



The Vision

To create a place that educates and inspires people to be good stewards of the environment.

A place that helps to improve mental health and physical well-being for everyone.

This is an exciting time in the development of Beech Creek Gardens. As we move forward with our vision, we work to increase our reach, grow our membership, recruit additional philanthropic partners, become more sustainable, and serve as a leader in pioneering efforts to engage people with nature.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead



2017 Annual Report

What do you value?

It's About Impact

The future

of our natural world relies on our ability to first inspire each generation to love time outdoors.



Because Being Outside . . .

Increases:

- * Creativity
- * Mental Clarity
- * Academic Achievement
- * Memory
- * Attention Span
- * Physical Activity
- * Happiness
- * Self Esteem
- * Body's Immune System
- * Quality of Sleep
- * Overall Well-being



Tranivich, Leslie
 Trautman, Linda
 Tritico, Hans & Lori Kumler
 Troyer, Brenda
 Truxall, Gina
 Turgeon, Paul & Lisa
 Tuttle, Bill & Barbie
 Twaddle, Bonnie
 Ulbrich, Jessica
 Ullman, Jeanne
 Unangst, Kyle & Emily
 Underwood, Marie
 Valentine, Linda
 Valentino, Cheryl Lynn & Larry
 Valentino, Maeve & Chris
 Vallosio, John & Cath
 VanDerkar, Dana
 Velazquez, Tony & Pam
 Versiackas, John & Marjorie
 Viola, Dave & Cathy
 Viola, Racheal
 Visi, Jody
 Wackwitz, J.H.
 Wafler, Colleen & Fred
 Wagner And Family, J
 Wait, Connie
 Waite, Joanna
 Walker, David & Karen
 Walker, Erica
 Walker, John & Gail
 Walker, Thaddeus & Tabitha
 Wallace, Patty
 Wallace, Wayne & Margaret
 Wallace, William & Candy
 Ware, Danica
 Warner, Jim & Ida
 Warner, Karen
 Warner, Mark & Janette
 Warth, Rose Ann
 Webb, Kate
 Webb, Thomas & Dolly
 Wehling, Loni
 Weingart, Sharon
 Weisburn, Dave & Jenny
 Welch- Long, Christine
 Wells, Mary
 Wernitz, Sue & Jerry
 Westfall And Family, Heather
 Westfall, Becky
 Wey, Donna
 White, Allen
 White, James & Vonda
 White-Meece, Susan
 Whitesmith, Mindy

Whittaker, Duane & Sandy
 Wickersham, Holly
 Wiggins, Lata
 Williams, Kyle
 Williams, Matt
 Wilson, Don & Debbie
 Windell, Gayle
 Windham And Family, Kathy
 Wingett, Marilyn
 Winick, Samie
 Winner, Charles & Cindy
 Wise, Penny
 Witmer, James & Rachel
 Wood, Dawn
 Woods & Family, Amanda
 Woods, Lauren
 Woolf, Mike & Barb
 Woronka, Gloria
 Worstall, Sue
 Wright, Cheyenne
 Wright, Dustin
 Wroblewski, Amanda
 Wukelic, Elaine
 Wuthrick, Becky
 Yoder, Eleanor
 Yoder, Eric
 Yost, Molly
 Young, George
 Zackasec, Kimberly
 Zambolla, Kim
 Zawaski, Gretchen
 Zepemick, Betty
 Zerbe, Lynn
 Zickefoose, Dawn
 Ziegler, Rich & Candy
 Zimbello, Liz
 Zocolo, Lynn
 Zollinger, Charles & Lauren
 Zorger, Cassie
 Zucker, Jamie & Melissa
 Zumbar Family, Irene
 Zumbar, Andrew & Michelle

Organizations

Alliance, Children & Families
 Canton Audubon Society
 Carnation City Center
 Flower Garden Club
 Hartville Garden Club
 Hoover Herb Society
 North Canton Garden Club
 Town & Country Gds, Alliance
 Town & Country Gds, Louisville

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(\$250 Membership)

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 Dornan, Tim & Laura
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(\$100 Membership)

