

February News

2018 program, event and project planning is in full swing in the Euclid Creek and we've got a lot of interesting programs coming up. Friends of Euclid Creek is hosting an arts night tie dying shirts on Waterloo in February, see details below. And FOEC just announced their Environmental Studies scholarship - so please share the details with students you know who might be interested.

And a big congratulations are in order for the **City of South Euclid** for passing an ordinance **banning lawn pesticides on all city owned grounds and also school grounds**. Thank you for introducing the ordinance Councilman Gelfand! And kudos to [Beyond Pesticides Ohio](#) for their great work educating the City and residents about the harmful effects of pesticides to our environment and public health.

And keep these great photos coming (below)! People have been posting fantastic wildlife and scenic creek photos and we've been making sure to share these great images - so please keep sharing on our facebook page or email photos to the Watershed Program Manager (contact info. below).

Wondrous ice formations in Euclid Creek at Wildwood Park - photo taken by Lynn Steele

Winter photo of the Main Stem of Euclid Creek in Cleveland - photo taken by Bill McReynolds

Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC) News

Tie-Dye Fun with FOEC

Tue., February 20, 2018 6-8pm
Praxis Fabric Workshop, [15301 Waterloo Road, Cleveland](#)

Please join us for an evening of fun and creative activity. Friends of Euclid Creek is hosting its first arts and culture event where attendees will learn about natural dyes grown in Cleveland, used to dye fabrics, and try our hand at tie-dying FOEC tee-shirts.

All supplies for the work will be provided, but we do ask that you come with a donation of a new winter hat, gloves, scarf, etc. which will be donated to the Collinwood Recreation Center for distribution to people in need in the neighborhood. A \$10.00 donation in lieu of clothing is requested if you cannot bring winter ware.

Please RSVP as there is only room for 30 participants in the tie-dyeing area. If you would like to come, but not tie-dye, you can but we do ask that you RSVP as we will be serving pizza, salad, and beverages. If you would like to bring a dessert to share with people at the event please do.

RSVP by February 15 to FOECPresident@gmail.com or call [440-605-1543](tel:440-605-1543) and please include your shirt size.

FOEC Announces Environmental Studies Scholarship

Friends of Euclid Creek is pleased to announce its fifth annual scholarship in environmental studies. If you are or know of a high school senior or college student passionate about their study of the environment, encourage them to apply for this **\$1,000 scholarship**. Funds are to pay for tuition or books.

Applications are due April 1, 2018- so please spread the word and [for details about the application process, click here](#).

FOEC New Publication:

Tips to be Nature Friendly

FOEC has a great new publication recommending simple actions anyone can take to help our water quality and natural environment, to reduce litter and trash, to provide for animal habitats, and to ensure our food supply.

A big thanks are in order to the FOEC Education Committee for putting together this great resource. Special thanks go to Kelly Butauski for putting together the content and to Patrick Henry for the brochure design.

Please share this excellent guide widely. [A link to the brochure is here](#).

Check Out Our Weekly Blogs!

Recent blog topics include:

- [Precious Waters, or not](#), by Janine Rybka, CSWCD
- [On the Road to Clean Water](#), by Amy Roskilly, CSWCD
- [Service with a Smile](#), by Jacki Zevenbergen, CSWCD
- [Erosion Controls vs. Sediment Controls](#), by Brent Eysenbach, CSWCD
- [On the Road to Clean Water and 2017 Year in Review](#), by Janine Rybka, CSWCD

Important Watershed News:

- [The nation's rivers and streams are getting dangerously saltier](#)
- [The Restoration of Bonnie Park in Strongsville](#)
- [Top Great Lakes Issues](#)

Upcoming Watershed Events

FOEC March Program - Singing Winter into Spring: learning the music of early spring bird song

Tue., Mar. 6 - 7-9pm - Cleveland Metroparks Acacia Clubhouse

Presentation by Lisa Rainsong. Have you ever noticed that the first spring bird songs begin as early as late January? By March, our resident birds are already

claiming their territories and advertising for mates. These birds also provide very useful examples of the musical language that helps us remember their songs and those of the summer residents who will follow. Save the date for this exciting FOEC Program, [more details here](#).

Pond Clinic-Orange Village

Thur., Mar. 22 - 6:30-8:30pm - Orange Village Hall Council Chambers. Presented by Aqua Doc. The pond clinic is intended for anyone interested in learning how to manage their home pond to create a beautiful landscape feature that adds value to their property. Proper pond management can reduce noxious odors, minimize unwanted vegetation and reduce sedimentation. Pond owners can improve the visual appeal of their pond while reducing long term costs with regular maintenance. [Details and registration here](#).

Rain Barrel Workshop, Acacia Reservation

Thur., Apr. 19 - 6:30-8pm, Cleveland Metroparks Acacia Reservation, Lyndhurst, [details and registration here](#).

Upcoming Watershed Partner Organization Events

Wild and Scenic Film Festival - Sat., Feb. 3 - 3-6pm - Cleveland Museum of Natural History. [Details Here](#).

Sherwick Tree Steward Graduate Appreciation Program - Thur., Feb. 8, 6:00pm, Goldhorn Brewery, Cleveland - Calling all Tree Steward Graduates! Join us for a gathering at the Goldhorn Brewery to honor all of our recent and past graduates of the program. [Details and registration here](#).

Monday MetUp: LinkUp with Watershed Volunteer Program (WVP) - Mon., Feb. 12 - 6-7:30pm - Watershed Stewardship Center, Parma. [Details and registration here](#).

Birds of Acacia (Cleveland Metroparks-led activity) - Sun., Feb. 11 - 9:30-11:30am - Acacia Reservation - [details here](#)

Acacia for the Young at Heart (Cleveland Metroparks-led hike) - Tue., Feb. 13 - 10-11am - Acacia Reservation - [details here](#)

Euclid Creaks (Cleveland Metroparks-led hike) - Sun., Feb. 18 - 10-11:30am - Euclid Creek Reservation, Highland Picnic Area - [details here](#)

Waterbirds at Wildwood (Cleveland Metroparks-led activity) - Sun., Feb. 25 - 9:30-11am - Euclid Creek Reservation, Wildwood Marina - [details here](#)

Spring Native Plant Sales

CSWCD Native Seed Sale - Cuyahoga SWCD is selling native seed packets again in 2018 – [click here for more information here](#)

Conservation Tree Seedling Sale—Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, Pre-orders due Mar. 10; For order form & plant list (bareroot trees and shrubs), [click here](#).

2018 Native Plant Sale—Cleveland Museum of Natural History - Details coming soon—check the website for updates, [click here](#).

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