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A Newsletter for the Kelleys Island Audubon Club

### Join us for our May Kick Off Events!

May is a beautiful month on the island and a fun time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. KIAC invites you to join us as we kick off another wonderful season on Kelleys Island.

Our first meeting is Thurs., May 15 at the Community Room at KI School. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and beverage at 6 p.m. for a potluck. Following a short business meeting at 7 p.m., Dan Rath, owner of Backyard Hippies Native Landscaping, will present a program on *Gardening with Deer*.

On Sun., May 18, our spring festival *Nest with the Birds* will feature Tom and Paula Bartlett beginning their spring songbird banding at the Jones Preserve, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Witness the remarkable Warblers, Woodpeckers, Vireos and other birds that call the island home or use it as a stopover during migration. **All events are free and open to the public.**

## President’s Message: The First 10,950 Days

*By Pat Hayes*

Thank you! Thank you to all our Audubon members. It’s been 31 years. Many friends have passed on, and we miss them. Several current members have been members since the beginning, and we are glad to have them. We certainly appreciate all our members, new and established, who share a love for the natural beauty of Kelleys Island and are keen to learn more about our island home.

Our outreach with Ohio’s nature leaders has been priceless. We have been treated very well because of this network. Aside from the education we have all received, our parks and natural areas are a testament to how we protect all that we love for today and generations to come. Yes, our club may not make history books,

but families can take heart that perhaps Grandpa and Grandma were very much a part of this amazing island preservation effort. Pioneers of the Preserves, I now say! Our club is so important to Kelleys Island. We need to keep attracting our neighbors to attend meetings and lectures. *(Continued on next page.)*



## Have You Recently Discovered Birdwatching?



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

If you're new to bird watching, you're not alone! Birding has evolved from a niche hobby into a global pastime enjoyed by millions. Part of the appeal is tied to increased awareness of environmental issues and a desire to connect with nature. Technological advancements have also helped fuel interest in the hobby.

In the past, birdwatching required specialized knowledge and bulky field guides. While field guides are still essential, online platforms and apps like eBird, iNaturalist and Merlin help birders both new and old identify and track birds. They also help foster a sense of community among birders of all skill levels.

Joining organizations like KIAC can also fuel knowledge and interest. There's always so much to see on Kelleys Island!

*(President's Message, Cont)*

Our community needs to learn what makes Kelleys Island and Lake Erie priceless to us all. Kelleys Island will have growing pains, but this growth does not need to be a risk to the beauty that we all have cherished. We all have been a part of these amazing achievements. Our diverse membership touches all.

**“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”**

**– Native American Proverb**

We would like to ask current members to help introduce the club to new friends and neighbors. Mention a nice hike to the North Pond Preserve or maybe the Curilla Preserve for an easy walk. It is your voice that spreads the word. And your club that helps our island preserve its beauty. So, when islanders and visitors look up and see Eagles flying, they know that the Kelleys Island Audubon Club played a large part in preserving natural areas so that the Eagles can live and thrive here. That's a fact!

Over the years we have we have hosted 186 potlucks and educational lectures for our members. Here's to many more! We hope to see you at the May 15th meeting and at the bird banding station on Long Point at “Nest with the Birds” on May 18.

## KI Field Station Offers Camps & Science Saturdays

The Kelleys Island Field Station will again offer summer Nature Camps for kids ages 4-12. This year's theme is “Amazing Animals” and will feature educators from Ohio State's Stone Labs, Back to the Wild, the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center and Erie Metro Parks. Dates and registration are on the school's [website](#).

Science Saturdays will also return from May 24 through August 30 with presentations at the KI School and the KI State Park from 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Science Saturdays has proven to be a big draw for KI visitors young and old!

KIAC is proud to be a supporter of these programs and encourages you to make the most of these opportunities.

# 2025 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fees are not sufficient to cover the KIAC educational programs or the support we provide to island nature activities including the Bartlett Bird Banding Stations, the KI Schools Nature Camp and Science Saturdays, the “Pape Natural History Collection” at the KI library, as well as support for “Back to the Wild” and other organizations. Please consider an additional donation in support of these efforts:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Membership + Donation) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Kelleys Island Audubon Club, PO Box 42, Kelleys Island, OH 43438  
Please make checks payable to Kelleys Island Audubon Club

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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# 2025 EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Subject to change: Check “Bird Kelleys Island” on FB or [kelleysislandnature.org](http://kelleysislandnature.org) for updates.**

MAY 18:	Nest with the Birds
MAY 24-AUG 30:	Science Saturdays (see inside for details)
JUNE & JULY	Kids Nature Camp (see inside for details)
AUG 9:	Homecoming Booth
AUG 31:	Glacial Glimpses
SEPT 14:	KI Field Station Day
Mid OCT–Mid NOV:	Songbird & Owl Banding

**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 15    JUNE 19    JULY 17    AUG 21    SEPT 18