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 Beltz Family,
 Birks, Virginia
 Bishop, David & Candee
 Brattin, Ron & Lisa
 Breckenridge, Barbara
 Callahan, Daniel & Becky
 Campbell, Richard & Susanne
 Chelpka, Thomas
 Clark, Diane
 Ehlers, Kaye
 Elber, Mary Jo
 Estee, Sandy
 Fagan, Mike & Jodi
 Faye, Darren & Andrea
 Foss, Susan
 Garner, David & Linda
 Gestwicki, Frederick & Leila
 Givens Family, Carrie
 Gray, Lee & Beth
 Gruey, Maralee
 Hatherill, Deb & Jim

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(\$500+ Membership)

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 Hostettler, Mark & Michael K.
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 Kendrick, Vicki
 Kiko, Terry
 Lewis, Rebecca
 Mandator, Jake & Pat
 Mann, Neal & Tami
 McLroy, Joelle
 Mears, Mary
 Medley, James
 Miller, Annemarie
 Milligan, John & Phyllis
 Paine, Cheryl
 Peck, Jake & Betty
 Sirak, Linda & Gary
 Slack, Len & Lynda
 Smith, Susan & Stephen
 Stroup, Diane
 Thompson, Diana
 Upperman, Dan
 Weaver, Ginny
 Weyer, Joseph
 Zank, Larry & Kay



*My kids and I LOVE coming here! So much to see and learn.
 Very hands-on interactive... The place is so great we bought a membership.
 Highly recommend for homeschoolers. ~ Holly W.*

Members

Mann, Charles
 Mann, Perry & Kim
 Marcus, Elaine
 Markle, Kay & Jerry
 Marquis, Shirley
 Marshall, Penny
 Martin, Denis
 Martin- Uscianowski, Lois
 Mason, Jonathan & Mary Jo
 Massie, Jim & Susan
 Mastroianni, Gerard & Laura
 Mastroianni, Philip & Sarah
 Mastroianni, Todd & Jennifer
 May & Family, Greg
 May, Janice
 McAllister, Jim
 McBurney And Family, Donna
 McCoy, Myra
 McCurdy, Ellen
 McGarvey, Brian
 McHenry, Larry & Jane
 McLachlan, John & Sandy
 McMahon, Keith & Kate
 McNatt, Jim & Donna
 Medina, Joseph
 Meffie, Carol
 Mermer, Robin
 Merryman, Molly
 Merryman, Rebecca & Tim
 Meszaros, Justine
 Metzger, Shannon
 Meuche, Diane
 Meyer, Scott & Lindsey
 Michel, Maria
 Millard, Marie
 Miller And Family, Jeff
 Miller, Claudia
 Miller, Jerry & Barb
 Miller, Karen & Tom
 Miller, Kathryn
 Miller, Muffy
 Miller, Nelson & Elaine
 Miller, Reynold
 Miller, Sarah
 Mills, Betty
 Mills, Dale
 Mizicko, Jennifer
 Molesky, Bill
 Montagner, Nick & Beverly
 Monter, Jordan
 Moore, Family
 Morettini, Gary
 Morgan, Tina
 Morris, Nick & Sarah
 Morris, Rebecca
 Morrison, Rita
 Mueller, Sarah
 Mulligan, Michelle
 Murdoch Family, The
 Murphy, Jamie
 Murphy, Jeannine
 Murphy, Jennifer
 Murray, Richard & Mary Jane
 Murtz, Trudy

