



NATURE PRESERVE & CONSERVATION FARM

Mission Statement

It is our goal and mission to provide the opportunity for people of all ages to increase their understanding of the natural environment of Northwest Ohio and to interact with their fellow inhabitants in a sustainable manner.



Pygmy goat Willow greets Nigerian dwarf goat S'more, while tiny pygmy goat Elora tries to squeeze in.

The Quarry Farm Newsletter is a quarterly publication for supporters of The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm, a nonprofit organization in Pandora, Ohio.

On the cover: Buddy in autumn
All photographs printed in this newsletter were taken on The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm.

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Summer celebrations of the arts and sciences

On Saturday, September 28, The Quarry Farm hosted what we hope was the first of many acoustic nights. Friends and family met in the Seitz Family Pavilion to listen to friends and family play and sing (and, yes, that's a lot of friends and family). Thanks particularly to Erin Coburn (and Bruce and Beth, of course), Mark Gallimore (left), Brian Erchenbrecher and Doug and Marilee of 12-String Relief.

If you missed it, we're truly sorry for your loss. Bring your strings, wind instruments, keyboards, spoons, combs and voices out next fall for the 2014 Acoustic Night.

Here are some other summer highlights:

July 27—This was the second year that the Junior Gardeners of Continental visited The Quarry Farm. They are one of the

best bunch of people we've ever met, enthusiastic about everything, which is good since their day started here with rain. But since the shelter house went up last summer, the roof was ready and overhead. The new tent curtains were drawn to the west and south, so the rain was hampered enough that kids and parents could make leaf shirts and select herbs for culinary, scent and healing bundles. Buddy and the goats were especially happy to see the 25-pound bag of peanuts that the group donated.

August 9 and 17—Several creative and curious individuals made concrete 'lasting leaves' and then came back the following weekend to create two paintings in a watercolor class for beginners.

September 8—For the fourth year, The Quarry Farm was represented at the Monarchs & More wildlife field day in Wauseon, hosted by Ed and Carol Nofziger and organized by the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

September 12—Members of the Gathering Basket Herb Society held a meeting just before making lasting leaf t-shirts, each one unique in its design, choice of leaves and color scheme. Even before the artistic event, Putnam County Educator Dale Nienberg arrived with his small flock of adult monarch butterflies and allowed the group to assist him in the release of these increasingly-scarce insects.

September 25—Some 70 home-schooled children and their parents/grandparents/guardians visited the Farm. As with other groups that have come and gone, they made herb bundles, learned about the waterways around Ohio, got a peek at what lives down under the rocks and the mud in the creek that runs through The Quarry Farm on its way to the Riley and they met many of our two- and four-legged friends and fellows who live here.

Since pictures sometimes speak louder than words, there are more summer photos on the back of this newsletter.



Members of the Red Hat Society visited on Sept. 21.

Residential SPOTLIGHT: Inigo and Fezzik

Last February, Laura Zitzelberger, operations director at Nature's Nursery Center for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Education, contacted us about possibly taking in three bronze turkeys that had been seen wandering in a residential neighborhood in Toledo. And, while three were spotted, once volunteers from the center arrived on-scene, only two were found. Of the two, one was suffering from a variety of injuries (the consequence of getting on the wrong side of a dog).

So, after rehabbing the bird and determining absolutely that these were indeed domestic and not wild turkeys (bronzes bear a remarkable resemblance to their undomesticated cousins), they contacted The Quarry Farm and made arrangements for us to pick them up.

We bundled them into the back of a Subaru Forester and made the hour-long trek back south to Putnam County where we set them up in the same run as Johnny, the Canada goose, and Andi, the Pekin duck. During the whole of the trip, despite being unceremoniously lifted from the home they had come to know and dragged into a whole new situation, not once did either bird make more than an idle and near-inaudible complaint.

Since their arrival, these two birds we've dubbed (left) Fezzik and (above) Inigo (after the Spaniard and the gentle giant in the classic book and movie *The Princess Bride*) have become favorites for visiting groups. Children are especially excited when they spot the birds among the trees. Kids are even happier when Fezzik, who has become fairly tame in the last couple of months, actually allows them to touch the soft, rumpled skin of his head and those long, tough strings of feathers that we humans call a beard. One young artist asked if she might have one of his discarded feathers for use as an ink pen.

These two will never be part of a Thanksgiving feast. Rather, Inigo and Fezzik will live out their lives here as educational ambassadors with the other winged, hooved, two- and four-footed residents of The Quarry Farm preserve.



Fall 2013 Events at The Quarry Farm

**December 14—Pre-winter Photo Walk
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

Wear warmish and water-resistant clothes, walking shoes and meet at the Seitz Family Pavilion for our annual late fall walk.

**December 14—Holiday Open House
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Whether you are looking for locally-made holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, decorations or just want to sit on the porch and sip a warm beverage, join us at Red Fox Cabin.

