

Geauga Park District 2009 Special Events/Arts/Culture Programs

Wild Nights! Nature at Night & Underground

January - March 1, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Explore the often hidden secrets of wildlife that is active in the dark, at this interactive exhibit, fun for all ages. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Shutterbugs Camera Club

Held 1st Thursday of each month

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Exercise your creativity with monthly photo assignments. Learn tips, tricks and new techniques. All skill levels welcome. For locations and more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Maple Town Tune Traders Jam Session

Held 4th Thursday of each month except Nov & Dec (3rd Thursday of month)

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Singers and musicians: come share songs each 4th Thursday. Acoustic, gently amplified instruments, & vocals welcome. Hot beverages available. Snacks to share welcome. For more information and locations call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Meet the Artists: Students from Jordak Elementary, Munson Elementary, Newbury Elementary, Park Elementary & Cardinal Intermediate Schools

Saturday, January 10

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

View a delightful collection of nature-inspired artwork by elementary school students representing three Geauga schools. Artwork on display until April 6th. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Introduction to Woodcarving

Saturday, January 17

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Join woodcarver Roy Podojil to create a 3” canvasback duck woodcarving from a rough-cut basswood form. This relaxed, beginner-level class will teach fundamentals of using a carving knife, files and sandpaper. Students will create an antique-finish carving that can be taken home and painted or sealed, if desired. For ages 18+. \$14 fee paid when registering and \$10 material fee paid to instructor on date of program. *Participants please bring a set of detail files, a sharp thin-blade pocket knife or carving knife, pencil and 2 sheets of 180-200 grit sandpaper.* Pre-register by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after December 20, 2008.

Sweetheart Wreath Workshop

Monday, February 2

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Join artisan Eileen Smith to create this *sweet*-heart of a wreath made from re-cycled paper and lace, embellished with floral accents. For ages 16 and up. Fee of \$10 paid to instructor on date of program. Pre-registration and supply list provided by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after December 20, 2008.

Sap's-A-Risin'!

Sundays, March 8 & 15 & 22

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Swine Creek Reservation

16004 Hayes Road, Middlefield

Visit Geauga Park District's Sugarbush, Sugarhouse and Lodge for a walk through time and sweet taste of how the maple sugaring industry evolved from the Native American tradition to modern methods. Help gather with a sap sled; enjoy historical interactions with costumed interpreters; see sap being boiled in the sugarhouse and have a sample taste; warm up with entertainment and maple treats in the lodge. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 or visit www.geaugaparkdistrict.org.

“Arts-Tree” Children’s Nature Writing Workshop

Saturday, March 14

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

The basic elements of all art forms are constant and can “branch” easily from one art form to another. Join artist Mardel Sanzotta to translate a nature-inspired painting and music into short prose or poetry. Applications for the *14th Annual Nature Writer’s Contest* will be available if participants desire to enter their piece. Materials & instruction provided for \$10.00 fee Pre-registration for ages 8-12 required by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after December 20, 2008.

Tree Tapper’s Ball

Saturday, March 14

7:30-10:30 p.m.

Parkman Community House: Rt. 422 east of Rt. 528/88.

Celebrate the maple season with our ever popular, old-fashioned square dance. Novices needn't feel like saps: all dances taught in fun fashion by caller Bob Smakula. Maple Town Tune Maulers provide rip-snortin' old-time music for roof-raisin' entertainment. Casual dress. Registration begins February 17 – limited to 8 per registering party. Call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Meet the Artists: Murray Hill Art Group

Friday, March 27

7:00-9:00 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Meet members of the Murray Hill Art Group and view a diverse collection of nature-inspired artwork by six talented artists who have painted together for over 15 years and

enjoy the subtle, yet intense beauty of Cleveland area parks. Artwork on display until May 25th. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

“Teneriffe-IC” Gourd Workshop

Saturday, March 28

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Affelder House

15139 Chillicothe Road, Novelty

Join “gourd guru” Barbara Yoxall to create a 6-8” gourd container featuring *teneriffe*, a pattern produced by weaving fiber or sinew around spokes to form a pattern or picture. Gourds provided will be cleaned, round-opening for weaving cut, and holes drilled for spokes. \$15 fee paid when registering and \$20 materials fee paid to instructor on date of program. For pre-registration (ages 12 and up), please call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after December 20, 2008.

Meet the Artist: Paul Newman

Friday, April 10

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Meet Paul Newman and view his impressive collection of nature-themed photography, which will remain on display through July 6th. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Silver Leaves Precious Metal Clay Workshop

Sunday, April 26

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Join artist Carolyn Hoffart to create a fine silver pendant & earrings from *Precious Metal Clay (PMC)*. Call Geauga Park District 286-9516 after March 20th for more information and to pre-register. \$10 fee payable when registering and \$40 materials fee payable to instructor on date of program.

