolors by Tammy Jones, cutting boards by John Baker, stamped textiles by Amy Alford, and paintings by artist Sarah Cochran. We plan to continue offering consignment sales to locals and hope to improve our marketing for them to make sales even more successful. Some items will be still be available this winter when we open for events and activities (Giving Tuesday, yoga, movie nights, etc.), so make sure to stop in and support our local artists! If you are interested in selling in our gift shop, please contact Renée at leinwc@gmail.com.



Online Gift Shop

Our gift shop is now online! Go to lakeerieislandswildlife.com/shop for all the great LEINWC items! Choose "Local pickup" for curbside pickup!



Other Ways to Help

◆ Kroger Community Rewards

It's easy with your Kroger Plus Card! Sign in or create an account at Kroger.com, then enroll/update your Community Rewards in Account Settings. You save, Kroger gives back!



◆ Amazon Smile

shop at smile.amazon.com and register the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of what you spend!



◆ Create a Facebook Fundraiser

For your birthday or just because!



◆ Follow us on Social Media!

For news, updates, and fun activities!



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Looking for a detail-oriented person to take over organizing the Road Scholar program beginning immediately. Programs take place in spring and fall, with majority of planning done during off-season. Get onboard now to get trained under the guidance of Martyn Drabik-Hamshare.

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