



Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019

Race Start: 10 AM • Check-in: 8:45 to 9:30 AM
The Quarry Farm, 14321 Rd 7L, Pandora, OH

The Quarry Farm 5K 2019 run/walk is an easy rural course that takes participants past a historic bridge, two scenic creeks to a rest halfway and back to the finish line at Red Fox Cabin.

Registration is \$25.00 and may be submitted with this form by mail, on the day of event or online at <https://thequarryfarm.org/upcoming-events/>

All 5K proceeds further the goal and mission of The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm 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.

REGISTRATION FORM

First and Last Name

Email address

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone

Entry form and payment must be received before the race start at The Quarry Farm, 14321 Rd 7L, Pandora, OH 45877. Please present ID to receive participation packet on at The Quarry Farm on October 5, 2019.

T-Shirt Size (free to participant; circle one)

Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

T-Shirt Style (circle one)

The Quarry Farm 5K logo White (for colorful run)

Additional White T-Shirts (\$10 each; indicate quantity)

Adult Small___ Adult Medium___ Adult Large___ Adult XL___

The Quarry Farm Mug (\$25 each; indicate quantity)___

Event Waiver and Release of Liability

I know that running/walking or rolling (wheelchair) in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in The Quarry Farm 5K Run Walk, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. I certify that I have read this waiver and release and fully understand its significance.

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Print Name

Signature

The following is required if entrant is under 18 years of age, incapacitated, or mentally challenged:
I assert that I am the parent/legal guardian or otherwise authorized to execute a legally binding agreement on behalf of the registrant.

Guardian's Signature

Fall 2019 Programs & Events

Russ Gibson in Concert

Saturday, September 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Red Fox Cabin Gardens, 14321 Road 7L, Pandora

Russ Gibson is a veteran performer of festivals, fairs, corporate events, parks and the Bluebird Café in Nashville. He is a story teller, songwriter, outdoor photographer and a published outdoor writer. His songs strike a common chord in listeners of all ages and are appropriate for audiences of all ages.

Russ is a native of Cleveland but for the past 30 years has called Delaware, Ohio, his home. He is retired from 12 years with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and is also a 25 year veteran of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, having worked with Ohio's State Parks, the Divisions of Natural Areas and Preserves, Recycling and Mineral Resources Management. In addition to his visit with The Quarry Farm, Russ has performed at several state parks, "Red, White and Boom", the Columbus "Music in the Air" series, the Columbus Arts Festival and other venues.

While enjoying Gibson's guitar and vocals perform a range of genres, sample a vegetarian and vegan feast prepared by our own Steven Coburn-Griffis. **This event is not ticketed, but tax-deductible donations are welcome. You may donate securely at www.thequarryfarm.org or with cash or check the day of the concert.**

Stewardship Days

Thursdays, October 17 & 24, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, November 2 & 16, 9 to 11 a.m.

Meet in Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora

Volunteers can lend a hand in the preserve, in the farm animal sanctuary, and getting the gardens and cabin ready for winter. Activities will include removing invasive plant species, repairing fencing, painting, covering plant beds, and more. Bring work gloves and a reusable water bottle, wear appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes.

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Mission Statement

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Turtlehead is a late summer bloomer at Red Fox Cabin. The plant is a native perennial found throughout most of the eastern half of the U.S.

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: Ohio Northern University ACE Day volunteers cut through honeysuckle to make way for native seedlings. See the schedule of events for more fall stewardship opportunities.

All photographs printed in this newsletter were taken on The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm.

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Under One Big Sky

Summer on The Quarry Farm has been an exciting season for spotting winged things. Deb Weston walked the trails frequently, photographing members of the Odonata and Lepidoptera families and birds, including Baltimore Orioles, Indigo Buntings, two Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and woodpeckers, such as the young Red-Bellied Woodpecker on the right.

In July, Amy Downing, Jim Lemon and Shane Myers monitored for the Ohio Odonata Survey. They confirmed 16 species of dragonflies and damselflies:

- Autumn Meadowhawk
- Blue Dasher
- Blue-ringed Dancer
- Blue-tipped Dancer
- Common Green Darner
- Common Whitetail
- Eastern Pondhawk
- Ebony Jewelwing
- Fragile Forktail
- Powdered Dancer
- Royal River Cruiser
- Slender Spreadwing
- Stream Bluet
- Twelve-spotted Skimmer
- Widow Skimmer
- Prince Baskettail (spotted downstream on Riley Creek at Road M-6)

While onsite, the three also saw two Snapping Turtles, a Chickweed Geometer Moth, several Monarch and Eastern Swallowtail plus one Giant Swallowtail Butterfly, an Indigo Bunting female, and many fish in Cranberry Run.

The Gathering Basket Herb Society held their July meeting in the Seitz Family Pavilion. Kathy Doty conducted the program, teaching participants how to spot the difference between male and female Monarch butterflies and how to help them get a healthy start in life. She also displayed a young Praying Mantis and a viable Swallowtail chrysalis, anchored in place by one tiny gossamer lasso of swallowtail thread. She spotted both eggs and caterpillars in the Red Fox Cabin gardens.

