

HOOT OWL

A Newsletter for the Kelleys Island Audubon Club

Audubon Events Kick Off in May

Do you want to learn more about the nature of the island and have a little fun? Join Kelleys Island Audubon!

The season kicks off with our first meeting on Thursday, May 16, held at the Kelleys Island School. The evening starts with a potluck at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and a beverage. There will be a brief meeting followed by the main program at 7 p.m. Tom Henry, the environmental reporter for the Toledo Blade, will be our featured presenter.

Sunday, May 19 is NEST WITH THE BIRDS. See migrating neo tropical songbirds up close at bird banding with the Bartlett's from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 10 a.m. KIAC president Pat Hayes will lead a nature walk. The events take place at Jones Preserve on Long Point. Park along the road before the gate.

See the back page for the full schedule. All events are free and open to the public.

President's Message

By Pat Hayes

The ice age mile high wall of ice melted around 8,000 years ago, leaving behind a muddy depression and countless rocky outcrops that were coral reefs millions of years ago. Some areas, like Buffalo, rebounded 200 feet. Water began filling this muddy swamp that we now call Lake Erie. It's a great story should you want to investigate further. Today's islands and shoals were born then. The evidence is showcased in our Glacial Grooves and Alvar. These important geological features are protected. The North Pond is also glacially related and preserved.

The Kelleys Island Audubon lobbied successfully for the North Shore Alvar and North Pond Preserves to have the greatest protection Ohio can bestow. These globally important features have been included in Ohio's Natural Areas and Preserves Division.



As we explore the island, we see many other protected areas. The Huntley Beatty Preserve and the Curilla Preserve provide walking paths where visitors can witness the island's history as well as view Lakeside Daisies. The Monagan Preserve is the newest protected area and will be even larger when an adjacent property is included. *(Continued on next page.)*

Island Residents Come Together to Save White Pelican



On August 24, 2023 Pat Hayes got a frantic phone call from islander Kimberly Carson. She had found a large bird in her yard: perhaps a swan. Her dog was going crazy, so she called Pat. He said bring the bird over.

When it arrived, his wife, Lori, said, "that's not a swan, that's a baby white pelican!" That is how The Inn had a pelican as an overnight guest. It was a good thing Kimberly found the bird, because that night a tornado tore through the island. The next day, Robby Quinn kindly picked up the bird and flew it to Port Clinton, where a friend then drove it to *Back to the Wild* in Castalia. After an unsuccessful attempt to re-nest the pelican, it is now an Ambassador for the rehabilitation center. As you can imagine: it eats a lot -- so your donations are appreciated. Many thanks to Kimberly and Robby for saving this majestic bird.

(President's Message, Cont)

The Kelleys Island Audubon and Kelleys Island Park Board worked together to preserve these precious parcels. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy did the heavy lifting by funding the projects and closing the deals. We couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to the Village of Kelleys Island for their support.

Our island community has always played a huge role in funding and donating the monies needed for the pollinator plantings. Along with the State Park and Cleveland Museum of Natural History we now have helped create a huge campus that can be enjoyed by all.

During the last 30 years, our village has taken the direction we all have envisioned for Kelleys Island. Business and nature have complimented each other. Throughout the year, the island now attracts visitors and welcomes new residents that seek to keep Kelleys in a perfect balance with our natural beauty.

When you're out enjoying the island, remember that it is because of you that many properties will always be protected. These are where memories will be made for your families and visitors that also make our island's businesses vibrant and successful.

As always, keep your eyes on the sky. Our eagles love it here, as does a certain white pelican that washed up last summer to a place that cared: Kelleys Island.

Field Station Brings Nature to Students Young & Old

The Kelleys Island Schools Field Station, under the direction of Jackie Taylor, has a mission to provide a distinctive learning and research environment for students from elementary ages through adults. In 2024, the theme for the 7th year of Nature Camp is Nature Adventures, with fun activities planned daily for children ages 4-8 from June 24-28 and ages 9-12 from July 1-5. Registration forms are available on the KIAC website and through the KI Field Station. Science Saturdays, a cooperative program between the Field Station, the KIAC and the KI State Park, returns on May 25 with a study on Plankton and continues every Saturday until Aug. 31. Follow the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station on Facebook for information on these and other programs and for updates.

2024 Kelleys Island Audubon Club Annual Membership Form



- Northern Saw-whet Owl** \$25.00 Annual Membership (Individual or Family) _____
- Monarch Butterfly**- \$100.00 Annual Business Membership \$ _____
- Lakeside Daisy** \$500.00 Lifetime Membership \$ _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Nature Camp Fund (Supporting Nature Camp for Kids Held in July) \$ _____

Pape Memorial Fund (Natural Science Library located in KI Library) \$ _____

Avian Study of Birds of Kelleys Island (Tom & Paula Bartlett Banding Stations) \$ _____

Memorial Donation in Honor of _____ \$ _____

Pollinator Fund (Supporting Native Plant Areas on KI. Please Include Separate Check) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Membership + Donations) \$ _____

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The Kelleys Island Audubon Club is a 501 (c)3 organization (Fed ID# 34-1906455). Donations are tax deductible.

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The mission of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club is to bring into closer association those interested in the study of wild birds and in the conservation of natural resources of Kelleys Island; to further the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of ecology and to cooperate with other organizations having similar objectives.

Pat Hayes – President, Barbara Zeller - Vice President, June Campbell – Secretary, Jean Kuyoth – Treasurer,
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2024 EVENTS & MEETINGS

Subject to change: Check "Bird Kelleys Island" on FB or kelleysislandnature.org for updates.

MAY 19:	Nest with the Birds
MAY 25-AUG 31:	Science Saturdays (see inside for details)
JUNE & JULY	Kids Nature Camp (register @ kelleys.k12.oh.us)
AUG 10:	Homecoming Booth
SEPT. 1:	Glacial Glimpses
SEPT. 22:	Feathers and Foliage
Mid OCT.-Late NOV:	Owl Banding, nightly
NOV. 1-3:	Owl Fest

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Potluck at 6 p.m. followed by meeting and nature program at 7 p.m.
Spring and fall meetings are held at the KI School.
Summer meetings are held in the Pavilion at the Community Park on Addison St. (weather permitting)
MAY 16 JUNE 20 JULY 18 AUG. 15 SEPT. 19

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