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Grandson of Earl & Sallie Oglebay

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Friends,

Work in the park must continue even during a prolonged period of uncertainty as we navigate this global pandemic. Public parks, and our work at Oglebay and Wheeling Park specifically, are more important than ever before as centers of community learning, health, and wellness. As we launch into our summer season, we dedicate this issue of the American Ideal to stewardship – the taking care of everything that goes into our beloved parks, the incredible people who care for our parks daily, the generous donors who give to

make the parks better, and the volunteers who provide guidance and time to oversee the management and future of our resources.

There are numerous accounts on the ongoing impact the Covid-19 virus has on our communities, the economy and business, home and family life. As the pandemic wove its way to Wheeling, we were fortunate to be able to anticipate its arrival and formulate a plan for how Oglebay would respond, persevere and thrive. We never closed; **we hovered on the precipice of possibility.** We thought of creative ways to use our facilities in an appropriate, responsible way.

Free Wilson Lodge accommodations were made available to any health care worker who didn't want to risk bringing the virus home. Wheeling Park's parking serves as a drive-through testing site, the first in the state. While renovations were being done to the Garden Bistro, the patio at the Crispin Center was turned into a café to accommodate takeout and outdoor dining. The Oglebay Golf team created industry-leading methods to continue playing while keeping players safe. **We have much to celebrate and be thankful for.**

In this issue, you'll read about the ongoing commitment that the Williams Companies has for the conservation and environmental stewardship efforts being done at the Good Zoo. We introduce you to Stephen Bailey who, while taking care of the courses at Speidel, reminds us how special Wheeling and Oglebay are.

Members of the food and beverage, banquet and call center teams became horticulture specialists playing a major role planting the formal gardens throughout the Hilltop and around our historic structures, while others leapt at the opportunity to work on the trails.

Inspired by the team's love of Oglebay, we highlight Dr. Carrie Kappel, whose first job was here, and Andy Barger and Betty McKinley, who spent their working lives at Oglebay.

We also examine the opportunities to bird watch with a look at the programming offered by our environmental partner, Oglebay Institute's Schrader Center, and highlight the miniapiary provided by the Belmont County Correctional Institute with the help of the Tri-State Beekeepers Association.

Finally we salute the Sparachane family's desire to ensure that access to fun is available to all.

It is thanks to so many generous gifts of time and treasure, that stewardship, not just of our land, but also our resources, our people, and our history ensures the magic of Oglebay will continue forever.



THEN&NOW Oglebay Through The Years

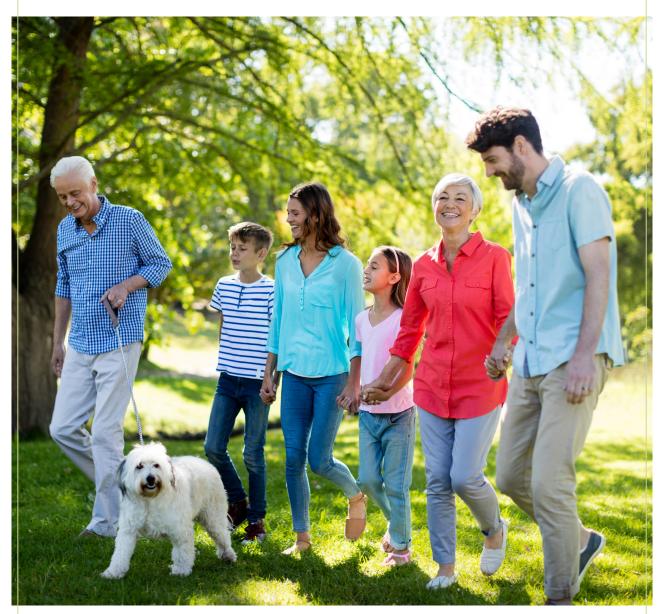




GOOD ZOO PLAYGROUND

Oglebay continues to be the crown jewel of municipal parks anywhere in the world. Your investments in the Oglebay Foundation ensure that Oglebay will be here for generations to come.

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"Our family has always enjoyed the parks, and we feel it's important to include the Oglebay Foundation in our estate plans."



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THE GOOD ZOO HAS RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION for its species conservation efforts. Some of their efforts are focused on saving bobcats, Eastern hellbenders, eagles, hawks, owls and monarch butterflies. This year, thanks to support from Williams Companies, red wolf conservation returns to Oglebay.

Red wolves are the second most endangered mammal in the United States. They once ranged throughout the Eastern U.S., including here in the Ohio Valley. Today, there are approximately 40 animals in the wild and about 200 wolves are managed in human care. The Good Zoo had a red wolf habitat from 1990-2006. During that window a remarkable 21 red wolf pups were born and reared here.

"Conservation is an important part of the work we do at Oglebay's Good Zoo. Breeding the wolves in human care has been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since the late 1980s in an attempt to save the species," Dr. Joe Greathouse, director of the Good Zoo, shared. "Thanks to the support of Williams Companies, we were able to quickly respond to the need to support the species again. With any luck, given our past success, wolves that are reared here at Oglebay will be part of that reintroduction process."

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When the zoo created the African Adventure area that includes the new, larger cheetah habitat, there was an opening for another species. Given the important need for continued conservation support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approached the Good Zoo to participate in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Red Wolf Species Survival Plan again. The Williams Companies committed to helping convert their new habitat. The wolves now at home in Oglebay came from the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, New York.

