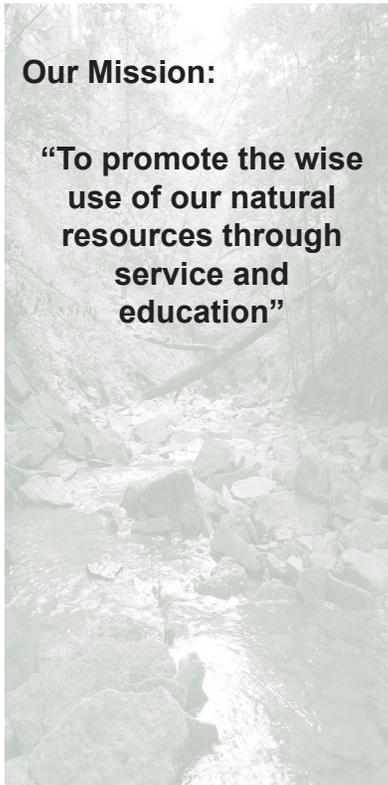




Winter 2018

**Our Mission:**

**“To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education”**



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**A Diamond of a Celebration for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Over 200 friends of conservation turned out at Shaw Farms on September 13th for the 75th Annual Meeting of the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District. Prior to the official meeting, the district hosted an open house, where visitors could view photos and documents from years past, check out our new “augmented reality” sandbox, see antique tractors and take part in different Shaw Farm activities. Attendees also had a chance to visit with the Park District naturalist or the Newport Aquarium, which brought a sturgeon in a mobile fish tank funded by the Regional Storm Water Collaborative.

The meeting got underway with the election of two board supervisors (see pg. 2) and a tasty meal by Taste of the Good Life Catering.

Several conservation partners were recognized for their 2017-2018 achievements in the conservation field. Ted Hollaender of Wayne Township was honored as the District’s Conservation Cooperator of the Year (see article p.6)

Christa Burbage, 3rd grade teacher at Seipelt Elementary in Milford, was awarded the District’s Outstanding Conservation Teacher of the Year award.

Christa has taught in the Milford School District for 14 years, and has been committed to bringing agriculture into the classroom. She grew up surrounded by agriculture, with her family raising cattle as well as market hogs which were sold to 4-H’ers in Clermont County. For the past 14 years, Christa has organized an “Ag” day at Seipelt, where FFA members bring livestock for her students to see, touch and learn about first hand, and teach students about crop production, cuts of meat and how farming has changed over time.



*Christa Burbage receiving recognition by county commissioner David Painter (right) and representative John Becker.*

Christa is passionate about providing her students with as many “real world” opportunities as possible. She coordinates with the Cincinnati Area Coral Reef Enthusiasts so her students can learn about ecosystems in a hands on manner. In her classroom, she plans a week of science stations for each unit so that the students get an opportunity to work together on experiments

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## Glassmeyer, Winemiller Re-elected to Board of Supervisors



In the election held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, Joe Glassmeyer (left) retained his seat on the Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors, where he will begin serving his twelfth term. Joe operates a farm in Felicity and has held various positions at the district and state level.

Todd Winemiller (right) has also retained his seat by being elected to his third term as board supervisor. Todd currently farms approximately 3500 acres and resides in Wayne Township.



Their terms will begin January 1, 2019 and run through 2021.

Congratulations to both gentlemen and thank you for serving your conservation district!

*From Pg. 1 Annual Meeting*

and group projects. She and her students have also built a butterfly garden to provide habitat for monarchs.

The Clermont County Commissioners and the Ohio Congress and governors office presented the award recipients with proclamations recognizing their accomplishments and dedication to promoting good land stewardship.

The district would like to extend a special thank-you to all individuals and businesses who donated funds or door prizes to help make the 2018 conservation banquet a great success.



## Calling All Artists

Want to showcase your art in the Rain Barrel Art Benefit Auction?

### Here is How:

1. Visit [SaveLocalWaters.org](http://SaveLocalWaters.org) website to sign up and submit your idea for approval by Jan. 21
2. Once approved attend the artist workshop on February 9 at the Cincinnati Zoo.
3. Pick up your rain barrel at end of the workshop
4. Return your painted rain barrel March 28-30 and visit it at the Cincinnati Zoo through April.