Myers, Jane
 Myers, Jim & Carol Ann
 Nangle, Ann
 Napler & Family, Wendy
 Necol, Eli
 Nelson, Nikki
 Nestel, Kurt & Dorothy
 Neubauer, Janet
 Newburn, Russell
 Newell, Phyllis
 Ney, Dorsey
 Nice, Cheri
 Noggle, Shaina
 Nordquest, Diana
 Novak, Joan
 O'Donnell, Amy
 O'Neill Sacha, Patricia
 Oberlin And Family, Mindy
 Odar, Michael
 Ogonek, Joseph & Maryanna
 Onaitis, Charles & Joyce
 Owen-Merry, Vicki
 Pancake, Family
 Paradis, Sandy
 Parker, Amy
 Parker, Heather
 Parrish, Andrew
 Patterson, Jaime
 Patterson, Libby
 Paulus, William & Sue
 Peck, Jessica
 Peck, Melinda
 Pederzol, Kitty
 Pemberton, Zach
 Perkins, Gloria
 Perrin, Heidi
 Perry, Lori & Al
 Phillips, Ben
 Phillips, Beth
 Pickens, Rita
 Pieniazek, Michele
 Plybon, Matt
 Polen, Joe & Kay
 Poling, Wendy
 Pollock, Ada
 Pollock, Andrew & Ashli
 Popovich, Denise
 Porter, John & June
 Potashnik, Wendy
 Potter, Mike & Jen
 Povroznik, Andrey
 Poynter, Ray & Kathy
 Priest, Ron & Diana
 Pucci, Mel & Connie
 Punneo, Susan
 Puterbaugh, Jane
 Rabatin, Shelby
 Raga, Traci
 Ramirez, Heather
 Ramos, Carlos
 Rapp, Katie
 Rea And Family, Rhonda
 Redmon, Leslie
 Reed, Matt & Janet
 Reed, Scott & Theresa

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 Reinsel, Andrew & Jessica
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 Richard, Carol
 Richard, Darla
 Richeson, Brian
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 Risaliti, Jessica
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 Roderick, Bill & Barb
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 Rohr, Mary Ellen
 Roll, Melanie
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 Roseburg, Debora
 Rosier, Susan
 Rozich, Paul
 Rozich, Trent
 Rudick, James & Cynthia
 Rupp, Lois
 Rush, Dale & Patience
 Rush, Justin & April
 Russ Family, Darryl
 Russell, Kay
 Russo, Cherokee
 Ruth, Barbara & John
 Rutkowski, Stephen & Beverly
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 Sambrook, Rick & Joei
 Sampson, Larry & Sue
 Sanner, Virginia & Wilfred
 Sauer, Frances
 Saulnier, Nancy
 Saylor, Bennie
 Scarpitti, Erica
 Scarpitti, Erica
 Schario, Jude Ann
 Schen And Family, John
 Schill, Lauren
 Schmotzer, Jack & Marilyn
 Schmucker, Friedegund
 Schmucker, Joel
 Schmucker, Kathy
 Schnyders, Danielle
 Schoeni, John & Pamela
 Schoeni, Susan
 Schroek, Jeff & Sharon
 Schueler, Jan
 Schumacher, Julia
 Schumacher, Mary & John
 Schuster, Daniel & Melissa
 Schwartz, Mary Anne
 Scott, Frederic
 Seavy, Beth
 Sedlak, Salva
 Sfeir, Jacquie
 Shattuck, Ned & Becky
 Shaw, Molly

Shaw, Susan & Norman (Bud)
 Shelley, Bryan
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 Sholtis, Sarah
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 Simone, Johanne
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 Sloan, Tricia
 Smedley, Brad & Rae Ellen
 Smith, Burley
 Smith, Cindy
 Smith, Karen
 Smith, Marcia
 Smith, Patricia
 Smith, Theresa
 Snyder, Joy
 Snyder, Patricia
 Socotch, Dave
 Solly, Judi
 Sommers, Amy
 Spain, John & Nicole
 Spell, Henry & Shannon
 Spencer, Susie
 Sta Maria, Janice
 Stahlheber, Alison
 Stamm, Laura
 Stanley, Marilyn
 Steinmetz, Charles & Rita
 Stephens, Annette
 Stephens, Jason & Tiffany
 Sterling, Cindi & Ryan
 Stewart, Dawn
 Schario, Jude Ann
 Straubhaar, Beth
 Strub, Sandy & Dave
 Stuckey, Lori
 Suarez, Todd & Molly
 Sullivan, Michele
 Ta, Binh
 Teague, Jack
 Teeters, Ed
 Temple, Amy
 Thakkar, Mahendra & Usha
 Thomas, Paul & Marcia
 Thompson, Bruce
 Thompson, Devon & Stacey
 Thompson, Harold
 Thompson, John & Elena
 Thornton, Mary
 Tinlin, Curt
 Todd, Thomas & Jennifer
 Tolson, Sandra
 Toot, Joan
 Toppin, Matthew

Growth & Expansion

Construction began, in early May 2017 to create a nearly 2-acre nature playground at Beech Creek Gardens.