Clean & Green: Herbal Cleaning Alternatives

Sunday, April 26

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Join ethnobotanist Bette Beck just in time for spring cleaning to discover safe, simple cleaning alternatives that not only are non-toxic, but that really work! Handouts featuring cleaner “recipes” available. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Fairy Herb Garden Workshop

Sunday, May 3

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Rookery

Just in time for Mother’s Day, learn the secrets to creating the perfect habitat to attract the fairy folk while growing your own herbs to spice up your culinary creations. Artists

Robin Payne & Susan Lucas will supply you with everything you need to fashion your own garden. Includes 10-12" container, soil, 3 herb plants, miniature garden bench and, of course, fairy dust! Other accessories available for purchase to enhance your garden if desired. For all ages. Children must be accompanied by adult. \$15 fee payable upon registration and \$20 materials fee payable to instructors on date of program. Call Geauga Park District 286-9516 after March 20th to pre-register.

Jocelyn Scofield in Concert

Saturday, May 30

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Join singer and songwriter Jocelyn Scofield for fusion music combining pop, folk, jazz and classical. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Meet the Artists: Geauga Senior Center Painting Classes

Sunday, May 31st

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Meet the artists and view their nature-inspired artwork on display until July 21.

Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Prose, Poetry & Pastries: Nature Writer's Coffee House

Friday, June 5

7:00-10:00 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Russell

Don't miss the opportunity to mingle with writers of all ages and literary expertise.

Winners from Geauga Park District's 14th Annual Nature Writing Contest will be honored; all in attendance are welcomed to read their works. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Erie Heights Brass Ensemble in Concert

Saturday, June 13

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Enjoy "World Tour 2009," which features songs spanning the globe by this 6-piece band.

Favorites include Italian medleys, Girl from Ipanema, Midnight in Moscow, Kokomo,

Can Can, Canadian Sunset and many more! Held indoors if inclement weather.

Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

"Iris Folding" Art Card Workshop

Tuesday, June 16

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Join artisan Phyllis Knapp to create 3 nature-motif cards (tree, flower & ladybug) using a technique from Europe that utilizes multi-colored & folded paper strips to form spiral

designs. \$12 cost includes materials and instruction. Adults and children ages 15+. Call Geauga Park District 286-9516 after March 20th to pre-register.

Fort Huntsburg Band in Concert

Saturday, June 27

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park
9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Enjoy a great mix of classic country and old-time rock-n-roll with the Fort Huntsburg Band. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Meet the Artist: Jennifer Brumfield

Friday, July 10

7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park
9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Meet the artist Jennifer Brumfield and view her nature-inspired artwork, which will remain on display through September 28th. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

One More Pint in Concert

Saturday, July 11

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park
9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Join *One More Pint's* Lee Wiegman and Tom Tonkli for an evening of Celtic folk favorites. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Landscape Pastel Workshop

Saturday, July 18

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Affelder House

15139 Chillicothe Road, Novelty

Create a landscape painting using soft pastels! Instructor Britta Franz will demonstrate basic application, and how to work from a photo, which will be supplied or you may bring your own. Beginners-intermediate, ages 10+. Drawing experience welcome, but not required. Students please bring "Pro Art" pastels, set of 24 landscape pastels available from Pat Catans for \$8.95. Short critique/discussion at end of class. Call Geauga Park District 286-9516 after June 20th to pre-register. \$18 fee when registering and \$2 materials fee payable to instructor on date of program.

"In Harmony with Nature" Flower Show

Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19

Saturday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The West Woods

9465 Kinsman Road, Russell Township

Enjoy beautiful blooms and floral arrangements in this Standard Flower Show sponsored by the Aquilegia Garden Club. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-4446

Hiram Rapids Stumblers & One Dollar Hat in Concert

Saturday, July 25

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Enjoy the music of two talented bands: high-energy traditional folk and bluegrass from

The Hiram Rapids Stumblers AND old time stringband music with ***One Dollar Hat***.

Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information

call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Nature Arts Festival

Saturday & Sunday, August 1 & 2

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The West Woods

9465 Kinsman Road, Russell Township

Don't miss this weekend of fine arts on display and for sale by regional artists. They will offer a wide variety of works including masterful wildlife and woodcarvings, paintings, handcrafted jewelry, and other forms of nature art in various price ranges. Also featured will be a wildlife and nature art People's Choice Exhibition, as well as food and musical entertainment. The Geauga Park District Foundation will sponsor a raffle drawing for a prize-winning piece of nature art. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Herbal Weaving Workshop

Saturday, August 8

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Affelder House

15139 Chillicothe Road, Novelty

Create a 5x7 framed picture by weaving herbs, raffia, yarns and other dried materials under the instruction of weaver Nancy Hart. Ages 12+. \$10 fee covers materials and instruction. Call Geauga Park District 286-9516 after June 20th to pre-register.

