

**The Lake Erie Islands Nature Museum  
Great Christmas Gift Idea!**

Stan and Joey Wulkowicz have offered their 1.8 acres of wooded land on Meacham Rd. along with the Alaskan Wildlife Museum and its wonderful displays for a nominal cost if it will continue as a museum. The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy (LEIC-BSC) with the support of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society (LEIHS) Board of Trustees recognized this great opportunity to have a Natural History Museum on the Lake Erie Islands and signed a preliminary agreement. A committee has been set up with members from both groups to work on this project together. A separate account has been set up to purchase and maintain this museum and land.

The grounds could be open to the public with a woodland interpretive trail and a Nature Museum dedicated to learning about the islands' natural heritage. The museum and woods would provide a permanent home for the LEIC-BSC popular Nature Camp program. The LEIHS would use the site to offer Elderhostel Days of Discovery programs for adults and children to enjoy together. It could provide space for an office and nature sales area for the Conservancy.

The natural history displays in both the LEIHS Museum and the Alaskan Wildlife Museum were very popular with school children. Unfortunately, the conditions at the LEIHS site were not conducive to maintaining the mounts and they had to be removed. The new Nature Museum would solve this problem.

To kick off the fundraising for this new museum, Doris Hubschman came up with a great idea. We are offering honorary square meter plots of the property at \$50 a piece. You will receive an honorary ownership certificate. This would be a great Christmas gift or memorial- a gift that will keep on giving in natural history education benefits over the years! Buy one now and help us purchase this treasure! Send \$50.00 to The Nature Museum Fund c/o Lake Erie Islands Historical Society (or L.E.I. H.S.), P. O. Box 25, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 using the form below.

Interested in a larger donation? We would love to talk with you about this project. Call 419-285-2804 or 419-285-5811 to schedule a meeting and possibly a tour of the Nature Museum. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the purchase and serve on this committee. If successful, we will need volunteers to help with the museum, trail, and programs.

We wish to thank Stan and Joey Wulkowicz for their generous offer and gift to the community. They have a vision of saving a bit of the island for the future and giving us all an opportunity to learn about the islands beauty through a museum. Please help us make this purchase a reality!

**Nature Museum Committee Members**

Lisa Brohl, Susie Cooper, Bob Russell, Carol Ferguson, Kristin Stanford, Maggie Beckford, Kendra Koehler and Doris Hubschman

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