This new outdoor play area “Nature Playce” is being made possible by a grant from The Hoover Foundation and hours of donated labor from generous volunteers.

Nature Playce is set to open at the end of May.



Many renovations to, The Amazing Garden (Plant Science Center) were accomplished from January to May 2017, thanks to a grant from The Stark County Farm Bureau. Here students are learning about where our food comes from.



New Environmental Education building focused on water education “The Creekside Center for Water Sciences”. Construction began in November 2017 and should be completed in spring 2018. Thank you Herbert W. Hoover Foundation.



Ecological Management



Vernal Pond

As a part of a 7-year CSP Wildlife Management Plan, we created 2 new vernal ponds and began site preparation for a .5 acre pollinator habitat. Special thanks Jim Nero



Pollinator Habitat

Environmental Education

School Field Trips

What better place to take our youth to learn about the environment than into an actual field, forest, and stream?

Beech Creek Gardens school field trips are aligned with the State of Ohio Academic Content Standard requirements. They include hands-on, nature based activities, exposing students to the outdoors and creating an awareness, excitement, and appreciation for local plants, animals, and ecosystems.



School field trips in 2017 ~ 1,621 students ~ 14,672 since 2011



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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| George, Bob & Nancy | Helline, Sue | Johnson, Taryn | Kohler, Herb & Carol |
| George, Georgia | Helm, Rick & Robin | Johnston, Zach | Kolp, James |
| Gerber, Jennifer | Hendel, Doug & Ann | Jones, Brandon & Brittany | Konopka, Lavinia |
| Gerber, Ted & Sue | Henderson, Stephanie | Jones, Hugh | Koons, Diana |
| Gibson, Patti | Henry, Carol | Jones, Jamie | Kopfstein, Jean & Vince |
| Gilbert, Lyn | Henry, Jennifer | Jones, Jennifer | Koral, Jon & Deb |
| Gillette, Matt | Hensley, Kristin | Jones, Marty & Martha | Kosiba, Judith |
| Gnagy, Sharon | Heppner, Jim | Jones, Rachel | Kotema, Stacie |
| Gold, Sarah & Michael | Herro, Bob | Jones, Richard & Ruth | Kotolup, James & Marlowe |
| Gooding, Robert & Marianne | Hershberger, Barry & Tanya | Jones, Rochelle | Kridler, Barrie |
| Goris, Brad & Sue | Hershman, Trent | Jozwiakowski, Stephanie | Krug, Family |
| Gortney, Jeff & Miriam | Hess, Sheran | Jurovcik, Elyse | Kuhns, Cindy |
| Grabner, Jeff & Cathy | Hill, Mikel & Rachel | Kaiser, Roberta | Kullman-Ward, Janet |
| Gragg, Cindy | Hinkle, Cathy | Kapper, Dee | Kuntzman, Shirley & Donald |
| Graham, Debbie & Richard | Hirst, Patti | Kaufman, Debbie | Kunze Family, A. |
| Granger, Cali | Hirst, T | Keister, Scott & Amy | Kutz, Patti & Ron |
| Gravlee, Tiffany | Hobe, Paul & Sharon | Keller, Beau (Mickey) | Lamm, Julia |
| Greathouse, Laura | Hohnhorst, Terrence & Isabella | Keller, Jack | Lanzer, Michael |
| Greaves, Rita | Hollenshead, Sandee | Keller, Todd & Diane | Lare, Mark & Brenda |
| Green, Sharon | Holshu Sr., Vaughn | Kellermier, Alyssia & Harry | Larson, Katerina |
| Greenfelder, Samantha | Holt, Bruce & Daryl | Kelley, Michael & Vicki | Lauer, Steve |
| Greiner, Frank & Jenna | Hoopes, Beatrice | Kelley, Ray | Lee, Denise |
| Griffin, Krista | Hoopes, Mark & Cathy | Kelley, Steven & Kayla | Lee, Mary |
| Grimm, Donna | Hoover, Dave | Kelly, George | Lesko, Denise |
| Grimsley, Lora | Hoover, Larry & Nancy | Kelly, Taerie | Leuenberger, Bob & Vicki |
| Groves, Mark & Dawn | Horn, Judy | Kemp, Dorsee | Lewis, Dave |
| Guzan And Family, Karen | Hornyak, Susan | Kendall, Leila | Libby, Betsy |
| Haas, Mandal & Susan | Hosking, Amy | Kendall, Sharon | Lindenberger, Amy |
| Hager, Robin | Hostetler, Crista | Keplinger, Connie & R.B. | Lippy, Rhonda |
| Hall, Kimberly | Howard, Linda | Kerstetter, Nancy | Little, Gene & Sally |
| Hallerberg, Gretchen | Howell, Clyde & DeAnn | Ketler, Samantha | Little, Linda |
| Hanke, Pamela | Howenstine, Nancy | Kilchenman, Doug | Livingstone, Marti |
| Hannen, Jean | Hricko, Suzanne | Ketler, Samantha | Locke, Mark & Karen |
| Harker, Dave & Jennifer | Hudson, Lisa | Kilchenman, Doug | Loiselle, Ken |
| Harold, Janet | Hull, Linda | Kimball & Family, Rick | Los, Donna & Nigel |
| Harris, Brittani | Hunt, Randy & Ann | King, Dan & Jeanette | Losser, Matt |
| Hartwig, Debbie | Hunter, Alicia | Kingan, Zack & Shawna | Loveland, Aimee |
| Hartzell, Joellen | Hyde, Paula | Kinser, Melinda | Lovell, Sharon |
| Haslam, Brian | Imhoff, Linda | Kisik, Andrew | Lowder, Beth & Norburn |
| Hatherill-O'Brien, Jodi | Indriolo, Tom & Betty | Klee, Julie | Lucas, Dale & Jan |
| Hawk, Mat & Melody | Irwin, Bruce & Sherry | Klein, Terry & Karen | Luecke, Kelly |
| Hawkins, Tom & Jan | Jakubowski, Courtney | Kline, Nicole | Luli, Diane |
| Hazen, Rod & Lisa | Janssen, Bradley & Andrea | Knam, Bob & JoAnn | Lunger, Carol |
| Headley, Susan | Jarvis, Luetta | Knisely, Jim | Luntz, William & Sharon |
| Heather, Stephanie | Jeffers, Larry | Knish, Karan | Lynn, Jessica |
| Heaton, Samantha | Jenkins, Heather | Knish, Shirley | Machamer, Georgia |
| Heitsman, John & Sandy | Jimison, Jen & Douglas | Knoch, Jacquelyn | Macko, Ronnie & Shari |
| Heller, Kathryn | Johns, Jeffrey | Kocher, Vicki | Malacaria, Nancy |
| Hellgren, Chris & Pamela | Johns, Ken & Donna | Koenigseker, Jody | |

