

WEEKEND UPDATE
February 6, 2014

COMFORT FOOD CRUISE EXTENDED!

Due to the Winter Storm the weekend of Jan 25 & 26 the First Annual Hocking Hills Comfort Food Cruise now includes February 8 & 9. Cruise the beautiful Hocking Hills while indulging your taste buds at ten restaurants each featuring a different classic comfort food. Tickets are \$15 each and \$5 of each ticket sold will be donated to local food pantries. Tickets are available online at <http://explorehockinghills.com> and at the Hocking Hills Regional Welcome Center at 13178 State Route 664 S, Logan (US 33 & St Rt 664). For more information call 740-385-2750

THURSDAY, February 6th – Waterloo Owl Prowl – 5pm to 8pm; Join the Raccoon Creek Partnership & Hocking Hills State Park Naturalist for a winter Owl Prowl at the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center. From 5-6pm get cozy by a campfire and enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows. We'll take an "up close" look at our nocturnal friends and then we'll go for an evening walk and try to call in our region's most stealthy predator - the owl! Bring a flashlight and be sure to dress for the weather. Please, no pets at the owl prowls. Waterloo Aquatic Education Center, Intersection of State Routes 356 and 56, New Marshfield. For more information email randromas@gmail.com; FREE

THURSDAY, February 6th – Yoga at the Bowen House – 6pm; Join Yoga instructor Elle Delmatto every Thursday at 6pm. Class fee is \$6. Class is open to all. No pre-registration is necessary. The Bowen House Community Center for Arts & Education, 196 N Market St, Logan; call 740-385-0344 for more info.

FRIDAY, February 7th – Ridgetops & Hollers – 2pm; Ever wonder about the difference between a ridgetop and a 'holler'? Join the naturalist at the Ash Cave parking area to find out. Hocking Hills State Park, Ash Cave, State Route 56; call 740-385-6841 for more info; FREE

FRIDAY, February 7th - Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out and The Hart Brothers – 8:00pm to 10:30pm; A night of award-winning bluegrass! Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out are one of the best groups there are, with 7 International Bluegrass Music Association awards for 'Vocal Group of the Year' and 5 more to Russell for 'Male Vocalist of the Year.' Athens County's The Hart Brothers are a bluegrass institution since their formation in 1979 and will open! \$20 - \$30. Seats are reserved, so we suggest buying tickets in advance. Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public Square, Nelsonville; call 740-753-1924 or visit www.stuartsoperahouse.org

FRIDAY, February 7th, 13th, 14th & 21st – Valentine's Day Dinner at Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls - Treat that special someone in your life to a Valentine's Day dinner that will not be forgotten. This candlelight, four course affair is sure to melt anyone's heart. For your appetizer choose Cream of Mushroom Soup or Classic Caesar Salad. Entrees include Steak Au Poivre with Pan Demi-Glaze, Brown Sugar Chipotle Roasted Salmon, or Frenched Pork Chop with Mango Chutney. A special Strawberry Chocolate Cheesecake will end a perfect meal. \$55 per person. Call for reservations! Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls, 21190 State Route 374; call 800-653-2557 for reservations.

Friday, February 7th – Annual Girls Night In - 5:00pm - 8:00pm; Entry fee is \$5.00 at the door (includes 5 raffle tickets and snack buffet). Open to the public. Bring your girlfriends, daughters and granddaughters

to join the fun. Celebrate the evening with refreshments, gift giveaways and one night only sales! Vendors on hand include but are not limited to Avon, Around the World Treasurers Celebrating Home, Crafty Sisters Designs, Fizer Glass, Handmade Soaps, Handmade Knitting Items, Pandora Style Jewelry, 31 Purse, Mary Kay, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, Origami Owl, Tastefully Simple, Scentsy, Sashay Scarves, Team Hope, Uppercase Living, Tupperware, WendyScent, Maria Hill-Mini Massages and more. Snack buffet provided by Hocking Valley Community Hospital. All proceeds benefit HVCH & Scenic Hills Senior Center. Jointly sponsored by Baymont Inn, HVCH and the Scenic Hills Senior Center. Girl's Night In is hosted by Scenic Hills Senior Center at 187 S Spring St, Logan. For more info call 740-385-6581

