



Hocking Soil & Water Conservation District

The District

2017

January/February

Hocking SWCD

148 N. Homer Ave.

Logan, OH 43138

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POND CLINIC SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28

The Hocking & Vinton Soil & Water Conservation Districts will be hosting a Pond Clinic from 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th. Steve Fender from Fender's Fish Hatchery will be the featured speaker and will cover a variety of topics relating to pond management. There will be a question and answer session so specific concerns about your pond can be addressed, as well as the opportunity to order fish to stock your new or existing pond. The workshop will be located in the Hocking County Youth Center located at 148 North Homer Ave., Logan, OH 43138 (the fairgrounds). Though there is no charge for this workshop, reservations are required. To register or for further information please contact the Hocking SWCD at 740-385-3016 or Vinton SWCD at 740-596-5676.

Registration deadline is Friday March 24th.

SEED STARTING TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP

March 1st at Bishop Educational Gardens

Join the Hocking SWCD staff and OSU Extension, Hocking County at Bishop Educational Gardens for a seed starting workshop that will have you growing and harvesting vegetables, flowers and herbs this season! The workshop will be held Wednesday, March 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Get great tips, techniques, and instruction from Timothy McDermott DVM, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator. Reservations are encouraged to ensure seating for all participants. This is a FREE workshop and open to the public. For more information or to register contact Rebecca Miller at 740-385-3016 or Timothy McDermott at 740-385-3222.

Bishop Educational Gardens is located at 13200 Little Cola Rd., Rockbridge, Ohio 43149. Do not use Mapquest.

**THANK YOU ADDITIONAL
2016 AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

LEVEL ONE
Rosemary Joyce

LEVEL FOUR
William & Debbie Shaw
Gary & Eileen Waugh
Webb Perennials

**AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL TIME**

By becoming an Affiliate Member, you help to support the Hocking Soil and Water Conservation District's natural resources education efforts.

Level 1

- \$49.00 & Under
- Receive a certificate and recognition in publications and displays

Level 2

- \$50.00—\$74.00
- Receive a certificate, one banquet ticket, and recognition in publications and displays

Level 3

- \$75.00—\$99.00
- Receive a certificate, one banquet ticket, the opportunity to purchase a second banquet ticket for only \$10.00, and recognition in publications and displays.

Level 4

- \$100.00 and over
- Receive a certificate, two banquet tickets, and recognition in publications and displays.

Thank you to last year's 2016 Affiliate Members!

**TREE & WILDLIFE PACKET SALE
Last Day to Order February 22, 2017**

The Hocking SWCD is currently taking orders for our annual tree seedling and wildlife packet sale. The District holds this sale as a service to our customers and to promote tree and habitat plantings.

Orders will be taken until Wednesday, February 22, 2017, and are expected to arrive for pick up the second weekend in April. See the enclosed brochure for more information.

Bird Nest Identification

March 11, 2017

1:00 p.m.

Bishop Educational Gardens

Have you ever spotted a nest in the woods or noticed a new nest in the landscape of your yard and wondered what feathered friend constructed it? Join the Hocking SWCD Staff and Derek Mills March 11th at 1:00 p.m. for a fun spring event at Bishop Educational Gardens "Bird Nest Identification". Great for the whole family and a perfect time of year to learn a few nests as the migration and breeding season comes upon us. Free and open to the public. Reservations are not required but appreciated to ensure space. Contact the Hocking SWCD office at 740-385-3016. Bishop Education Gardens is located at 13200 Little Cola Rd., Rockbridge, OH 43138 (Home of Lilyfest). Program will occur rain or shine. Park in the field. Meet at the classroom by the garage.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2016
HOCKING SWCD ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET!**

Several individuals received recognition and awards at the Hocking SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet that was held on November 3, 2016, at the Logan Church of the Nazarene. Cooperator signs sponsored by Hocking Hills Banking Center were presented to Bobbi Dean Davis and Rodney & Tammy Watkins. The Outstanding Cooperator Award was presented to Michael McGonagle. The Logan-Hocking School District was awarded the Honorary Supervisors' Award. Cole Stufflebeam and Erik Stufflebeam were awarded the new Outstanding Youth Service Awards for their service to the District at Bishop Educational Gardens.

The District staff provided a power point that summarized the year's events, highlights and special moments. Levi Miller, Preserve Manager, Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, gave an excellent presentation titled "Bats: A Guide to Myths and Facts of Ohio's Most Misunderstood Mammal".

Chief Logan FFA members also gave a summary of their activities for the year. Jason Allison was re-elected as Supervisor for the District.

A special thanks to all those who attended, to our Affiliate members whose continued support once again assisted the District in a great year, and to the Chief Logan FFA members who helped serve dinner at the banquet

**CONTRACTORS WORKSHOP AND TRADE SHOW
Thursday, February 2, 2017**

The Hocking Soil & Water Conservation District and the Hocking, Fairfield & Perry County Health Departments will be holding their Annual Contractors' Workshop and Trade Show on February 2, 2017. This workshop is for contractors, realtors, land developers and sewage installers who conduct business in Hocking, Fairfield and Perry Counties. The morning will focus on construction site issues and regulations while the afternoon will be dedicated to sewage treatment systems, installation and issues. For more information and to register, contact Hocking SWCD at 740-385-3016. **Registration is required** and is \$15 if registration is received by January 27 or \$20 if received after January 27. For more information, call the Hocking SWCD Office at 740-385-3016.

**NEEDED: INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS SPONSORS FOR
HOCKING ADVENTURE & DISCOVERY CAMP**

We will be hosting our sixth Hocking Adventure & Discovery Camp (H.A.D.) in August for 4th-6th graders, to get them outdoors and interested in what our county has to offer. To keep cost low we ask for individual and business sponsors to help offset the cost of food, transportation and activities. All donations can be made to the Hocking SWCD with H.A.D. Camp in the memo line. Camp will be held on July 31-August 2, 2017, and is limited to 16 campers. Thank you for your support!

Activity & Workshop Weather Plan

In case of extreme weather conditions, please refer to our website, Facebook page, and/or our answering machine (740-385-3016) for cancellations or changes in times and dates of scheduled activities or workshops.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2	Contractors Workshop & Trade Show	
February 7	Hocking SWCD Board Meeting	7 p.m.
February 20	Office Closed for Presidents' Day	
February 22	Last Day to Order Trees	
February 27-28	Office Closed while the staff attends training	
March 1	Seed Starting Techniques Workshop @ Bishop Educational Gardens	6:30 p.m.
March 7	Hocking SWCD Board Meeting	7 p.m.
March 11	Bird Nest Identification Workshop @ Bishop Educational Gardens	1 p.m.
March 28	Pond Clinic	6 p.m.
April 4	Hocking SWCD Board Meeting	7 p.m.
April 8-9	Ag Days @ Hocking County Fairgrounds	
May 2	Hocking SWCD Board Meeting	7 p.m.

Check our website at: **hockingswcd.com** for details on upcoming workshops and events!

We also have a Facebook Page: Hocking SWCD.

Workshops and events will also be advertised in the Logan Daily News.