Beautiful day to visit a wonderful place. Beautiful flowers, gardens, and grounds. Great hiking trails with lots of trees. Plant science, and butterfly interactive areas with very knowledgeable, friendly staff. Very educational for kids and parents too. It's truly a treat - and if you have kids and live anywhere near I highly recommend a membership. The grounds are ever evolving. A terrific place to get out into nature and learn. ~ A. Hulzark

Thank You ~ Members

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Aardema, Mary Ann | Bogard, Mimi | Clugston, Eileen | Dull, Diane |
| Abel, Cathy | Boli, Heather | Cobaugh, Amy & Timothy | Eaton, Carole |
| Abshire, Family | Bolog, Frank | Coen, Marcia | Eaton, Tricia |
| Ackerman, Jerry & Mary | Bolovan, Dani | Cohen, Daniel & Bethany | Eckinger, Nancy |
| Adolph, Edward | Bomburger, Tom & Jill | Colbert, Marykay | Edwards, Julie |
| Adorisio, Carol | Boney, Cheryl | Cole, Bob & Rojean | Eells, Rick & Jennifer |
| Albu, Pat | Booth, Don & Martha | Collins, Tim | Efremoff, Anne |
| Alexander, Mike | Booth, Josh & Abby | Conn, Artemus & Donna | Efremoff, Anthony & Sally |
| Allmon, Emily | Bopp, Stacy | Conrad, Andy | Egan, Pat & Carole |
| Allsopp-Mille, Allison | Bourne, Carol | Conway, Kristine | Egli, Ann |
| Amann, Paul & Sandy | Bowman, Scot & Mary | Cook, Diane | Eibel, Al & Lucy |
| Ambrisco, Alan & Bridget | Bradley, Karen | Cooper, Heather | Eldridge, Julie |
| Ames, Nadine | Brady, Megan | Cope, Ashley | Elliott, Richard |
| Anderson, Bonnie | Braisted, Philip & Alice | Cornell, Betsy & James | England, Sarah |
| Anderson, Kim | Branson, Bethany | Costa, Kathryn | Epp, Leonard & Gretchen |
| Anstine, Brianna | Brenner, Lucretia | Court, Mike | Erskine, Janet |
| Arnold, Lakalynn | Brewer, Sandy | Craig, Erika | Eslich, Elizabeth |
| Arthurs, Katie & Keith | Brickwood, Eric & Danielle | Craig, Misty | Espósito, Anthony & Laura |
| Ayers, Wayne Jr. | Brooks, Jeanne | Craig, Scott & Erika | Estacion, Leanne |
| Baad, Christina | Brown, Sarah | Craver, Craig & Amy | Estell, Robert & Amanda |
| Babcock, Carrie | Bruey, Patricia | Crawford DDS, Randy & Anna | Evanich, Barb |
| Baia And Family, Amy | Brumbaugh, Marilyn | Crawford, Donnis | Evans, Ramona |
| Bailey, Matt | Brundelet, Martha | Croston, Emily | Everett, Lisa |
| Baker, James & Karen | Brunyansky, Martha | Crowl & Family, Shannon | Eye, Eric & Kim |
| Baker-Cazan, Nancy & George | Brush, Judi | Crum, Aimee | Faith-Valentine, Linda |
| Barber, Pamela | Bryan, Ray | Cruse, Don & Sharon | Farnsworth, Rose |
| Barbush, Terri | Bunn, Bruce & Cynthia | Csaki, Erica | Faulkner, Linda |
| Bare-McCallion, Rudd & Stacy | Burkett, Karen | Cullum, Ruth | Feicht, Donald |
| Baringer, Kristen | Burnell, Kathy | Culverhouse & Family, Nancy | Feelin, Sandra |
