

**March News**

FOEC had a great time at a totally different from the usual watershed event held last Tuesday - tie dying at Praxis Fabric Workshop in Cleveland. Attendees got to tie dye their own FOEC shirt and learned about natural dyes and we had fun seeing new faces.

We've got great programs coming up in March including a presentation called *Singing Winter into Spring: learning the music of early spring bird song* by Lisa Rainsong. We also are getting ready for April, the busiest month of the year with Earth Day and Arbor Day events - so please see volunteer opportunities and needs listed below - we'd surely appreciate your help at an event in April.

If you missed it, there was great coverage about Acacia Reservation restoration efforts on WCPN called "Documenting how Acacia Golf Course became a Green Space". Stuart and Jeanne Perl have been doing a fantastic job of taking photos of the restoration from day 1, so [read about their journey documenting the restoration here](#).

Tie dye instruction at Praxis Fabric  
Workshop with FOEC

The finished product

Winter hats, gloves and scarfs  
donated to the Collinwood Rec.  
Center for families in need

**Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC) News****FOEC March Program****Singing Winter into Spring: learning the music of early spring bird song**

Tue., March 6 - 7-9pm

Acacia Reservation, [26899 Cedar Rd., Lyndhurst](#)

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.

Presentation by Lisa Rainsong. Lisa Rainsong holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is a member of CIM's music theory faculty. A soprano as well as a teacher and composer, she sings with the professional early music ensemble Quire Cleveland. Lisa also earned a Naturalist Certificate from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, where her study focused on field experience. She now teaches classes on bird song, insect song, and amphibian song throughout Ohio. She also does field recording of bird

songs and insect songs and conducts surveys of “singing insects” - crickets and katydids – at parks and preserves throughout NE Ohio.

Her recording, photos, and stories from the field can be found on her blog, *Listening in Nature* at [listeninginnature.blogspot.com](http://listeninginnature.blogspot.com).

### **Monday MeetUp: Measuring Up with Tinker's Creek and Euclid Creek**

Mon., March 26 - 6-8pm

Acacia Reservation, [26899 Cedar Rd., Lyndhurst](#)

Learn about Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners' and Friends of Euclid Creek's water quality monitoring program and how to be part of these independent projects. Water quality monitoring is essential to having a snapshot of watershed health, helps prioritize watershed work, and is a fun way to get out into the creek in 2018 and beyond. At this training, you'll learn different ways a stream can be impacted and the monitoring protocol. Part of this training is hands on and outside, so be prepared to get wet! [Registration required here.](#)

### **One Month Left to Apply for FOEC Environmental Studies Scholarship**

Friends of Euclid Creek is offering 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.](#)

### **Tree Huggers 101 Reaching New Heights with Better Tree Planting and Care!**

Thur., March 15 - 5:30-8pm

University Heights City Hall

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting three identical tree workshop presented by Chrissy Balk of The Davey Tree Expert Company at different locations (University Heights closest to Euclid Creek!)

YOU can help increase canopy cover and reduce runoff while beautifying your yard and your neighborhood - all by planting a tree!

Proper planting and care are essential for young trees to survive and thrive. At this workshop, participants will learn the basics of tree planting and care, including a hands-on tree planting demonstration. An overview of county-wide tree canopy restoration efforts will also be presented.

The \$20 registration fee includes one 3-gallon native tree, one tree-watering bag and take-home instructions. Trees are available for a variety of soil and sun/shade

conditions - please see tree descriptions on website. Free to listen, but please call and register.

REGISTER BY MARCH 5 at [cuyahogaswcd.org/events](http://cuyahogaswcd.org/events).

### **Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Community Events:**

Earth Day Weekend Events - We are looking for volunteers to assist us and the Girl Scouts with multiple watershed activities on the following dates:

Friday, April 20 from 5-7pm

Saturday, April 21 from 10-noon and 1-4pm

Activities range from wetland and park cleanups to an invasive plant pull to a tree planting.

Hillcrest Hospital Employee Earth Fest - We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help staff our watershed education table on Tuesday, April 24, for however much time you can spare between 11:00am-3:00pm.

Euclid Environmental Festival - We are looking for several volunteers to help staff our watershed education table on Saturday, June 9, for 2 hour shifts from 11:00am-4:00pm.

Workshop Registration - the Watershed Program Manager needs help at rain barrel and other workshops getting people registered - so if you could help for an hour or two at a workshop, please contact Claire to see what dates/times help is needed.

Please contact me if you can help with any of the events listed above (contact info. at end of email).

### **Will you join the Highland Heights Green Task Force in their 2018 campaign to skip the plastic straw?**

#### **Check Out Our Weekly Blogs!**

**Recent blog topics include:**

- [Phacelia: A Cool Weather Germinating Cover Crop](#), by Justin Husher, CSWCD
- [Stormwater Control Measure Maintenance Tips](#), by Elizabeth Hiser, CSWCD
- [Finding Alternatives to Rock Salt for De-icing around the Home: the Chloride-based De-icer Blues](#), by Jared Bartley, CSWCD

#### **Upcoming Watershed Events**

##### **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. Proper pond management can reduce noxious odors, minimize unwanted vegetation, reduce sedimentation and can improve the visual appeal while reducing long term costs with regular maintenance. [Details and registration here.](#)

#### **Friends of Euclid Creek April Program - Native Bees in the Garden**

Tue., Apr. 3, 7:00-9:00pm, at Acacia Reservation - Denise Ellsworth will speak to the importance of native bees in the garden. She directs the honey bee and native pollinator education program through the Ohio State University Department of Entomology on the Wooster campus. [Details here.](#)

#### **Rain Barrel Workshop, Acacia Reservation**

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

#### **Wildwood Park Spring Cleanup, Cleveland**

Sat, May 19, 10:00am-noon - Volunteers will help cleanup trash, remove invasive plants and other maintenance activities in the wetland and streamside. [Please RSVP by May 18.](#) Waivers required for participants under 18 years old.

#### **[Upcoming Watershed Partner Organization Events](#)**

**Mayfield Road Corridor Multimodal Plan Public Workshop - TONIGHT -** Tue., Feb. 27 - 5pm- South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library - [details here.](#)

**Cleveland Metroparks Watershed Volunteer Program events, programs, courses** [listed 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.](#)

\* To register for an event contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator (contact info. below).

Visit the [Euclid Creek Website](#) to see upcoming Rain Barrel & Green Cleaning Workshops, and more!

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