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Fall 2014 - Includes "Off The Beaten Path" Tour Info and Contests!

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Woodland Trails Greenhouse's new facility, along with some of the 3,000 mums currently growing.

"Off The Beaten Path" Tour Series

Take a day and experience the **WONDERS** of Jefferson County, Ohio, as the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding its **4th annual "Off the Beaten Path" Bus Tour**. The event will take place on **August 23 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**.

The day will begin with a Continental Breakfast at the Woodland Trail Greenhouse, followed by a presentation by the OSU Extension Jefferson and Harrison County Master Garden volunteers. Sam Gill founded his greenhouse business in 1998. A new facility (pictured above) was just recently opened in March of this year. There is a huge selection of flowers and plants available for purchase.

Residents will have the opportunity to visit an oil and gas industry related site. A **picnic-style lunch will take place at Cavanaugh Farm-Kragel Road** where there will be great food, along with a **wagon tour of their over 160-acre beef grazing operation**. The Cavanaugh Family was awarded the 2012 JSWCD Conservation Farmer of the Year for their passion and enthusiasm in sending a strong message on the importance of land-management and conservation. A **beekeeper/pollination demonstration** will be presented by Joe & Cindy Rodak on the farm as well. They will be sharing the basics of beekeeping, along with the important and vital role that honeybees play in the natural world. The farm tour will end with the participants roasting marshmallows over an open fire pit.



Tri-State Financial Services has offered to sponsor 5 local students who attend any of the Jefferson County schools, including public, private, and parochial. For more information, visit our website at www.jeffersonswcd.org, or call (740) 264-9790. We invite all Jefferson County residents to be a part of this wonderful experience.

Bus will leave the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District Office (587 Bantam Ridge Rd, Wintersville) at 8:00 AM and return by 4:00 PM. Limited seating is available. Cost includes bus travel cost, continental breakfast, snacks, drinks, and lunch. Outdoor apparel is highly recommended. Please dress for the weather conditions. Walking will take place on some uneven terrain. Participants will have the opportunity to win a newly published Jefferson County Plat Book, Wall Map, and other items.

Clip and Mail the Form Below with your check or money order to:

Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
587 Bantam Ridge Road # A , Wintersville, OH 43943
OR
You may hand deliver the form & payment to the District Office.
Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

*Please note that because of outside field appointments the office may not be staffed at all times.
PLEASE CALL AHEAD.
Phone 740 264-9790 Fax: 740 264-6087
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ARE \$30.00 PER PERSON.
CHILDREN age 10 and UNDER \$15.00 .

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS UPON CANCELLATION OF A RESERVATION, HOWEVER THE TICKETS ARE TRANSFERRABLE. RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED AND SEATING IS LIMITED.

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION, CLIP, & MAIL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL (if available) _____

Number of Adult Tickets _____ @ \$30.00 EA = \$ _____

Number of children age 10 & under _____ @ \$15.00 Ea = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED \$ _____

Please include your check or money order and mail to the Jefferson SWCD at the address above.
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY AS SEATING IS LIMITED!



2014 JEFFERSON SWCD BIG TREE CONTEST CONTINUES!

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry is sponsoring the **Fourth Annual “Big Tree Contest.”** Ohio’s Big Tree Program is a voluntary endeavor to locate, measure, record and appreciate the largest tree species in the state.

The residents of Jefferson County are encouraged to search for the **biggest MAPLE TREE** (the tree species selected by the Jefferson SWCD board of supervisors) in the county. These beautiful trees can be found in many different environments, including yards, cemeteries, lakes, and parks! The winning tree’s landowner and/or nominator will be recognized at the Jefferson SWCD’s Annual Meeting and Banquet in October. **Please Note** that trees growing on federal, state or local government land are not eligible.

For more information on these magnificent trees, along with a colorful identification guide, check out the **Division of Forestry website** at www.dnr.state.oh.us/forestry and click on the **“Index of Ohio Trees”** link.

The Jefferson SWCD encourages everyone to submit **multiple entries**. Entry forms are available at our office located at 587 Bantam Ridge Road, Wintersville. They can also be found on our website at jeffersonswcd.org and clicking the “Events” tab. Entries **must be received no later than 4:30 PM** on Friday, September 30, 2014.

Brief Overview of the Three Types of Maple Trees:

- **Red Maple** is a tree located throughout all of Ohio, found naturally in moist areas of open woodlands and more commonly, along creeks and bottomlands where the soil is constantly moist to wet. In urban areas, it is abundantly found as a popular shade tree, noted for its brilliant red fall color.
- **Silver Maple**, a tree found throughout all of Ohio, is a common shade tree in urban areas and primarily a wet site tree in rural areas. It is named for the fact that its leaf undersides are silvery.
- **Sugar Maple** is a favorite shade tree with reliable fall color found in the forests and meadows through all of Ohio. It is valued for its hard, dense, fine-grained, and difficult-to-split-wood, which is utilized for floors, furniture, veneer, musical instruments and railroad ties.



Red Maple



Silver Maple



Sugar Maple

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember that Jefferson County **Plat Books are available** for purchase at \$20 each. The publication includes a map legend, aerials and landownership maps, a Jefferson County Road map, city maps, county road index, landowner index and many other features. **Wall maps are also available** at \$40 each. You can stop in person or call to reserve your copy.

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WANT A CHANCE AT NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND CASH PRIZES? CHECK OUT OUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District continues to accept entries for the 2014 annual **Photo Competition!** This is a great opportunity to showcase your photography skills, while artistically displaying the beauty of Jefferson County. Photos taken anywhere in Jefferson County are eligible to be entered in three categories: "Trees and/or Forestry", "Lakes, Ponds, Wetlands and/or Streams", and "Birds, Reptiles and/or Amphibians".

To get information on the entry form and judging procedure, visit our website at www.jeffersonswcd.org, or call (740) 264-9790. Photos must be submitted to the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District Office by Friday, October 10, at 4:30 PM. **This is a new extended date for entry submissions.**



Photograph by Darla McConnell.