| Barker, Family | Burns, Joe | Cunningham, Shirley | Feldman-Cohen, Jacqueline |
| Barnhart, Tangela | Burns, Liz | Dalo, Sherry | Feller, Diane |
| Bartow, Pratrice | Burton, Vera | Dangelo, Julia | Ferris, Paul & Lisa |
| Basalla, Rachael | Burtz, Jason & Jennifer | Daniels, Catherine | Filisky, Jake |
| Baum, Clif & Lynn | Butcher, Jared | Daskalov Family, Steve & Deborah | Firestone, Esther |
| Baum, Rebecca | Buttermore, Daniel & Kathleen | Davidson, Carol | Fisher, Bill |
| Bauman, Roselyn | Butterworth, Debbie | Davis, George & Merleen | Fisher-Thompson, Susan & Phil |
| Beaber, Cliff & Olga | Byder, Michael & Consuelo | Davis, J.k | Ford, Jeff |
| Beard, David & Jennifer | Cady, Bonnie | Davis, Kim | Fort, Rebecca |
| Beaty, Frances | Cain, June | Davis, Luba | Fowler, Karla |
| Beck, Kristen | Cain, Robin | Day, Nathan | Fox, Nancy & Tom |
| Beeghly, Joel & Mary Jane | Calderhead, Brenda | Dean And Family, Linda | Frame, Cathie |
| Bell, George | Cameron, Linda | Dean, Fran | Frank, Jennifer |
| Bennett, Carole | Campbell, Laura | Decker, Carrie | Frank, Julie |
| Benno, Staci | Campbell, Matt | DeGreef, Judith | Frank, Kay |
| Berger, Family | Campian, Joyce | Deitrick, Joe & Karen | Frank, Lawrence & Carolyn |
| Berkheimer, Loretta | Canton Audubon Society | Dell, Judith | Frato, Robert & Sara |
| Berkmyer, Jill & Thomas | Capuano, Andrea | DeMaiolo, Shirley | Fread, Mary |
| Bertel, Ellen | Carlin, Cynthia & Charlie | Demate, Tracey | Frederick, Leona |
| Bett, Hanna | Carmichael, Paul & Melinda | Dessauer, Linda | Freeland, Tom & Denise |
| Bezou, Karen | Carnes, James | Devine, Richard | Freitag, Jeanne |
| Biddle, Ann | Carpenter, Kathy | Dhyanchand, Charles & Karen | Friedmann, Robert |
| Birch, Alice | Carter & Family, John | Didonato, Tom & Christine | Fritz, Seth & Katherine |
| Bivins, Te'ara | Carter, Donna & Bob | Digianantonio, Oliver & Stacy | Fulmer, Terry |
| Black, Linda | Cartwright, Ashley | Dingler, Pat | Gabric, Amy |
| Blair, Bernice | Cartwright, Elizabeth | Dobbins, Rose | Gabric, Lee & Carolyn |
| Blake, Margie | Case, Phyllis & Evan | Doerschuk, Nancy | Gailey, Glenn & Pearl |
| Blasiman, Diane | Casper, Mary Ann | Dolan, Alan & Rosalie | Garland, Robert |
| Blatter, Mary | Cazan, Nancy | Doringo, Andrea | Garman, Linda |
| Bleau, Ann | Cerrone, Gary & Katie | Dougan, Elise | Games, Art & Cindy |
| Blebea, Judy | Cessna, Ruth | Douglas And Family, Kelsey | Garrod, Karl |
| Blessing, Richard & Diane | Chaney, Morris | Downard, Denise | Garrott And Family, Marcy |
| Blevins, Ron & Natalie | Clem, Ross & Harriet | Downs, Bill & Penny | Gaytko, Blanche |
| Bobersky, Mary | Clevinger, Jennifer & Curtis | Doyle, Debby | Geiger, Maxwell |
| | Clough, Susan | Dreier, Karla | Gemberling, Laurie |
| | | | Gemmel, Emil & Ruth |

