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Masters of Rain Gardens

When a few Northeast Ohio stormwater professionals saw Susan Bryan give a talk entitled, Getting Rain Gardens Built Without Lifting a Shovel, at the Ohio Stormwater Conference in 2018, a fire was lit. While SWCDs, and watershed groups have been touting the benefits of rain gardens for years, rain garden installation has remained a tough sell for the average homeowner. Bryan’s presentation shared the story of the creation and implementation of the Master Rain Gardener Certification Program in Washtenaw County, Michigan. This program has facilitated the installation of over 300 rain gardens in a decade, with numbers rising over that time period. With such impressive numbers NEO-PIPE, Cuyahoga SWCD, Cleveland Metroparks, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Lake SWCD and several other SWCDs and Watershed groups decided to create Master Rain Gardener Program here in Northeast Ohio.

During the summer of 2019, 3 Master Rain Gardener Certification courses have been held with just under 100 Northeast Ohio residents completing the course. Students have been from across the region with the bulk of the students hailing from Lake, Geauga, and Cuyahoga counties. In order to obtain Master Rain Gardener Certification, students must attend or view all classes, plan and install a residential-style rain garden, or plan a rain garden...

Rain Gardens capture stormwater and increase infiltration and groundwater recharge.

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The public is invited to attend Lake SWCD’s Monthly Board Meetings, held the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm at 125 East Erie St., Painesville. Meeting announcements appear under the public agenda in the News-Herald and on the Lake SWCD website. Please call in advance to let us know you will be attending.

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National Association of Conservation Districts
Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
and adopt a public rain garden for a full year. There is also a professional certification available for landscape professionals. To obtain their certification they must attend or view all 5 classes, as well as attend and participate in a public rain garden installation day.

The course seeks to give students the knowledge and confidence needed to plan and install their own rain garden. They say the proof is in the pudding, but in the case of rain gardens, the proof is in the digging. And there has been some digging! Five rain gardens have already been installed with another dozen or so in the process of being installed.

This program is off to a great start and we are already planning next year's courses. If you are interested in rain gardens or in the Master Rain Gardener Certification course, contact Natalie at ngertz-young@lakecountyohio.gov.

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**Workshops, Trainings & Events**

**CLAMS FOR CONSERVATION**

*Cost: $40*

October 10; 6-10 pm, Painesville Township Park

To register drop off or mail in payment and order form below or online at lakeswcdclamsforconservation.eventbrite.com.

**FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE: ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR LANDOWNERS**

*Cost: $10*

October 26; 8 am-5 pm, The Holden Arboretum Working Woods

Please register by October 11 at crwp.org or call Chagrin River Watershed Partners at 440-975-3870 or online at forest_management_workshop_registration.eventbrite.com.

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**CLAMS FOR CONSERVATION LAKE SWCD ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION**

**TICKET ORDER FORM TO PAY WITH CASH OR CHECK**

**FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO LAKE SWCD**

**TICKETS ARE $40 PER PERSON**

**NAME (OF ALL ATTENDEES)**

**ADDRESS (PLEASE GIVE COMMUNITY OF RESIDENCE)**

**PHONE**

**EMAIL**

**NUMBER OF TICKETS**  **AMOUNT ENCLOSED**
Clams for Conservation

Join us for a traditional Western Reserve Clambake on the Lake Erie Shore as we celebrate our region’s history and current conservation efforts.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019
6 until 10 PM

PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP PARK
Cocktails & Voting 6 PM
Dinner 7 PM
Cost: $40/person

Register
IN THE OFFICE with cash or check @ 125 E. Erie St in Painesville

WITH A CREDIT CARD
lakeswcdclamsforconservation.eventbrite.com

A TICKET IS NOT REQUIRED TO VOTE

For more information contact 440.350.2730 or soil@lakecountyohio.gov
GARY ZAGAR

Grew up in the small town of Newbury and graduated from Newbury HS in 1988 and Kent State University in 1993. He pursued his dream job of becoming a golf course superintendent at Quail Hollow CC. From 1993 to 2013, Gary moved up the ranks to become Director of Golf Course Maintenance at Quail Hollow CC. During this tenure, he was able to experience the construction of one of the courses, the clubhouse, the Hunt Club and many renovation projects on the entire property. His passion for the outdoors is unmatched as he led Quail Hollow to become Audubon Certified in 2011. He also worked as a Superintendent at Briardale Greens Golf Course where he helped them get re-certified with the Audubon in 2015. Through the Audubon process, he developed a passion for conservation. Through his tenure in golf, conservation of water and pesticide was always at the forefront of any agronomic plan. Currently working in Sales and Marketing, he is learning and implementing a marketing plan which has become a new interest of growth. Although at Zagar, Gary still works on the golf course on weekends and holidays all summer at Pepper Pike CC on the maintenance staff. Gary loves golf and people, serving the environment and family time. Gary resides in Mentor Ohio with his wife of 24 years Kim and their teenagers, Sami and Zack.

