



Western Reserve Wild Ones

“a voice for the natural landscaping movement”



Green is the New Black

by Barb Holtz, president

I am not a fashion guru to the chagrin of my teenage daughters. However, because I have teenage daughters I tend to know a little about trends. To my surprise, many t-shirts I see in clothing catalogs focused at youth are screened with phrases like: Global Warming, It's Not Cool or Don't Be Trashy, Recycle.

Apparently supporting the planet is cool now. Green is the new black!



At the encouraging of national Wild Ones, we joined the Focus the Nation campaign and centered our winter programming on climate change. Just how does our lifestyle, including how we landscape our yards, affect the planet? Do you use gardening tools powered by fossil fuels? Do you apply an overabundance of petroleum based fertilizers or biocides? Do you plant plants that require specialized care or plants that are adapted to local conditions? Is turf grass the primary plant covering your property? Do you recognize that what happens in your landscape doesn't always stay in your landscape?

In keeping with this envi-

ronmental focus, you are invited to hear David Beach, Director of the newly formed Center for Regional Sustainability, speak at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on March 5th at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Beach began Eco-City Cleveland which has been an active voice in the sustainability and balanced growth movement in our fair city since 1992. You can learn more about Eco-City at www.gcbl.org.

I hope to see you this spring at an activity or event. Remember, it's not easy being green but it's worth a try!



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Focus on Education

As you look at the programming planned for spring you will notice it centers around us sharing the Wild Ones message with others. We are getting more requests to serve at special events and festivals. Since a clear part of Wild Ones mission is educa-

tion it only seems fitting that we spend time educating, especially during gardening season. Since these events take member participation and our personal calendars seem to fill quickly, I have not planned additional speakers when there is an event

table to “staff.”

Please look carefully at page 2 and join us for the North Coast Nature Festival and/or the Farm & Garden Day special event. **WE NEED YOUR HELP to keep our chapter vital and growing!**

Treasurer's Report

Begin. Balance	\$689.40
Income	\$ 66.00
Membership	
Bumper sticker sales	
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Total	\$755.40

Upcoming Programs and Activities

Wed., March 5 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sustainability in Our Watersheds

Speaker: David Beach, Director
Center for Regional Sustainability

Place: The Nature Center at
Shaker Lakes — 9600 South
Park Blvd. Cleveland 44120

**This program takes the place of
our usual 3rd Thurs. meeting.**

Saturday, April 26 10:00~4:30

Sunday, April 27 10:00~4:30

North Coast Nature Festival

Place: Rocky River Nature Center

See below to sign up to help!
EarthWords Nature Shop will
have a native plant sale at this
event.

Saturday, May 17 11:00 ~ 4:00

Farm and Garden Day

Place: Garfield Park Nature
Center

This is a brand new event. See
below to sign up to help!

A great chance to share our
message with a more urban
audience.

Let's Spread the Wild Ones Word!



We need your help to share information with event visitors about
Western Reserve Wild Ones & the importance of natural landscaping.

Come to one or both of the events listed above to staff our table.

If you would like to help, please e-mail Barb Holtz at bph@clevelandmetroparks.com or fill out the
form below and mail. If you cannot stay an entire shift, no problem. Just let me know your availability.

Yes, I can help at North Coast Nature Festival

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Saturday, April 26

_____ 9:45am—1:30 pm

_____ 1:30pm—4:45 pm

Sunday, April 27

_____ 9:45am—1:30 pm

_____ 1:30pm—4:45 pm

Mail to: Barb Holtz 3037 SOM Center Rd. Willoughby Hills, OH 44094 (440) 473-3370 Wed./Thurs.

Yes, I can help at Farm & Garden Day

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Saturday, May 17

_____ 10:45am—1:30 pm

_____ 1:30pm—4:15 pm

Mail to: Barb Holtz 3037 SOM Center Rd. Willoughby Hills, OH 44094 (440) 473-3370 Wed./Thurs.

Other Good Stuff

A Gardeners' Gathering ~ Growing Green for Healthy Living

Saturday, April 12, 2008 8:30 am — 4:00 pm

Punderson Manor Conference Center at Punderson State Park

\$35 if postmarked by March 1st / \$40 postmarked March 2—28

Gardeners, small farmers and homeowners will learn new and valuable information and network with those who are using "Green" growing methods. Take away specific ideas for making your yard and garden healthier and more eco-friendly.

Presented by Geauga County Master Gardeners (Master Gardeners earn 6 Education hours)

To register and view the speakers & agenda for the day, go online to print a registration form at <http://geauga.osu.edu/mg/classes> or pick up a form at North Chagrin Nature Center

Call (440) 834-4656 with questions.

Start a Movement — Buy Zoo Poo



What is Zoo Poo? Cleveland Metroparks' Zoo Poo Compost is a natural soil amendment made from animal manure, straw bedding, wood shavings, and other organic matter.



- Order your Zoo Poo at www.ClevelandZooSociety.org

Prices: 5 gal = \$3, 32 gal = \$10, 1 cubic yard = \$35, 2 cubic yards = \$50

- Call to schedule your pick up:
(216) 661-6500 ext. 4508
- Spring pick up dates: May 4 & 18 8:00 am—3:00 pm

2nd Annual Habitat Stewards Workshop

This fall, the National Wildlife Federation and Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District will co-sponsor the 2nd Annual Habitat Stewards Workshop.

Adult volunteers can become certified as Habitat Stewards and be equipped with the knowledge to help residents in their communities transform their schools, worksites and backyards into wildlife habitats. Workshops cover attracting birds, landscaping for wildlife, going native in the garden, and water features. Field trips too!

Starts September 9, 2008 ~ Classes meet Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

For more information contact Cuyahoga SWCD at (216)524-6580 or visit

Sample Your Soil

Before putting too much or the wrong type of fertilizer on your landscape, have your soil tested. Put two cups of soil from a few different areas of your lawn or garden in a plastic bag. Drop off your soil sample with your name, address, phone number and payment (\$32) to: Cuyahoga County Treasurer,

c/o Sanitary Engineering Division 6100 West Canal Rd. Valley View (216) 524-6580

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Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapers promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to encourage biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities.

Wild Ones is a not-for-profit, environmental, educational, and advocacy organization.