FRIDAY, February 7th & SATURDAY, February 8th – Ravenwood Castle Beer Tasting Weekend - Tickets include dinner Friday and Saturday nights, a commemorative Ravenwood Castle pint glass and samplings of at least twelve beers through the weekend. Rooms are an additional cost, please book online or call for a room. Friday night will feature the Maumee Bay Brewing Co. They offer one of our favorite stouts - the Total Eclipse Breakfast Stout - plus many more. Saturday night will feature beer samples from some other favorite Ohio breweries. Sadly breweries out of the state cannot join us so on Saturday afternoon we will feature a tasting of several of our favorite non-Ohio brews. Safe to assume there will be a few entrants from the Rocky Mountain region on the list. Please note that the event starts with dinner on Friday. Late arrivals will be accommodated as best as possible, but to enjoy the full experience please arrive early Friday evening. Ravenwood Castle, 65666 Bethel Rd, New Plymouth. Call 740-596-2606, 800-477-1541 or visit www.ravenwoodcastle.com for info and reservations.

Saturday, February 8 – Pancake Breakfast (2nd Sat of each month) – 7am – 10am; Choice of pancakes, eggs and sausage OR sausage gravy, biscuits and eggs. By Donation. Scenic Hills Senior Center, 187 S. Spring Street, Logan; for info call 740-385-6581

SATURDAY, February 8th, SUNDAY, February 9th, 2014 - Hocking Hills Comfort Food Cruise – hours vary by restaurant; Cruise to ten restaurants each featuring a different comfort food and taste your way around the Hocking Hills while taking in the serene beauty of the region in winter. Tickets are \$15 / \$5 of each ticket sold goes directly to the local food pantry. Tickets are available online at explorehockinghills.com or by calling 740-385-2750.

SATURDAY, February 8th – Tapping of the Maples – 10am; It's that time of the year! Ever wondered where all that maple syrup comes from? Join the naturalist at the naturalist cabin located behind the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center and try your hand at tapping your own tree as we prepare for the annual "Maple Sugaring in the Hills" event here at Hocking Hills on March 8 & 9. Hocking Hills State Park Naturalist Cabin at Old Man's Cave, State Route 664 S; call 740-385-6841 for more info; FREE

SATURDAY, February 8th – BRRRRR Oak Winter Hike and Appalachian Jamboree!! – 10am; Take a Winter Hike on the Buckeye Trail at Burr Oak State Park beginning at Burr Oak Lodge & Conference Center. Cornbread, Soup Beans, Hoot Cocoa and a toasty fire for Winter Hikers. Appalachian Jack Tales by Storyteller Thomas Burnett and Friends from 6pm to 7pm. Traditional Music by Curt Cable and Friends from 7pm to 9pm. Sponsored by Burr Oak Alive, Little Cities of the Forest and Rural Action. Burr Oak Lodge & Conference Center.

SATURDAY, February 8th – American Legion Baked Steak Dinner – 4pm to 7pm; The Auxiliary of American Legion Post 78 puts on this delicious baked steak dinner on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Come join us for a good meal, with the proceeds helping our community & supporting two Legion baseball teams.

\$7/person. American Legion Post 78, 12845 State Route 664 S (behind The Baymont Inn & Suites) Logan; call 740-385-8811 for more info.

SATURDAY, February 8th – Hearts on Fire – 5pm to 8pm; Just in time for Valentine's Day, join us for a very hot date! Get your creative juices flowing with a partner and make a gorgeous glass heart paperweight together in our glassblowing studio. Enjoy light refreshments and browse through our exhibits after your private lesson is complete. Participants must wear all-cotton clothing and shoes that cover your entire foot. Long hair must be tied back. Glass hearts need to cool down very slowly and will be ready for pick up in our Gift Shop by Tuesday, Feb. 11. For a small fee, hearts may be shipped to you. Number of participants is limited; you can call for reservations Tuesday through Friday. \$60 per couple. Ohio Glass Museum, 124 Main Street, Lancaster. Call 740-687-0101 for reservations.

SATURDAY, February 8th – Sweet Second Saturday – 5pm to 8pm; On the second Saturday of each month, we dress up the dining room and have live music & great dinner specials. You can even bring a bottle of wine, if you like. Come join us for a great Saturday night out! Reservations appreciated, but not required. The Ridge Inn Restaurant, 16178 Pike St, Laurelville. Call 740-332-0300 for info and reservations.

