

Start a new tradition with us,



at Geauga Park District's annual

Sap's-A-Risin'!

Maple Sugaring Celebration

Sundays - March 7, 14, & 21, 2010

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Swine Creek Reservation

Be a part of the sugaring process by collecting sap and learning about the maple sugaring industry. Enjoy live music and maple treats at this unique event!

Programs Happening Monthly

Shutterbugs Camera Club

Held 1st Thursday of each month

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (check website or call for locations)

Exercise your creativity with monthly photo assignments. Learn tips, tricks and new techniques.

All skill levels welcome.

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.

(check website or call for locations)

Singers and musicians: come share songs and talents.

Acoustic, gently amplified instruments, & vocals welcome. Hot beverages available.

Snacks to share welcome.

Arts in Nature 2010 Program Locations

Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

Swine Creek Reservation

16004 Hayes Road,
Middlefield/Parkman

The Rookery

10110 Cedar Road, Munson

The West Woods

9465 Kinsman Road,
Newbury/Russell

Programs at locations other than those stated here are listed in the brochure. For more detailed directions to Geauga Park District parks visit our website or call for more information.

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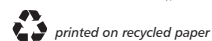
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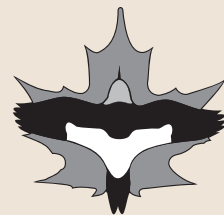
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Arts in Nature

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GEAUGA PARK
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

View a more detailed description of the programs and register online at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org or call 440-285-9516 1-800-536-4006 (toll-free in Geauga County)

Music Event Hands On Workshop

January

discARTed Exhibition

through January 31, 2010 - daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

View a fascinating display of art created from discarded, recycled or found materials. 90+ artists are represented.

discARTed Wire Basket Workshop

Tuesday, January 12 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Explore basket construction with alternative materials and create a small sculptural basket. Fees apply. Pre-registration required.

Trash to Treasure:

Jewelry from Recycled Materials

Tuesday, January 19 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Design & create earrings, a bracelet or necklace from discarded jewelry, old buttons, washers, wire and other recyclable materials. Fees apply. Participants may bring found objects to enhance their creation if desired. Pre-registration required. (ages 14+)

February

Meet the Artists: Steve & Michele Romanik

Friday, February 12 7 – 9 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Meet the Romaniks and view their collection of outdoor photography taken in Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Florida, Michigan and Ontario as well as images taken locally. Refreshments served. Photography on display until March 29th.

Wire-Wrapping Workshop

Thursday, February 18 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Create beautiful wire-wrapped stones using copper or brass wire. Materials provided by instructor, although you can bring along favorite stones if you wish. Fees apply. Pre-registration required. (ages 13+)

March

Animal Caricature for Kids

Saturday, March 6 10 a.m. – Noon

The West Woods Nature Center

Draw animals using fun shapes, vibrant lines and googly eyes! Draw from real animal specimens, and transform them into cool cartoons! Fees apply. Pre-registration required. (ages 6-12)

Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 13, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

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

Celebrate the maple season with our old-fashioned square dance, taught in fun fashion. Old-time music for roof-raisin' entertainment. Casual dress. Registration begins February 20. Limited to 8 per registering party.

April

Attracting Hummingbirds with Flair

Friday, April 23 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Learn about hummingbirds and create a hummingbird feeder from a vintage bottle embellished with wire and glass beads. Fees apply. Pre-register after 3/20/10. (ages 14+)



May

Natural Impressions Casting Workshop

Tuesday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 12

(2-day workshop) 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. each day

The West Woods Nature Center

Create a sculpture that involves making a mold, casting it in plaster, then finishing it realistically with paint. Fees apply. Pre-registration required after 3/20/10. (ages 12+)

Steve Madewell in Concert

Saturday, May 22 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Enjoy original compositions inspired by Ohio landscapes and outdoor experiences. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

Meet the Artists: Doby Green & Rusty Harden

Friday, May 28 7 – 9 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Meet Doby Green and see her nature-themed artwork in a variety of mediums. Rusty Harden presents oil paintings of rocks and minerals, as well as a collection of abstracted minerals, fossils and rocks. Refreshments served. Artwork on display until July 26.

June

Voices of Nature...

Nature Writer's Coffee House

Friday, June 4, 7 – 10 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Mingle with writers of all ages and literary expertise. Winners from Geauga Park District's 15th Annual Nature Writing Contest will be honored. All in attendance are welcome to read their works. Refreshments served.

Just George? in Concert 🎵

Saturday, June 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Enjoy songs with a unique flavor by acoustic duo George Chapman and Adam Sullivan. Family fun with audience participation! Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

Swamp Rattlers in Concert 🎵

Saturday, June 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Enjoy "rootsy" rock, blues and folk with a bite by the Swamp Rattlers, an eclectic 5 piece band featuring acoustic and electric instruments. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

Summer Solstice Plein Air Painting 🖌️

Monday, June 21, 6 – 9 p.m.

