



# Western Reserve Wild Ones

"a voice for the natural landscaping movement"



## Busy Is A Four Letter Word

by Barb Holtz, president

I remember having a conversation several years ago with one of my college roommates. She talked about how she tries not to let the word "busy" control her family's life. She went on to say that she and her husband choose not to over schedule the family agenda—that being busy is somewhat of a choice. I have thought about that conversation many, many times. It seems these days that when you ask someone, "How are you?" or "How's life?", they say "busy."

This past weekend I worked

in my garden for only the second time this season. Why? Because I've been too busy to do dig, pull and plant any other time. But whose fault is that? It seems that the critters in my yard and plants spreading about are trying to tell me that life isn't about all the busy distractions. It's about having **reasonable** food, water and shelter and companionship. Yes, supplying all of the above does take time but don't add anymore activity to the schedule than you need to. Let life flow naturally!

Be that as it may, we all know life throws us (and nature) a curve ball now and again. Things do happen that keep us from a serene lifestyle. I hope you see Wild Ones gatherings as a plus to your calendar and not just "busy" work. We would love to have you join us for a relaxing evening of learning and camaraderie.

Check out what's coming up at the bottom of the page. The newsletter is short and sweet this month because I've had a lot of those life curve balls lately!



### MONARCH MAGIC

September 13, 2008

1:00-5:00 p.m.

North Chagrin Nature Center

This new special event will host a Western Reserve Wild Ones information table. **If you can represent our chapter for the whole event or just a few hours, please let Barb Holtz know ASAP!**

The event includes speaker and butterfly expert Karen Oberhauser, hikes, butterfly banding, butterfly net tent, crafts and more.

### Treasurer's Report

Begin. Balance	\$725.90
Income (+)	\$384.15
<small>(membership disbursement, speaker donation, merchandise)</small>	
Expense (-)	\$174.00

Speaker tickets, SFE donation, invasive plant booklets, OPN open house table

Total \$936.05

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

September 18 - 7:00 p.m.

### Dry Stone Masonry

Zach Goebelt, of Complete Outdoor Installation, LLC, will share with us the craft of dry stone masonry. This all but lost art is eco-friendly, cost effective and naturally beautiful in your landscape.

October 16 - 7:00 p.m.

### Fall Lawn Care Naturally

Dan Norris from Good Nature Lawn Organic Lawn Care will share how to have a turf grass lawn the earth-friendly way.

November 20 - 7:00 p.m.

### What's Next with Wild Ones

It's time to talk about our plans for 2009. Let's get together to share ideas and decide how to make them happen!





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