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Mohican Native Plant Society

Newsletter

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**Rick Gardner to speak
at annual dinner meeting
March 13, 2011
at Gorman Nature Center
on “Flora of the Ravenna
Arsenal; It will Blow You
Away!”**



2:30 Socializing

3:00 Dinner

4:00 Speaker

5:00 Business Meeting
(This is the date of the time change.)

- ❖ Bring table service and a dish to share.
- ❖ Coffee and tea will be provided.

In 2010, Rick Gardner with the ODNR-Division of Wildlife conducted a botanical survey of the 22,000-acre military facility commonly known as the Ravenna Arsenal in Portage and Trumbull counties. Within this facility is a cluster of botanical treasures including bogs, mature swamp forests, hemlock ravines, and acres of marshes and swamps. Numerous state-listed plants occur here including some that occur nowhere else. Rick will discuss the history of the facility and its botanical riches.

Trip Report

November Picnic at Mohican

Sunday, November 7, 2010, was a beautiful , sunny fall day . The group used the outside grills and ate under blue skies. Carol and Jim report that there



was plenty of food – from hotdogs to soup, salads, cake, beef and noodles.

Met a family that was picnicking there and discussed the possibility of doing a walk in the spring with their cub scout troop.

Then the group drove to the campgrounds and walked along the river. It was a nice walk with the sun shining.



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Mohican Native Plant Society 2011 Field Trip Schedule

All trips are meet at the site unless otherwise noted.

Thursday evening, April 14– 6 pm – Level 1 – **WILLARD RESERVOIR WOODS**– Ruth and Bob Brown (419-935-0668)–Meet in the reservoir parking lot on St. Rt. 61 north of St. Rt. 224 and New Haven. This will be an opportunity to see some early spring wildflowers. We are hoping to find twinleaf in bloom as well as bloodroot, trout lily and other early bloomers. The area becomes increasingly wet as you get to lower ground where the skunk cabbage grows. Boots would be helpful. Later in the spring, Virginia bluebells are numerous. How far we go into the area depends on how much light we have.

Saturday, April ? Steve McKee's Annual Gorman Nature Walk at **FOWLER WOODS**.

Thursday evening, May 5 – 6 pm – Level 1 or 2 – **AUDUBON WETLANDS** in Ashland County – John and Ginny Boggs (419-289-2541) Take SR 250 East from Ashland past Wal-Mart. At the traffic light by MacDonald's, turn left (North). (If you are coming from I-71, take SR 250 toward Ashland to the traffic light by MacDonald's and turn right). Go past MacDonald's a short distance to the sign and parking lot on the right. A board walk crosses the marsh to a wooded hill that has a loop trail. The woods has some spring flowers. Off-trail wetlands contain sweet flag and green dragon. Another trail leads to the Jerome Fork where there is a heron rookery.

Saturday, May 14. – Level 3. Mohican NPS members are invited to join Rick Gardner's Ohio Heritage Naturalists in surveying the flora of **CAVE LAKE** in Pike County. Cave Lake contains dolomite rock cliffs, caves, and dry shale barrens. Meet at the site at 10 am. Group is carpooling from Great Southern Shopping Center on US 23 on the south side of Columbus at 8 am. Bring a sack lunch.

Saturday, May 21 – 10 am – Level 2 or 3 – **WOOSTER MEMORIAL PARK** – This will be a walk with MNPS members and Stacy Bachman's Cub Scout Troop.

Wednesday, June 1 – Level 1 – **CAMP MOWANA** – Jennifer Clevenger's class from Walsh College will be at the camp this week. MNPS members are invited to join Steve McKee's hike in the morning. If you can't make it then, come for the evening hike. Camp Mowana is on Fleming Falls Road which is off State Route 42 between Mansfield and Ashland.

Thursday evening, June 16 – 6 pm– Level 2 – **HECKERT NATURE PRESERVE** – This is a wet woods that we visited in 2007. We saw Tubercled Rein Orchids in semi-darkness.

