



Ohio Natural History Conference

SOUTHEAST OHIO
THE UNGLACIATED ALLEGHENY PLATEAU

February 22nd 2025
Ohio History Connection
& Zoom virtual

Conference Schedule

(Presenters are given in bold)

- 8:15 Registration and Refreshments (Coffee & Pastries)
Set up posters; OBS Book Sales; Silent Auction
- 9:00 Welcome Address: **Constance Hausman PhD**, OBS Executive Director
- 9:10 **Keynote Presentation**
“The heart of it all was the start of it all: Revisiting original land surveyor notes and their application to conservation today.” **Rick Gardner**, Chief Botanist, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- 10:00 **OBS Awards Presentation**
Naturalist Award - Julie Zickefoose, Nature Artist and Writer
Herbert Osborn Award - Dr. J. Eric Juterbock, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University - Lima
- 10:15 Break

Paper Session I:

- 10:30 “How natural is “natural forest”? The biological legacy of 200 years of human land use in SE Ohio” **Glenn Matlack, PhD**, Professor of Environmental and Plant Biology, Ohio University
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- 11:00 “The 2025 emergence of the Periodical Cicada Brood XIV in Ohio. **Gene Kritsky PhD**, Chief Science Officer, Mount St. Joseph University, cdarwin@aol.com
- 11:30 “Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest: Natural History and Research Highlights” **Todd Hutchinson, PhD**, Research Ecologist USDA Forest Service, todd.hutchinson@usda.gov
- 12:00 “Bats” **Eileen Wyza, PhD**, Wildlife Biologist, Ohio Division of Wildlife, eileen.wyza@dnr.ohio.gov

- 12:30 Lunch Break & Virtual Break: may review pdf of posters – shared with virtual attendees
- 1:00pm **Poster Session:** with authors in attendance
- 1:20 **Silent Auction** – Final Call

Paper Session II:

- 2:00 Announcements (Jobs, Internships, Workshops, & Grants) – open call
- 2:10 “The rarest of rodents – The Allegheny Woodrat in Ohio” **Laura Hughes**, Contract Biologist
- 2:40 “The Deep Woods Biological Inventory: An Unfinished Project Worth Doing” **Dave Horn, PhD**, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University.
- 3:10 ” American chestnut: history, reclamation plantings and future.” **Stephen Rist**, Athens District Manager, Ohio Division of Forestry, Stephen.rist@dnr.ohio.gov
- 3:40 “Safeguarding Science: Ensuring the Integrity of Collections During Relocation” **Heather Stehle**, Executive Director/Preserve Manager, Crane Hollow Preserve, heather@cranehollow.org
- 4:10 Closing Remarks

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