SATURDAY, February 8th - Murder at Rutherford House - Dinner/Theatre - 7pm; This is a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre performance the food service is built into the story. It is the fifth anniversary of the death of Lord Rutherford. Lady Rutherford is throwing her annual dinner in commemoration of the event-- to which you are cordially invited. On arrival you are given a character name and a dossier explaining your background and connection to the Rutherford family. Over cocktails, you mingle with the other guests, spotting the Baroness von Keepsemfrumfloppen and figuring she's an actress, but what about all these other people Suddenly, there's a gunshot resulting in the evening's first corpse. The body is removed and you sit down to dinner. A detective reveals himself and begins the investigation. What have you observed so far Have you a clue to the killer Clues seem to be everywhere, but which ones count and which are red herrings Ultimately, there is a parade of suspects. You may question them. Perhaps you ask just the right question at the right time and unmask the murderer. Perhaps you ask the wrong question and become the prime suspect! You begin to wonder will you survive till the coffee and cordials are served In the end, all is revealed and justice prevails. The Silver Sleuth Award is given to the guest who best explained the who, why and how dunit of the murder at Rutherford House. \$16 / person. Call 740-583-9475 to reserve tickets. Location: TBA

TUESDAY, February 11th – Photography Group at the Bowen House – 7pm; Hocking photography enthusiasts welcome visitors to join them for inspiration, encouragement & some shop talk! The Bowen House Community Center for Arts & Education, 196 N Market St, Logan; call 740-385-0344 for more info. FREE

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THURSDAY, February 13th, FRIDAY, February 14th & SATURDAY, February 15th – Valentine’s Day Dinner at Rhapsody – 5pm; Celebrate with your sweetie at Rhapsody Restaurant with your choice of Wedge of Baked Brie, Lobster Bisque, Caesar Salad, Chopped Salad or Scallop Buerre Rouge for a starter. Entrees choices are Slow Roasted Chicken, House-Made Herb Gnocchi & Butternut Coulis, Broiled Ohio Proud Flat Iron Steak, Lobster Thermidor or Braised Beef Short Ribs. Finish off your feast with Flourless Chocolate Torte with Sweet Cream & Raspberry Coulis, Chocolate Dipped Long Stem Strawberries, Beignets with Chocolate & Raspberry Sauces or Pomegranate Tiramisu. Reservations are strongly recommended. Rhapsody Restaurant, 18 Public Square, Nelsonville. Call 740-753-5740 or visit www.rhapsodyrestaurantnelsonville.com for reservations.

FRIDAY, February 14th – Valentine’s Day Dinner at Boot Factory Grill – 4pm to 7pm; Surf & Turf; Rib Eye Steak, Crab Legs, Twice Baked Potato, Salad & Roll. \$14.99. The Boot Factory Grill, 45 E Canal St (inside Rocky Boots) Nelsonville; call 740-753-3130 for info.

FRIDAY, February 14th – Valentine’s Day Dinner at The Millstone; Bring your Valentine to the Millstone for dinner. Purchase 2 Prime Rib Dinners and receive either a brownie with ice cream or cherry crisp with ice cream for free. The Millstone Southern Smoked BBQ, 12790 Grey St, Logan; call 740-385-5341 for more info.

SATURDAY, February 15th – Frozen Waterfalls Photography Workshop – 9am to 5pm; Hands-on photography workshop that provides practical and usable knowledge in nature photography. Workshops are held in the Hocking Hills State Park areas. Slide program and handout information. Lunch is provided. \$129. 4 hour workshops also available by appointment. The Old Bear’s Den Center, 16961 Harble-Griffith Rd, Logan; call 740-380-2039 or visit <http://www.theoldbear.com/> to register.

SATURDAY, February 15th – Valentine’s Day Farm-to-Table Brunch – 10am to 2pm; Each couple will receive a bottle of alcoholic sparkling cider and orange juice to make Mimosas, a bottle of our maple syrup that is made on our property, and all you can eat: pancakes, farm fresh scrambled eggs, pork sausage, bacon and ham from pigs we raised, fresh Smoked Salmon, our home-grown breakfast potatoes served with our BBQ sauce, fresh fruit, yogurt, local granola, French roasted coffee and hot tea with local honey. A wine tasting of any of our wines is also included after the brunch at the bar. \$50 per couple (tax & gratuity not included). Call 614-571-0750 for more information or visit <https://squareup.com/market/manchester-hill-winery/valentine-s-day-farm-to-table-brunch> to purchase tickets. Manchester Hill Winery, 13160 Tarlton Rd, Circleville.