**Simple as that!**

This Rain Barrel Art Project was created to promote the use of rain barrels throughout the Ohio River Valley area via an entertaining yet educational medium.

Visit [SaveLocalWaters.org](http://SaveLocalWaters.org) for more information.

## Rain Barrel Art Benefit Auction April 25, 2019

*(online auction Apr. 15 to 25)*



*Former Staff, Supervisors and District Cooperators*



## Spring Litter Clean-Up Kicks Off with T-shirt Design Contest

Clermont SWCD and the Valley View Foundation are kicking off the 2019 Spring Litter Clean-Up (SLC) event with a T-shirt Design Contest for local K-12 students. This year's contest is sponsored by the Duke Energy Foundation, Southern Ohio Association of Realtors (SOAR), and the Clermont County Ohio Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB). Any K-12 student attending a school located in Clermont County or within the East Fork Little Miami River watershed (including home-schooled students) is eligible to compete.

T-shirt designs should emphasize litter clean-up and prevention. Students can register for the contest through the event website: [www.springlittercleanup.com](http://www.springlittercleanup.com). The student with the winning design will receive a \$100 cash award and an additional \$100 gift given to their school art department or local art program. There will also be 13 grade-level awards of \$25 each. The 2019 Spring Litter Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at various locations across Clermont County and the East Fork Watershed. Entries due to the SWCD office by Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 by 4 pm.



*Williamsburg Dam taken earlier this year.*



*Riffles where the dam once stood.*

## Calendar

Monthly Board Meeting	Dec. 12 11:30 am
Holiday (Office Closed)	Dec. 25
Holiday (Office Closed)	Jan. 1
Monthly Board Meeting	Jan. 9 8 am
Holiday	Jan. 21
Monthly Board Meeting	Feb. 13 8 am
Holiday (Office Closed)	Feb. 18
Plant Sale Website Opens Late Feb.	



*2018 t-shirt winner presentation with county commissioners.*

## Williamsburg Low-Head Dam Removed

After more than two years of planning, the Village of Williamsburg, Clermont SWCD and other project partners have removed a low-head dam on the East Fork Little Miami River, restoring its natural system and opening up 85+ miles of free-flowing waterway.

Public safety and stream restoration were the primary goals for this project. Many communities across Ohio are opting to remove defunct low-head dams. To date, over 65 low-head dams in Ohio have been eliminated. Funding for the Williamsburg project was provided by Ohio EPA's Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP).

This project also required the relocation of fresh-water mussels within the project area. Most were moved upstream, but some were moved to Mill Creek in Hamilton County to help establish mussels that have been lost for decades in that watershed. This is the first mussel relocation effort across watersheds approved in Ohio by Ohio EPA.

## Shaw Farms Named Bicentennial Family Farm

On October 11, David Daniels, the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, visited Clermont County to recognize Shaw Farms in Miami Township as an “Ohio Bicentennial Family Farm.” This extraordinary designation identifies Shaw Farms as being owned and operated by the same family for over 200 years.

Founder Thomas Shaw moved to Clermont County from Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1807 when he purchased 68 acres in Miami Township. The following year, Shaw purchased an additional 63 acres from none other than General William Lytle, who some recognize as the “Father of Clermont County.” Thomas’ son, James Shaw, purchased the current property in 1834. His son, William, helped run the farm until he was captured during the Civil War and died at the notorious Andersonville prison camp.

Today, Shaw Farms is run by members of the family who are six to eight generations removed from the founder, and is led by matriarch Jean Shaw, who at age 87 still works full days at the farm. The future of the farm is in good hands, with ninth and tenth generation children living and playing on the farm. Shaw Farms is perhaps best known for the produce they sell and their annual Fall Festival, which includes a corn maze, an interactive playground, hayrides and more.



*Recognition of Shaw Farms by  
Commissioner David Painter*

Clermont SWCD would like to express our appreciation of the following individuals, businesses and organizations for their support through donations to the 75th Anniversary Celebration and other district events:

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### **Special Thanks:**

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Pilot Todd Winemiller  
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Grant’s Farm & Greenhouse  
Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
Clermont Co. Visitor’s Bureau  
Jones Fish & Lake Management  
Southern Ohio Association of Realtors  
Clermont SWCD’s Amazing Supervisors!