Summer Day Care Field Trips

During the summer months, hands-on nature learning experiences abound for children at Beech Creek Gardens. In 2017, we had 53 day-care centers bring 1,282 children to explore!



Youth Community Gardens

An excellent mentoring program for at-risk youth. Teens learn about good nutrition, how to grow their own food, gain teamwork skills, build character and give back to the community.



22 Youth participated in 2017 at Beech Creek Gardens site



34 Youth participated in 2017 at Alliance High School site.

Spring & Summer Discoveries



Art in Bloom

2017 was the first year for this beautiful and creative exhibit.

17 Artists participated and 1,211 people came to explore the gardens and be inspired by the art.



Critter Days

Hugely popular with over 390 children and adults participating.

Thank You - Kristen Beck & Cloverfield Wildlife Center!



Caterpillar Nursery

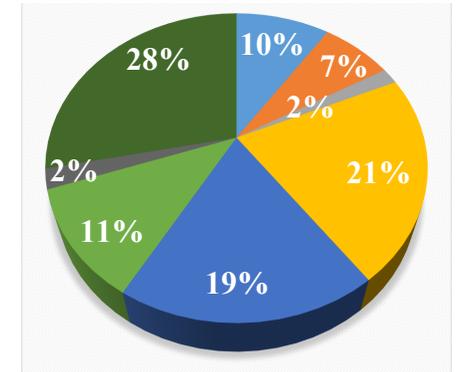
Functioning as a space for us to raise our butterflies, it is also an Excellent learning facility!

12,093 people explored.

2017 Fiscal Activities

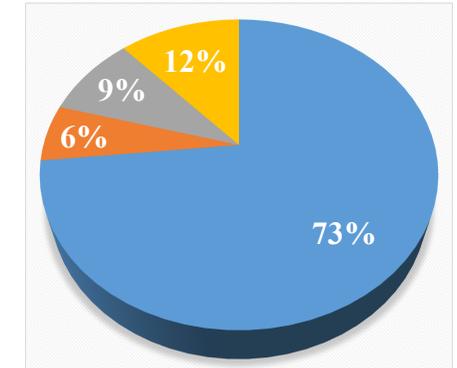
Income

Grants (Designated Projects)	\$98,973.00	28%
Program Support	\$75,410.77	21%
Admissions	\$64,929.98	19%
Plant & Gift Shop Sales	\$39,699.44	11%
Memberships	\$33,528.00	10%
Donations	\$25,044.51	7%
Facility Rental	\$ 7,365.18	2%
Memorial Contributions	\$ 6,050.00	2%
Total	\$351,000.88	100%



