



# The Fence Post

Remembering 2015—Looking ahead to 2016

January 2016

### Mission:

- Preserve nature and the environment on the CFNP property in the context of its historic agricultural use;
- Provide a learning environment for area youth groups;
- Establish and maintain a refuge for safe and socially acceptable activities with an emphasis on preservation of the ecology; and
- Preserve the history of the Christy Family in the Fremont and Sandusky County area.



## If You Think 2015 Was Impressive, Just Wait Until You See 2016!

2015 saw the hiring of Aly Rumer, our first Operations Manager, the return of regular school field trips to the Preserve, litter pick ups, yoga at the barn, family nights around the campfire, nature hikes, scout camp outs, youth bow hunts, blue birdhouse installations, and much more.



Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellies

The CFNP has gained significant momentum in the past couple years, thanks in large part to the incredible amount of community support we have received. In addition, the Preserve has forged new collaborations and re-lit old partnerships in a new vigorous attempt to

achieve every point of our Mission Statement.

Our programming will continue to grow on 3 major fronts. 1) Outdoor Education: Last year 1/3 of the Fremont City Schools 7th graders visited for a day of curriculum based classes at the Preserve. This year

that program will expand to the entire 7th grade class, with additional trips from the French class, and more.

2) Activities that focus on conservation: Additional programs will be added to the schedule, including a summer camp for children and other workshops and classes.

3) Historical Preservation: Ongoing efforts to preserve the historic Christy Barn and Christy Cabin will be a major focus of all activities.

We want you to join us outside for an amazing

## The Christy Cabin Turns 80!

The Christy Cabin was built in 1936 at the direction of our founder's father. It was built as a collaboration between the Christy Family and Fremont's Kiwanis Club. It has served the local scouting community ever since.

To celebrate the Cabin's 80th anniversary CFNP is holding a year long

fundraiser called 80 for 80.

We are looking for 80 donors to give \$80 each. Each donor's name will be placed on a plaque inside the cabin and will receive a special commemorative 80th anniversary patch. Over the past 3 years significant renovations have been made to the cabin thanks to local scouts to return it to its historic condition. Open houses will be scheduled throughout the year.

D. LaMar Christy Jr. (center) is pictured on the cabin porch.





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We are fortunate to have so many fantastic members and volunteers. Thanks to all of you!

## Programs/Events Coming in 2016

Events celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Christy Cabin

May 7-15 Biggest Week in American Birding

May 7,9,11,13 Guided Birding Tour

June 18, 2016—Father's Day Eve, Bourbon at the Barn

CFNP's First Summer Day Camp June 13-16 & July 18-22

Yoga at the Preserve

Family Days at the Preserve

Nature Hikes

September 24, 2016—BARN PARTY!

Youth Bow Hunt Lotteries

## Updates from the Board

Our Board of Trustees is an active bunch who meet 4 times per year, in addition to committee meetings and volunteering at events. Our newest board members include **Sara Sherick** (2015), **Dan Zimmerman** (2016), and **Holly Elder** (2016). We are extraordinarily lucky to have these new members. All three of them are active in the community and bring a new perspective to our already diverse board. In addition, the board recently created an advisory committee for former Trustees who wish to remain active in the organization. Carrol (Tex) Barron, who has lived on the Christy Farm for over 60 years and has a long history with the Christy family, and Eleni Albrechta will serve as the first active members of that committee. Please visit our website to see the full list of active board members and learn more about the history of CFNP. ([ChristyPreserve.org](http://ChristyPreserve.org))

## Renew Your Membership TODAY!

Christy Farm Nature Preserve members will receive The Fence Post (CFNP's Annual Newsletter), membership voting rights, notification of all programming, and other new events coming to the Preserve this year. Most importantly, you will receive peace of mind knowing that you helped conserve natural habitat, promote outdoor youth activities and educational programs, and preserve our historic barn and cabin. Please detach the form below and return to the CFNP with your donation.

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### Christy Farm Nature Preserve Annual Membership

Sign up for:	Number	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	(\$25.00)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	(\$50.00)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	(\$100.00)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	(\$250.00)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	(\$500.00)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	(\$1,000.00)	\$

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Please remove and return to 2228 Hayes Avenue, Suite A, Fremont, Ohio, 43420 with your donation.

Checks should be made out to "Christy Farm Nature Preserve, Inc." The CFNP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.