SATURDAY, February 15th – 4th Annual Valentine’s Chocolate Choo Choo – 4:30; A social hour (prior to departure) and train ride on board the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway with hors d’oeuvres, wine, music and lots of sweets for adults. Proceeds go to the continued revitalization of Historic Downtown Nelsonville. Guests may reserve a prix fixe menu after the train ride at Rhapsody Restaurant, and receive a 10% discount off two nights this weekend at either Hyde House B & B, Primrose B & B or FullBrooks Lodge. \$40 / person; \$45 / person after 2/12/14. Sponsored by Historic Downtown Nelsonville Association and the Nelsonville Chamber of Commerce. Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, 33 E Canal St, Nelsonville; call 740-707-1585 for reservations.

SATURDAY, February 15th – Sweethearts Hike at Ash Cave – 5pm to 7pm; Take your sweetheart on a romantic stroll to Ash Cave in the soft light of dusk. Afterward, enjoy a cozy fire and refreshments. Meet at the Ash Cave parking area. Hocking Hills State Park, Ash Cave, State Route 56; call 740-385-6841 for more info; FREE

SUNDAY, February 16th – Camp Oty’Okwa’s Winter Hike – 1pm to 3pm; Hike to Hidden Cave, the largest sandstone cave on camp property and rarely seen by the public. Enjoy hot chocolate heated over a fire once you reach the cave, then explore! This activity is open to the public but remember to dress warmly and wear your hiking shoes! Uphill and downhill hiking will be required. Camp Oty-Okwa, 24799 Purcell Rd, South Bloomingville; email knaylor@bbbscentralohio.org for more info; FREE

SUNDAY, February 16th – Birds of a Feather – 2pm to 4pm; An afternoon of fun for children from 3 to 8 years old at three great locations in downtown Lancaster! Read books, sing songs and do a craft about birds at the Library; at AHA!, learn about birds through games, crafts and play; then view the Glass Museum's glass birds exhibit and a short film. The event is free, but you must make reservations by calling the Library at 740-653-2745 x140. Your group and starting location will be assigned when you register. Activities at each location will last a half hour, with 15 minutes for travel between each session. Children must be accompanied by adults at all times. Downtown Lancaster; call 740-953-2745 x130 for more info; FREE

ONGOING:

NOW Through February 23rd – Bowl-A-Rama Show – 10am to 5pm Mon-Sat; noon – 5pm Sun; The area's finest potters are spinning unique art bowls and enjoy the featured work of Lana Wall. Starbrick Gallery, 21 W Columbus St, Nelsonville; call 740-753-1011 for more info; FREE

JANUARY 25 - APRIL 13 - "My Best Friends are Potters" Ceramics From the Tim Frederich Collection; Tues - Sat 10am to 4pm; Sun 1pm to 4pm; Barbara Hunzicker and Hal Stevens, Curators. Dublin, Ohio ceramics artist Tim Frederich has been collecting the work of other internationally renowned potters for 45 years. Both functional and sculptural objects-some inspired by nature, others by ancient forms-have been selected for this exhibition. There are wheel thrown, carved, slab and pinch built pieces of stoneware clay and porcelain. Surfaces are sculpted and incised, salt glazed or fired in wood filled pits and wood, gas and raku kilns. Innovative glazes have produced finishes that range from matte to glossy to exquisite crystals, creating one-of-a-kind surfaces of breathtaking diversity. Decorative Arts Centr of Ohio, 145 E Main St, Lancaster. Call 740-681-1423 for more info; FREE

NOW Through February 7th - Earth Art Maine Exhibit; Maine is a state of varied geographic influences, resulting from the glacier age that carved mountains, created lakes and scarred a granite bound coast. Each of the artists in this exhibit has responded to this sense of place. their intimate and individual relationship with the environment is evident in the art works presented in this exhibit. Exhibit is open Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 to 4; and Saturdays from 11 to 4. Paper Circle, 35 W Columbus St, Nelsonville; call 440-724-1149 for more info; FREE