Saturday, July 16 – Level 3 –**RAVENNA ARSENAL** – Rick Gardner (614-638-0013, rick.gardner51@yahoo.com) We will join the Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio for a tour of some of the botanical hotspots of this nearly 22,000-acre military facility. We'll see round-leaved sundew, state-endangered variegated scouring-rush, hobblebush, native bush-honeysuckle, long beech fern and many more! Since this is a secure, military facility, pre-registration is required. Space is limited to 20.

Sunday, August 14 – 2:30 pm – Level 3 – **BRINKHAVEN OAK BARRENS** – Rick Gardner (614-638-0013) Carpool at Gorman Nature Center at 1:30 or meet at the site at 2:30. This unique site contains oak openings with many rare species.

September ? – Steve McKee’s Annual Workshop

Early to Mid-October – Grass Workshop

Sunday, November 6, 1:30 pm – **ANNUAL MOHICAN COOKOUT AND HIKE**

Difficulty Levels of Hikes:

- 1-Easy, mostly level; may have boardwalk
- 2-Mostly level, some inclines; paths
- 3-Moderate hills and inclines; level off-trail
- 4-Some difficult areas, steep or no trails
- 5-Most extreme: steep hills and cliffs; off-trail

Examples:

- Fowler or Johnson’s Woods
- Lowe-Volk Park, Camp Mowana
- Lyon’s Falls, Conkle’s Hollow
- Nelson’s Ledges, Christmas Rocks
- Buzzard’s Roost, Stebbins Gulch

Other Events of Interest

Friday, March 25 – **THE OHIO BOTANICAL SYMPOSIUM** – at Villa Milano in Columbus. Our MNPS is always well represented as many of us go each year. For those who have not gone before, a registration form is included in this newsletter.

Saturday, March 26 – **SHREVE SPRING MIGRATION SENSATION** – www.shrevemigration.org

Friday, April 15 – 17 – **ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE** at Highlands Nature Sanctuary
www.highlandssanctuary.org

Saturday, April 30 – May 1 – **MOHICAN WILDLIFE WEEKEND** – www.mohicanwildlifeweekend.com

Friday, April 29 – May 1 – **FLORA-QUEST** at Shawnee State Park – www.flora-quest.com

Pine Mountain (KY) Wildflower Weekends www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com
April 15 – 17 – **WILDFLOWER WEEKEND** May 6 – 8 – **BLACK MOUNTAIN WEEKEND**

Membership Dues of \$10 are due to Mary Lou Bricker ASAP or give to her at the Annual Dinner Meeting.

AGENDA

8:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:15 AM Welcome

9:30 AM **Keynote Address:** *What Climate Change May Mean for Plants: Global, National, and Regional Consequences*

David Karowe, PhD, Western Michigan University

10:30 AM Break

Network, visit exhibitor and vendor tables

11:00 AM Best Plant Discoveries of 2010

Tim Walters, PhD, The Mannik & Smith Group

11:30 AM Ohio's Native Clovers & Their Kin

Mike Vincent, PhD, Miami University

12:00 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Oak Openings Butterflies...It Takes a Plant Community

David Parshall, The Ohio Lepidopterists

1:45 PM Assessing Invasiveness in Ohio's Plants: Revising the List of Top Invaders

Theresa Culley, PhD, University of Cincinnati

2:15 PM Break

2:30 PM What was That Botanist Thinking?: The Meanings Behind the Names of Ohio Plants

David Johnson, PhD, Ohio Wesleyan University

3:00 PM

Circle of Time: The Life, Death and Rebirth of an Ancient Landscape
Tim Snyder, Ohio Division of Natural Areas & Preserves (Retired)

3:30 PM Closing Remarks

2011 OHIO BOTANICAL SYMPOSIUM Friday, March 25, 2011

Pre-registration is required. Registration fee includes Italian lunch buffet with vegetarian options. Early registration is recommended; Registration will be accepted until **March 21, 2011**. Fees are non-refundable. If you are unable to attend, you may send a substitute. Please bring your own mug for coffee & tea service.

Registration Fee (includes lunch): \$30 x # _____ = \$ _____

Optional Wildlife Legacy Stamp: \$12 x # _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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We will use your email address to send confirmation of your registration.

Method of Payment

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