STEVE REYNOLDS

Is currently an Associate Professor of Biology, and previously was the Dean of the School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, at Lake Erie College in Painesville. He is an aquatic ecologist with 20+ years of teaching and research experience. His research interests are in functional ecology and water quality, particularly, the impacts of heavy metals and non-point source pollution on stream fish and insects. Dr. Reynolds lives in Mentor with his wife and two small children. With them he enjoys musical evenings on the front porch, playing in the yard, and, as time allows, exploring Lake County and NE Ohio. Steve has served on the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors since 2016.

The Millionaire families who spent their summers in the cool climate of Little Mountain were some of the first people to bring clambakes to Northeast Ohio?

The trains traveling from New York City westward would stop in Cleveland to re-ice the seafood before heading to the next Midwest city. Clams, oysters and other seafood would be sent to the hotels and resorts on Little Mountain, for affluent families, like the Rockefellers and Hannas, to serve at lavish parties.

Clambakes became popular among the middle class in the post-World War II Era. The weeks from mid-September to mid-October became the unofficial Clambake Season. From employee picnics, to family reunions to political fund raisers, clambakes are firmly a Western Reserve tradition.
FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE:
ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR LANDOWNERS

Date: Saturday, October 26
Location: The Holden Arboretum Working Woods
Time: 8:00 AM - 5 PM; field sessions at The Holden Arboretum and Penitentiary Glen in afternoon
Cost: $10; lunch and refreshments included

Addressing the many challenges of private woodland management can be overwhelming. This workshop will provide practical ways to address forest threats and stressors. Participants will …

- Learn how climate and other stressors, like invasive species, threaten forest health and wildlife habitat and what you can do about it
- See how The Holden Arboretum and park districts in the region are implementing adaptive forest management practices
- Identify goals and discuss potential management strategies for your property with other landowners
- Obtain hands-on tools to better monitor and take care of your woods
- Gain an understanding of forest management cost-share programs available to you and how to apply

Registration limited to 50 people. CML (certified master logger) – 2 hrs credit.

Please register by October 11 at crwp.org or call Chagrin River Watershed Partners at 440-975-3870.
Direct link: https://forest_management_workshop_registration.eventbrite.com

Funding for this workshop is provided in part from a grant by the Wildlife Conservation Society Climate Adaptation Fund through the Doris Duke Foundation.
PARMESAN ZUCCHINI & TOMATO GRATIN

Support your local farmers by cooking a meal with local ingredients.

This versatile recipe is a great way to use up an abundance of tomatoes and zucchini. It is easily scaled down to feed just a few or scaled up to feed an army. It is also pretty enough for a dinner party, but simple enough to make on a busy weeknight. Tomatoes and zucchini don't get to have all the fun, other summer veggies like eggplant, summer squash and bell peppers can also be used.

Serves 6

Ingredients

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<td>3 medium zucchini</td>
<td>2 medium tomatoes</td>
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<td>½ cup onions, chopped</td>
<td>2 tablespoons olive oil, plus a little to grease the casserole and more to drizzle on top</td>
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<td>3 cloves garlic, 2 minced, 1 grated or pressed</td>
<td>10 leaves of basil, chiffonade (cut like confetti)</td>
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<td>½ cup Parmesan cheese, shredded</td>
<td>1/2 teaspoon salt</td>
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<td>1 teaspoon dried Italian herbs</td>
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Instructions

Preheat oven to 350.

Sauté onions in olive oil until fragrant and translucent, then add minced garlic, sauté another 1-2 minutes. Transfer to bottom of medium greased casserole dish.

Using a mandoline slicer (or knife) create 1/4" slices of both the tomatoes and zucchini.

Alternate between a layer of 2 zucchini slices and one tomato slice until the dish is filled. Mix cheese, bread crumbs, salt, grated garlic and dried herbs.

Sprinkle the vegetables with the breadcrumb and cheese mixture. Drizzle olive oil over the top.

Bake for 40 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm or room temperature topped with fresh basil.