## Ohio River Sweep Coordinator Needed

We need help keeping the Ohio River clean! Clermont County is seeking a coordinator for the Ohio River Sweep held each year on the 3rd Saturday in June. The Sweep Coordinator would be responsible for promoting the event, registration and delivering cleanup supplies from ORSANCO to the site coordinators in New Richmond, Moscow, Neville and Chilo. The coordinator usually dedicates about 40 hours total to organize the event. This is a paid position through Valley View Foundation, which will provide support to the coordinator. If you are interested, contact Vanessa Hannah at [vhannah@valleyviewcampus.org](mailto:vhannah@valleyviewcampus.org), or at (513) 218-1098.

## Thanks to all our Cooperators for all the Conservation Best Management Practices Installed this Year

Roy Barger Jr	Brush management (2)	Jeremy Myers	Nutrient management, cover crop, tillage management
Robert Bolce	Brush management (2)	Anthony Panetta	Nutrient management
Boy Scouts of America	Brush management (3)	David & Joseph Pelosi	Grassed waterway
Chatham Farms	Prescribed grazing	Tyler Peron	Critical area planting, roof and cover, HUA
Cincinnati Nature Center	Conservation cover	Martha Rose	Nutrient management
Cornwell Farms	Grassed Waterway	Richard Rosselot	Cover crop, nutrient management
Emily Clark	Pipeline (2), HUA, watering facility (2)	Donald Smith	Brush management (2)
E Wiederhold Farms LLC	Cover crop, nutrient management	Charles Stahl	Cover crop
William Eckert	Grassed Waterway	James Stahl	Nutrient management
Charles Ernstes	Tree/shrub establishment, brush management (2)	John Stahl	Cover crop
Robert Fee	Nutrient management	Jason Tolliver	Forest stand improvement, brush management, tree/shrub site prep
Lousie Gartner	Cover crop, IPM, high tunnel (2), nutrient management	Varick Family Trust	Brush management (4)
Ted Hollender	Nutrient management, cover crop, no-till	Laura Weber	Tree/shrub establishment, brush management (2), weed control
Mark Jones	Weed control, conservation cover	Daniel Weber	Tree/shrub establishment, tree/shrub site prep.
League for Animal Welfare	Brush management	David Werring	Nutrient management, cover crop
Lee J Farms	Cover crop	Tim Werring	Nutrient management
Lori Lenhart	High tunnel, Subsurface drain, roof runoff structure, underground outlet	Tony Werring	Nutrient management
James Liming	Cover crop, nutrient management	Wolfer Farms	Cover crop
Mark Liming	Cover crop, nutrient management		
James Metzger	Brush management (3)		
Jeremy Mount	Brush management (5) Tree establishment, forest stand improvement		

*\*(2)- Number of practices completed  
HUA- Heavy Use Area Protection  
IPM- Integrated Pest Management*

*If your address is incorrect or you would like to be added / removed from our mailing list, please contact us at (513) 732-7075.*

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## Hollaender Honored as SWCD Cooperator of the Year

Ted Hollaender farms about 700 acres of corn and soybeans in northern Clermont County, and is constantly exploring different ways to improve his operations, especially for conservation. He has participated in the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program to make improvements on his land using management practices such as no till, nutrient management, conservation crop rotation, cover crops, and he has plans for pollinator plantings. Ted is also enrolled in the Conservation Stewardship Program, which serves to reward producers for being good stewards of the land, while making further improvements.

When applying fertilizer, he follows the 4-R strategy (Right source, Right rate, Right time, and Right place) of nutrient management, and includes the use of variable rate applications recommended in the Tri-State Fertility Guide.

Ted has also been willing to help the District with

different projects, including researching the benefits of using the Haney soil test, and allowing us to collect soil samples to help better calibrate the East Fork Soil and Water Assessment Tool model.

Ted plants about 450 acres of cover crops each year – about 2/3 of his fields. He has experimented with several different types of cover crop mixes to build soil health and increase infiltration at a faster pace than would occur with a single species.



*Ted Hollaender (left) receiving recognition from Clermont County Commissioner David Painter.*