



**Issue 3 | August 2022**

Just as ripples spread when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching impact. *The Ripple* is a special newsletter created by Cincinnati Nature Center for people who want ideas, insights, and inspiration to act in support of nature and the environment.

**Don't Miss the Next Common Good Gathering!**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Want to know what the buzz is about? Then don't miss the next Common Good Gathering. This facilitated experience connects you to others who want to take action for conservation. The best way forward, as our facilitator and guide Peter Block says, may be through relationship-based action at a local level. Come see what that means and discuss what matters most to YOU. **The next gathering is Wednesday, August 17, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Groesbeck Lodge** (no pizza this time—eat before you come or bring a snack). [Click here to RSVP.](#)

[Click Here to See Notes from the First Meeting](#)

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Cincinnati Nature Center offers many opportunities for volunteerism. [Click here to learn more about volunteering at Cincinnati Nature Center.](#)

**Mill Creek Alliance:**

**Thursday, August 11, 7:30-10:30 am**  
Join us for a pop-up invasive removal and clean-up at 3368 Mill Creek Rd. Meet at the Yellow bridge to prepare for a tree planting that will take place the following week with General Electric. [Click here to register.](#)



**Saturday, September 24**  
Volunteers comfortable with iNaturalist are needed to participate in our bio blitz as both observers and fact-checkers during the [Run the Riffles event](#). You may come to the event or participate from home as you check the accuracy of visitors' identifications on iNaturalist. [Click here to learn more.](#)

**Saturday, October 29**  
Sign up for our volunteer clean-up of Mill Creek by boat. We are looking for those who want to glitter up Mill Creek by removing litter from our freshwater watershed by canoe. For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

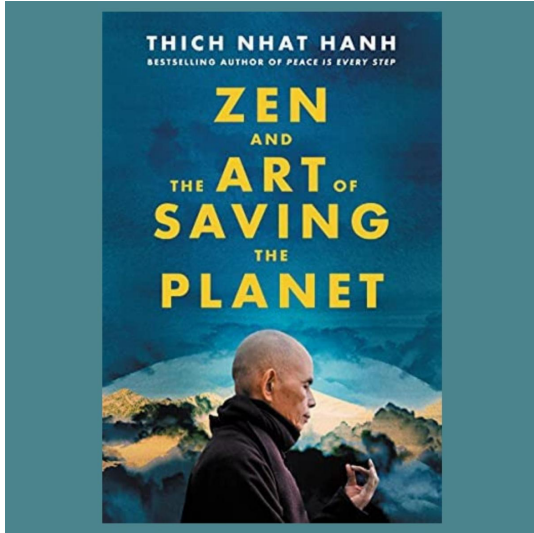
## Fall Weekdays

Volunteers are needed to assist school groups with macroinvertebrate seining, chemical testing of water, birding, engineering calculations, and/or fishing. A curriculum will be provided for naturalists ahead of time. No experience is needed, just enthusiasm and the joy of learning. If interested, email Johnny Dwyer at [jdwyer@themillcreekalliance.org](mailto:jdwyer@themillcreekalliance.org).

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## Learn More to Do More (Trainings and Discussions)

[Click here to see full descriptions and information on the programs listed below.](#)



### Book Discussion Group: Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet

Thursdays in September 3-4:30 pm

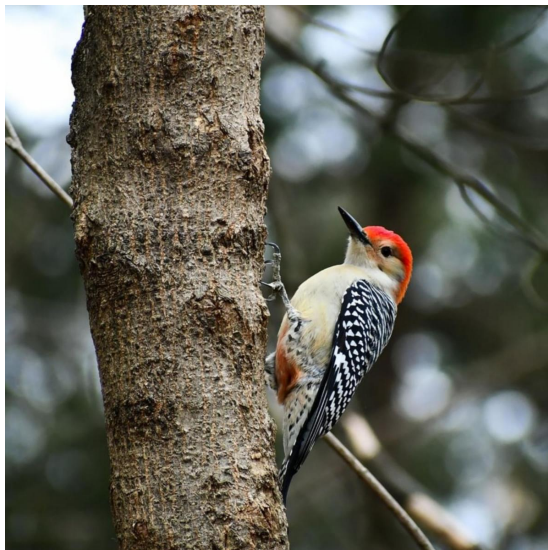
Free; bring your own copy of the book. Space is limited to 10 people. To participate, contact Chris at [lottmaca@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:lottmaca@ucmail.uc.edu).



### Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program

[September 17-October 29, In-Person and Online](#)

The OCVN program emphasizes hands-on natural resource and environmental education coupled with volunteer service. It's a wonderful way to learn more about nature and to empower you to be a more confident volunteer.



### Other Educational Opportunities

Here are some resources for new ideas about ways to take action and to communicate with others. Click the name of each one for more details.

- [Learn How to be a Master Rain Gardener](#) with Cincinnati Master Rain Gardeners
- [Tree Recognition and Forest Literacy Day](#): Master the field identification of Ohio's native trees in the context of their habitat, associations, and natural history.
- [Certified Interpretive Guide Training](#): This nationally recognized program is designed

for those looking to improve their presentation techniques.

- [Listen to this podcast](#) to learn about motivations and barriers and consider how to apply what you learn within your social circles for issue you care about.

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## News from Your Peers

Learn how other Nature Center members are making a difference, overcoming obstacles, and forming connections through service. If you would like to tell your story about an environmental issue, action, or cause in which you are working to make a difference, you may submit your blog for consideration to Connie O'Connor at [coconnor@cincynature.org](mailto:coconnor@cincynature.org). Keep it short and send photos. Maybe we will use your piece next time!

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## Give Us Your Feedback

You're receiving this action-oriented newsletter because either you signed up for it after completing the Cincinnati Nature Center survey or because you are a graduate of the Nature Center's Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program.

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