Swine Creek Reservation, Lake Side Shelter

Learn the art of landscape painting on the longest day of the year. Bring acrylic paints/materials if desired, or purchase recommended materials. Bring easels or drawing boards if possible. No experience necessary, but those with experience are welcome. Fees apply. Pre-registrator after 3/20/10.



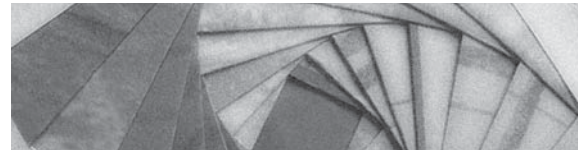
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Harvest Moon Bluegrass Band in Concert 🎵

Saturday, July 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Enjoy traditional & contemporary bluegrass music by this 4-piece band. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.



"Iris Folding" Art Card Workshop 🖐️

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Affelder House, The West Woods (15139 Chillicothe Rd)

Create nature-motif cards utilizing multi-colored & folded paper strips to form spiral designs. Fees apply. Pre-register after 6/20/10. (ages 15+)



Unknown Reason in Concert 🎵

Saturday, July 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Enjoy folk, rock and pop favorites, as well as original songs, under the stars! Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

Ceramic Tile Painting Workshop 🖐️

Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Learn how to paint a hummingbird and hibiscus flower on a 6" ceramic tile, which may be used as a trivet or can be framed and hung. Fees apply. Pre-register after 6/20/10. (ages 14+)

Chardon Polka Band in Concert 🎵

Saturday, July 31 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Enjoy favorite polka hits with a twist. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

August

Nature Arts Festival

Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

See masterful woodcarvings, paintings, handcrafted jewelry, and more on display, and for sale, by regional artists. Also featured is a People's Choice Exhibition, food, and much more. The Geauga Park District Foundation will sponsor a raffle for a prize-winning work of nature art.

"Fractured Fairytales"

Geauga Lyric Theater Guild

Saturday, August 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

A night of fun and fantasy through "not-so-typical" fairytales. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

Meet the Artists: Guild of Nature Artists

Friday, August 20, 7 – 9 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

View a diverse collection of nature/wildlife artwork by artists associated with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Artwork on display until October 24th. Refreshments served.

Singer & Songwriter Circle 🎵

Saturday, August 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Frances Hall Amphitheater

Featuring local songwriters, song stylists and instrumentalists sharing their fine talents in a musical evening under the stars. Held indoors if inclement weather. Refreshments served.

September

Florals in Oil Pastel Workshop 🖌️

Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Create a floral painting using clean and easy-to-use oil pastels. Learn techniques and application as you work from supplied photo references, or from your own photo. No experience required. Fees apply. Pre-register after 6/20/10. (ages 10+)

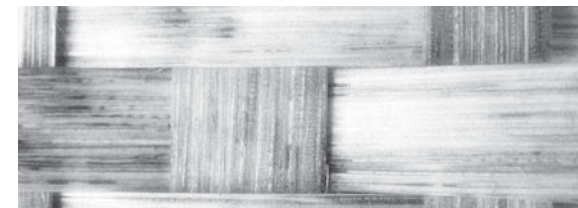
October

Driftwood Basket Workshop 🖐️

Saturday, October 9, 9 a.m. – Noon

Big Creek Park, Donald W. Meyer Center

Transform beach cast-offs into basket sculpture while learning basic basket construction with alternative materials. Fees apply. Pre-register after 9/20/10. (ages 13+)



November

Meet the Artists: Hillcrest Art Guild

Sunday, November 7, 2 – 4 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

View nature-themed work from dozens of artists representing eighteen communities from the eastern suburbs of Cleveland. Refreshments served. On display through January 10th.

Woolly Holiday Ornament 🖐️

Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. – Noon

The West Woods Nature Center

An introduction to the art of wool appliqué. Participants will create a nature-inspired ornament featuring birds, leaves & berries or snowflakes from hand-dyed repurposed wool. Fees apply. Pre-register after 9/20/10. (ages 15+)



December

Catch the Spirit Holiday Tree Exhibition

The month of December, Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Big Creek Park, Donald W. Meyer Center

Catch the Spirit of the holidays in the warmth of the nature center as you enjoy trees decorated by agencies and businesses in Geauga County. Bring socks or mittens to decorate the "Lots of Socks for Tots" tree. Donations will be passed along to warm the fingers and toes of children in need.

Holiday Greens Workshop 🖐️

Saturday, December 4,

9 a.m. – Noon (or) 1 – 4 p.m.

Swine Creek Reservation, Lodge

Decorate for the holidays by making a beautiful arrangement from fresh evergreens. Fees apply. Pre-register after 9/20/10.

Winter Solstice Candlelight Walk

Tuesday, December 21, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The West Woods Nature Center

Take a candlelit walk through time to explore the roots of our modern holiday celebrations derived from ancient traditions associated with the winter solstice. Program is held primarily outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Free shuttle provided from nearby parking areas. NEW LOCATION!