Expense

Program Services	\$161,428.50	73%
Property Costs	\$ 25,942.73	12%
Fundraising	\$ 19,617.87	9%
Administration	\$ 13,022.20	6%
Total	\$220,011.30	100%
Grant Projects (68% complete)	\$ 67,733.04	



We had such a good time here, loads of entertainment and education for not only kids but adults as well. We will be returning soon! ~ L. O'Neill

Staff

Paul Carmichael	Executive Director
Melinda Carmichael	Associate Director
Nancy Baker-Cazan	Education Coordinator
Kim Brown	Wildlife & Horticulture
Sarah Carmichael	Visitor Services
Beth Karapandzich	Marketing Director
Mark Staib	Grounds & Building Craftsman
Tiffany Stephens	Horticulture & Administrative
Kathy Windham	Grounds & Gardens
Melissa Zucker	Bookkeeper
+ Seasonal Grounds & Butterfly House Attendants	

Board of Directors

Becky Callahan	President
Perry Mann	Vice President
Dan Callahan	Treasurer
Rebecca Lewis	Secretary

Trustees

Allison Allsopp
Melinda Carmichael
William Downs
Robert Frato
Diane Johnson Keller
Craig Sonntag

Highlights By the Numbers

Visitors Attendance

Butterfly House	11,927
Amazing Garden	18,180
Grounds, Trails & Gardens	28,951
Annual Events	7,395
Average Summer Day	259

Butterfly Release	294
Handfeeding Chickadees	1,122
Book Discussions	34

Education

Outreach Programs

- Community Gardens	56
- In-classroom Plant Science	420
- Adult Presentations	1,243

Students, School Field Trips	1,621
Lead Teacher Workshops	54
Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts	95
Summer Adventure Camp	52

Greenhouse

Plants grown	15,000
Plants installed on grounds	6,400
Plants donated for . . .	
Community Gardens	570
Milkweed plants donated	648

Personnel

Staff - full time	3
Staff - part time	7
Staff - Seasonal	4
Volunteers	304
Volunteer Hours Worked	22,170

Research & Study Site

- For Local Universities
- Water Quality, Malone & Mount Union
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Grants

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Designated Project</u>
\$35,000	Hoover Foundation	Nature Playground
\$10,000	Stark County Farm Bureau	Amazing Garden
\$37,273	Herbert W. Hoover Fdn.	Water Science Center
\$ 2,500	Visit Canton	Marketing Art Bloom
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\$10,700	2 Anonymous Families	Kubota Utility Vehicle
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Butterfly House

Teaching and inspiring people to help preserve these beautiful creatures.

11,927 People engaged!

Summer Camp

Children ages 7 to 12 are immersed in fun, nature exploration and environmental experiences.

Hikes in the woodlands and meadows, animals, streams, plants, art, games and more!

52 boys & girls participated in 2017.

Special Events



1st Annual Garden Party Fundraiser

Beautiful evening, great food, music, and drink.

179 Guests in attendance!



Carnation Days at Beech Creek Gardens

The queen, her court, and 987 others had so much fun!

Garden Tea

96 ladies enjoyed our Enchanted Forest afternoon tea.



Night of Trees

1st year for this fundraising event celebrating the holiday season.

34 decorated trees
30 voice chorus
175 guests



Workshops

743 people
Hands-on learning!

Garden Seminar

281 in attendance

Pumpkin Carving

78 people
64 pumpkins decorated

Spooky Science

2,835 people attended
300+ volunteers

Volunteer Partners



We simply cannot do what we do without the hundreds of great volunteers!

University of Mount Union students volunteer often throughout the year. We encourage them from time-to-time to take a moment to have a little fun!

Volunteer 'flight attendant' Linda Little keeps the flowers looking beautiful inside the butterfly house.



Austin McCarthy, of North Canton's Boy Scout Troop 12, constructed the 'Archeological Dig-site' for the new playground as his Eagle Scout project. Austin, 4 fellow boy scouts, & 2 adults spent 116 hours completing the project. Well done - Thank You!