Your destination for both events is 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora, Ohio. Can't make it? Send us an email at thequarryfarm@gmail.com and we'll add you to the newsletter mailing list.

Thank You

- Mike and Martha Erchenbrecher for the donation of a greenhouse and lights for the pavilion and shed
- Keith Seitz for constructing a storage shed and assembling the greenhouse
- The Gathering Basket Herb Society for a monetary donation
- Kathy Doty for a donation of animal food
- Charlene Finch and the Junior Gardeners of Continental for donations of supplies for the animals
- Marilyn Hamilton of the Red Hat Society for a monetary donation
- Home school families for donations of apples, peanuts, towels, and money
- Musicians Mark Gallimore, Erin Coburn, Brian Erchenbrecher, Marilee and Doug for playing music under the stars for Acoustic Night
- Dorothy Lehman for working in the garden
- SOFTPRO company and employees for monetary donations



The Gathering Basket Herb Society make leaf shirts.

WISH LIST

The following items are needed for visitor trail development and maintenance, and educational animal ambassador rehabilitation, care and handling. Please call 419-384-7195 if you can supply anything on the list.

- carpet squares
- dry straw for bedding
- paper towels
- lams Mini Chunk dog food (green bag)
- avian netting
- grass hay



Add a little Red Fox Garden savory to your holiday baking

Most events held here at The Quarry Farm are flavored with some sort of taste treat sampled from the gardens of Red Fox cabin. One of the favorite refreshments served is herb-ed shortbread. Use the following recipe to flavor your holiday table.

Lemon Basil Shortbread

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 3-5 basil leaves, finely chopped

1. Whisk together the flour and sugar; cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs and starts to cling. Form mixture into a ball; knead until smooth.
2. To make shortbread wedges, on an ungreased cookie sheet (optional: line with parchment paper) pat or roll the dough into an 8-inch circle. Make a scalloped edge. Cut circle into 16 wedges. Leave wedges in the circle. Bake in a 325 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until bottom just starts to brown and center is set. Cut circle into wedges again while warm. Cool on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool.

Variations: Many are possible. Substitute another herb—for example, 1-2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or lavender—for the basil, and orange or lime zest for the lemon. Experiment!

—The Gardener at The Quarry Farm



Top: Marsh and Buddy greet homeschoolers at the gate.

Above, Erin Coburn and Brian Erchenbrecher and (right) Doug and Marilee of 12-String Relief jam at Acoustic Night.

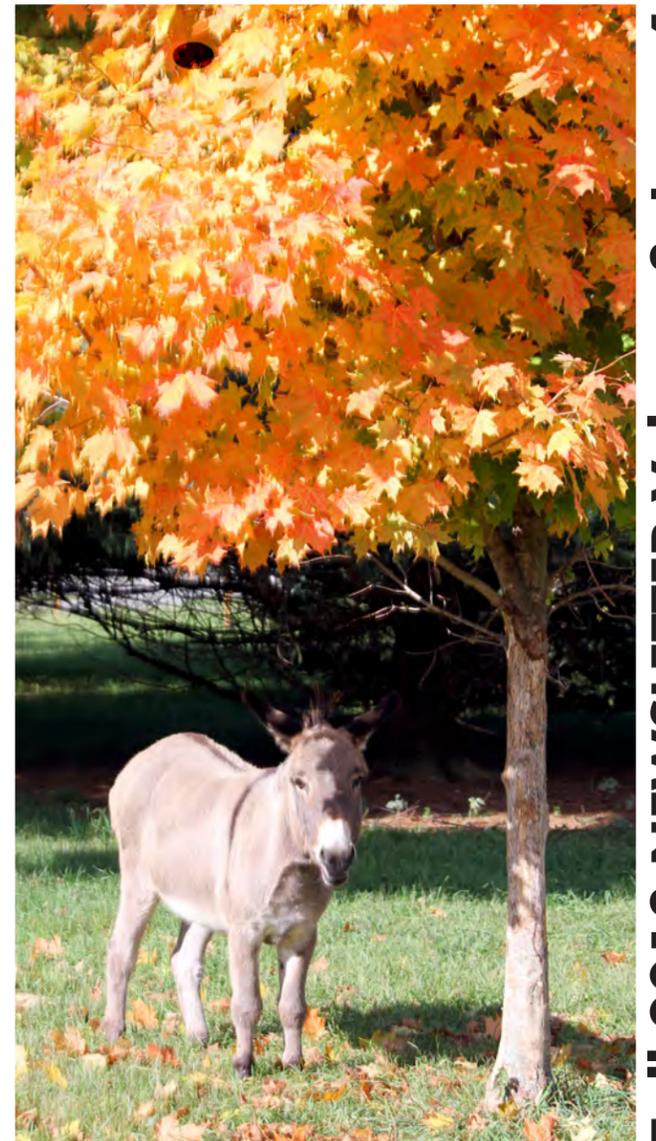
Bottom right: A young Oscar the Grouch fan meets a dragonfly nymph and a belgrammite at Monarchs & More.




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