Geauga Lyric Theater Guild presents “Fractured Fairytales”

Saturday, August 8

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Join Geauga Lyric Theater Guild for a sampling of “not-so-typical” fairytales. A night of fun and fairytale fantasy. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Meet the Artists: Hiram College “The Shore”

Friday, August 14

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The West Woods

9465 Kinsman Road, Russell Township

Meet the artists from the *Creative Field Studies* program and view art pieces which are creative responses to Nature, its processes and environmental issues. “*The Shore*” focuses on the interface between terrestrial & aquatic environments. Artwork on display through

October 26th. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

The Knights Tempo in Concert

Saturday, August 22

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Enjoy jazz originals on mandolin, guitar, piano, bass and drums from this 5-piece band.

Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information call

Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Singer & Songwriter Circle

Saturday, September 5

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Frances Hall Amphitheater, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Dan Best hosts this venue featuring local songwriters, song stylists and instrumentalists

sharing their fine talents for a musically magic evening under the stars. Held indoors if

inclement weather. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District

440-286-9516.

Art of Woodcarving Clinic

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods

9465 Kinsman Road, Russell Township

Novices to advanced woodcarvers join woodcarver and ornithologist Norman Kanieski

for this clinic offering students carving critique and technical assistance. Please bring

current project and your tools, as well as questions for Norman! Free. Pre-registration

required by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Meet the Artists: Shutterbugs Camera Club

Sunday, October 4

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Meet members of the Park District Camera Club and view their breathtaking nature &

wildlife photography. Refreshments served. Artwork on display through November 30.

For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Trash to Treasure: Jewelry from Recycled Materials

Tuesday, October 6

6:30-8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Join artist Maryann Sedivy to design & create earrings, a bracelet or necklace from

discarded jewelry, old buttons, washers, wire and other recyclable materials. Cost of

\$12.00 covers instruction/materials. Participants may bring found objects to enhance their

creation if desired. Adults or children ages 14+. Pre-register by calling Geauga Park

District 440-286-9516 after September 20th.

“Tea Time” Workshop

Tuesday, October 13

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

Join ethnobotanist Bette Beck for an evening of fun, relaxation and tea drinking as you learn about high teas, low teas and medicinal teas. Design your very own special tea blends to take home! \$7 materials fee payable to instructor on evening of program. Pre-register by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after September 20th.

Halloween Wagon Rides

Sundays, October 18 & 25, 1:00-4:30 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge Parking Area

16004 Hayes Road, Middlefield

Get into the Halloween spirit and ride the haunted wagon trail, learning about some of nature's creepy-crawlies along the way. Costumes welcome! Free passes ensure first-come, first-served boarding. Rides approx. 1/2 hour. For more information, please call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

“discARTed” Recycled Art Exhibition OPENING

Saturday, November 7

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Meet participating regional artists and view unique artwork created from discarded/found materials. Show runs through January 2010. Refreshments served. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Got Stuff? The Art of Collage Workshop

Monday, November 16

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Join artist Maryann Sedivy to arrange & assemble the old to transform to the new. Materials provided, but participants may bring old greeting cards, wrapping paper, ribbon, buttons and fabric to include in their piece. \$12 fee per person when registering. Ages 16 and up. Pre-register by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after September 20th.

“recreARTed” Holiday Creations

Thursday, November 19

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Join artist Jan Urbanick to transform discarded objects such as light bulbs, soda bottles and other household castoffs, into clever & creative holiday decorations. \$14 fee includes materials & instruction. Ages 15+. Pre-register by calling Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 after September 20th.

Catch the Spirit Holiday Tree Exhibition

The month of December

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park

Catch the Spirit of the holidays as you enjoy trees decorated by a number of agencies and businesses in Geauga County in the warmth of the nature center. A special tree entitled, “*Lots of Socks for Tots*” will be featured to display new pairs of socks donated by park visitors to warm the toes of children in need. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Holiday Greens Workshop

Saturday, December 5

9:00 – Noon or 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Swine Creek Reservation, Lodge

Create a fresh evergreen arrangement to adorn your home for the holidays. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Winter Solstice Candlelight Walk

Monday, December 21

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The Rookery

Explore the roots of our modern holiday celebrations, many of which were derived from Roman, Viking, Druid and other ancient traditions associated with the winter solstice, on a candlelit walk through time. Program is held primarily outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Free shuttle provided from parking at Fowlers Mill Golf Course. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

"discARTed" Family Day

Sunday, December 27

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty

Bring your family to The West Woods Nature Center to create make-n-take projects from recycled materials between the hours of 1-4 p.m., as well as view "*discARTed*," a diverse collection of unique artwork created by regional artisans from discarded/found materials. Discover how unlikely objects can be transformed into items of function and beauty. Free and Fun for all ages! For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

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