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS - Beginner Bead Making Class - 11am, 1pm, 3pm & 5pm; (1 hour class) Beginner Bead Making Classes. Have fun learning to melt glass while making your own glass beads and charms for bracelets, necklaces and earrings. Everything is supplied that you need to make beautiful glass beads. Ages 14 and up. \$25 per person; call for reservations and class times - 740-385-1384; Liquid Light Gallery, 18345 Krinn Unger Keck Rd, Logan

BY APPOINTMENT - Stained Glass Workshop; Learn basic copper foil stained glass techniques with Audrey Martin. Classes are two hours long and all supplies are provided. At the end of the class you will walk away with your completed project and the knowledge to dive into more sophisticated glass

projects. Fee: \$25; All supplies are provided. Contact Audrey Martin, 740-596-1913 to schedule your stained glass workshop. 63775 SR 56, Creola, Ohio 45622, just 3 miles east of Ash Cave at Scenic Way Gifts and Art Glass Studio. Call for additional days and times.

WEDNESDAYS - Yoga in the Hills - Blue Valley Massage & Traveling Spa - call 888-74-PEACE (747-3223) for location; \$10 5pm to 6pm; This class is offered surrounded by the beauty of the Hocking Hills. Weather permitting classes are outside on our wonderful deck among the trees. This class is perfect for the beginner or those recovering from injuries. Groups are welcome! Call ahead for details - we may be having class, with our wonderful instructor, at a waterfall near you! Call 877-74-PEACE (747-3223) for reservations; \$10

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EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY - Flea & Farmers' Market at Hocking Hills Market; US 33, Rockbridge

EVERY SATURDAY & WEDNESDAY - Athens Farmers Market's - 10am to 1pm. Come meet the farmers and producers behind the local food movement. Look for vendors selling produce, meats, eggs, cheese, jarred products, baked goods and lots more. Location: Market on State, 1002 E State St , Athens; for more info call 740-593-6763 or visit <http://www.athensfarmersmarket.org>

DAILY - SALT AND PEPPER SHAKER MUSEUM AT FIDDLESTIX; View several hundred vintage figural salt and pepper shaker sets at Fiddlestix Village; 24180 St. Rt. 93 just south of the St. Rt. 56/93 intersection. A changing display of shaker sets are arranged by categories on shelves in three large windows. Groups include, various animals, people, holidays birds, fish, tools, buildings, vacation souvenirs and many more. Most of the sets are from the 1940s to the present. A smaller window hosts a monthly special exhibit. The best viewing time is between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Viewers are invited at their own risk, and the exhibit is open unless there is snow or ice on the parking lot. Fiddlestix Village, 24180 St. Rt. 93, Creola- (Do not go to Creola ~ this is a mapping address.) The location is just south of the intersection of St. Rts. 56 and 93, close to Ash Cave. For more information, call Historic Host; 740-596-2408 or 740-753-3105. FREE

DAILY - Paul A. Johnson Pencil Sharpener Museum - Mon to Sat, 9am to 5pm; Sun 11am to 5pm; Rev. Paul Johnson began his collection over 20 years ago. His Pencil Sharpener Museum, previously located at his home, has been moved to the Welcome Center and is open daily. This amazing collection of over 3400 pencil sharpeners has been featured in national magazines and is reputed to be the largest collection in the United States. Hocking Hills Regional Welcome Center, 13178 St. Rt. 664 S, Logan; 740-385-9706; FREE

DAILY (Mon - Sat) The Columbus Washboard Company Museum and Gift Shop - There is so much history from our company and building's past that we wish to share it with everyone. The tour will not only provide historical information, but will also include the opportunity to observe the manufacturing of washboards, and participate in making music with the washboard. The factory will operate daily, as usual, with our washboards being produced one at a time by hand. We are the only manufacturer of washboards remaining in the United States. Our gift shop features our washboards, memorabilia and new line of vintage soaps. The Museum is a WiFi hotspot and offers snacks and beverages, for a place to

relax and take care of business. Tours will be offered Monday through Friday at 10:00am, noon, and 2:00pm; Saturdays by appointment. Special arrangements will be made for large groups. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday by appointment. Tours are \$4 which includes souvenir magnet. Columbus Washboard Factory, 14 Gallagher Ave, Logan; 740-380-3828