Several days later, a steady stream of visitors to Summer Family Day watched monarchs, bumblebees and more dragonflies than we have seen since the June 2012 floor wax discharge decimated the variety of dragonfly nymphs one could sample in Riley Creek. Despite the hot weather, a steady breeze and tree shade kept the air cool enough that the donkeys, pigs, Quinn Fox and Tyree the Cornsnake ventured into the sun for a while. Visitors went on a scavenger hunt, allowing everyone who came self-guided tours. Once each person completed the hunt, they could



Sam Schroeder, Eagle Scout candidate from Glandorf Troop 229, rakes the new Outdoor Classroom "floor".



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Tyree the Cornsnake soaked up some Vitamin E during the sunny Summer Family Day.

tie-dye a t-shirt, eat cookies, and drink lots of ice water in the shelterhouse.

Prior to this summer, Board President Laura had dreamed of establishing an outdoor classroom along the main upland trail. Sam Schroeder, Eagle Scout candidate from Glandorf Troop 229 accepted the challenge. Once the trails dried out enough to transport supplies to the designated site, Sam went to work clearing invasives and small trees. He is currently constructing benches to seat future students and workshop participants.

August 24 was the annual Ohio Northern University ACE (Ada Community Engagement) Day. For the second year, a crew of incoming college freshman and their advisors showed up at the gate, ready to help. They pulled quack grass in the gardens and cleared almost half an acre of bush honeysuckle along the ridge trail—in less than two hours.



job clearing invasive plants and limit the amount of carbon emissions produced from mowing by machine.

Willow is the salt-and-pepper matriarch of the trio. She, like her herdmates, Mardigan and Elora, came to us from economic hardship in Eastern Ohio. Willow was purchased at auction, and bears the scars of poor care from at least one other home before that one. Despite arthritis due to a badly-set leg break and a persistent cough from a probable case of lung worm, both conditions attributed to neglect, Willow grazes a good distance every day. While her cough is a concern, the vet assures us that she will keep going for a good while due to sheer force of will. Willow gets what she wants, when she wants it, or there will be a powerful head-butt for anyone who gets between her and her goal.

2019: A Reality Check for The Quarry Farm Garden

Last year at this time I was gearing up to prepare the garden at Red Fox Cabin for what I hoped would be in 2019 "our best garden ever." During the fall I cleared invaders out of the perennial beds, mostly pollinator-friendly plants now, and tackled a grand plan for improving the productivity of a large rectangular area that for many years was our vegetable garden. Even though I had been gradually planting, or allowing to grow, more things in line with our nature preserve mission—a row of native flowering plants for pollinators, common milkweed for Monarchs, lavender and other herbs for the bees and me and pollinator-friendly shrubs in the border, I still yearned for the lush vegetable garden of old photos.

Thinking the soil could use a boost, I spread poultry and donkey by-product from our farm animal sanctuary over the rows slated for vegetables and layered on newspaper and straw. The assumption was that the layers would compost during stretches of mild winter weather and leave the soil soft and rich for planting vegetables in the spring.

The actual weather that swept over our west-facing garden during the ensuing months confirmed, for one thing, my conviction that climate change is real and, for another, a suspicion that shifting the rest of the way from vegetables to native plants and trees might be the strategy best suited to our mission. First, there were the bitter cold and scouring winds of the Polar Vortex. Then there was the relentless, pounding rain that left standing water for weeks and turned the soil into wet, cold brick. The only way to make a furrow for seeds was to carve one, and there was no loose soil for cover. Trying to work up the beds under those conditions, one authority said, might have done long-term damage to the soil structure. An established lavender bed and other woody herbs died, as did all the roses. What few vegetable starts I planted failed to take off.

On the other hand, nearly all the native plants and pollinator-friendly perennials and shrubs throughout the garden survived and came on strong this summer. So right now I'm envisioning a few vegetables in planter boxes somewhere else in the garden next year, while the old vegetable garden plot will become home to even more native plants and shrubs that tolerate extreme weather conditions and clay soil. I'm thinking about dividing existing plants and scouring my favorite native plant nursery catalog and making a list. Button Bush looks interesting. Will it grow in clay? Will it stay put and not invade the nature preserve? Will it benefit wildlife? Hm-m...

Resident Spotlight: Willow

Nearly every evening during the warmer months of spring, summer and fall, the farm animal sanctuary's front fence line is a gathering place. Cyclists pause for a moment along their ride. Families loaded into golf carts and SUVs stop, the children tumbling out to see Buddy and Lucy, donkeys that are the most visible residents. Chablis the tall llama is usually close by. Chickens and geese scatter for insects in the grass around the three of them. What most people don't see are three very small round Pygmy goats blending with the shadows of the pines. They do a wonderful



After being rained out this spring, Hamler Friends of the Library visited for the first time in summer.

Thank you...

...to everyone who helped administer Summer Family Day
 ...to the Putnam County Master Gardeners for winter prep in their pollinator garden
 ...to Sam Schroeder, Eagle Scout candidate from Glandorf Troop 229, for realizing the Outdoor Classroom
 ...to David and Aili Seitz for engineering and constructing a gully footbridge, bush honeysuckle removal and clearing trails
 ...to Joan Utendorf for zucchini
 ...to Deb Weston for donating an owl box and bedding

Monetary Donations:

Julie Dietsch
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 Hamler Friends of the Library
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 Deb Weston



The plot maintained by the Putnam County Master Gardeners is a riot of coneflowers and other native plants in summer and early fall.

—The Gardener at The Quarry Farm