"Williams is committed to conservation work across the country. The Good Zoo offers Williams a multitude of ways we can contribute and participate. Together we've worked on the bobcat habitat and Eastern hellbender conservation efforts associated with the zoo's West Virginia Conservation Center, as well as their pollinator garden and now the new red wolf habitat. The work being done by the Good Zoo perfectly aligns with Williams' environmental stewardship efforts. We're very proud of our association with the Good Zoo," said Barbara Hasbini, Williams Corporate Social Responsibility Senior Specialist.

Red wolves tend to have one litter each year sometime around April or May. Litters tend to have between five and seven pups. When pups are old enough to be reintroduced into the wild, USFWS coordinates where a wild wolf has recently given birth and introduces the zoo pup into the wild litter.

"Having a strong corporate partner like Williams Companies has made a tremendous impact on the Good Zoo," said Eriks Janelsins, Oglebay Foundation President and CEO. "Williams Companies' employees give time, treasure and talent. Williams' employees have participated in all of our conservation efforts. Their first question when they come to the table is, 'How can we help?' It doesn't get any better than that."

In cooperation with West Liberty University Zoo Science major, the Good Zoo provides training for future animal care or conservation professionals in the form of internships, apprenticeships, and experiential opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Giving these students the opportunity to work with endangered species is invaluable experience.

The Good Zoo is open to the public daily from $10 \text{ a.m.} - 5 \text{ p.m.} \checkmark$



STEWARDSHIP OF LAND AND WAT

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS IN WHEELING



Stephen and Stephanie Bailey with their daughters Anna (3), Olivia (4), & Ella (1mo)

Stephen Bailey spent the last 10 ½ years working on municipal golf courses in northwestern Pennsylvania. Last fall, Bailey thought he wanted more of a challenge and found a job posting for the Speidel Golf Course Superintendent position at Oglebay.







The Corry, PA, native had never heard of Oglebay so he started to do some research, and then some more. "My wife Stephanie says I can get a little obsessive, but in my defense, Oglebay and Wheeling had so much to offer. The park made me want to apply for the job, but learning about the surrounding community made the opportunity even more appealing," Bailey shared.

His interview and property tour during a torrential rain storm allowed Bailey to see "the good, the bad and the ugly, but mostly a lot of potential and the chance to make an enormous difference. I knew I wanted the job." He joined the Oglebay golf team on March 2, 2020.

During the window in late spring before the golfseason gets underway, Bailey began implementing his plans. He and his crew started making some of the necessary improvements on the greens and fairways. They addressed drainage issues and took on the Sisyphean tasks of maintaining sand traps, t-boxes, green surrounds, and on and on. "Increased rounds equal increased revenue, so I gave the crew a common goal 'Make the place look as great as possible,' and

two rules: one, if it doesn't look right do it again until it does, and two, keep the plants healthy and happy."

The Speidel golf courses really look great and Bailey is quick to point out, "That's thanks to a big team." Much of our success is due to managing pesticides and water to a minimum, not an easy task given the topography of our courses.

Bailey sticks to best management practices when it comes to not overwatering. He says, "It is ok to let the plant roots search for water. We ensure the plants remain healthy by testing the soil and giving it whatever is needed to limit fungicide inputs. My crew is that extra set of eyes on the property. With 36 holes, I simply can't be on each one every single day. The maintenance staff keeps me updated on what's actually happening on the course. They do a fantastic job and I appreciate all that they do."

Speidel Golf Club is home to Oglebay's two championship courses designed by legends Robert Trent Jones (1970) and Arnold Palmer (2000). Nestled in the rolling hills surrounding the two courses are the Hamm Club House and 14 deluxe cottages. The area is named for the Speidel

family. Joseph Speidel III gifted over several years JoBetty farm consisting of 280 acres on the northwest corner of the park to the Park System Trust Fund. Mr. Speidel also gave the money for the purchase of the neighboring Cortellesi farm (1955, sixty acres), and the Bruner farm (1961, fifty-six acres) for a combined total of just shy of 400 acres for the park.

To complete the Palmer Course additional lands were needed. The Kontoggiannis family donated approximately 70 of the 140 acres necessary to build the course. The remaining acres came from brothers Vince and John Griffith. After construction was underway, Arnold Palmer gave his permission to call the project a Palmer Signature Course, the first time this honor was given to a public course. When the course opened in 2000, it was named for Archibald Klieves following a substantial gift from Jane Klieves Sauder to honor her father.

Wheeling native and Oglebay Golf General Manager Danny Ackerman reports that, "It's not hard to sell Oglebay, but it's difficult to explain. Oglebay isn't any one thing, but the collective sum of all the elements that make the park, and by extension Wheeling, unique. Oglebay is a venue

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where golfers feel comfortable. That's why they return season after season." Ackerman believes that Bailey's fresh perspective has already had a positive impact on the consistency of the condition of the Speidel courses which over time will only continue to improve.

In addition to all the challenges that spring 2020 brought, Bailey moved his wife (then 7 months pregnant) and two daughters, ages 4 and 3, to temporary park housing. "Making the move to Wheeling was easy. I've felt very welcomed by all the park staff. Best of all, my entire family has felt super welcomed by the community." As of June 11th Stephen and Stephanie welcomed their third daughter and are currently house hunting in Wheeling.

"Oglebay's appeal is not just to the high-end golfer, but also to the scratch and daily players. There are opportunities for people at any game level to enjoy a round and when their golf game is finished, there is so much more to do here," Bailey observed. "Oglebay and Wheeling are the whole package, we made a good move," and we're so glad they did.

COVID-19 **RESPONSE PLAN**

KEEPING YOU SAFE

Oglebay's Golf Team implemented groundbreaking safety measures for our quests and visitors

Golf carts sanitized before each round.

Rental clubs sanitized before each round.

Payments made at the rear walk-up window at the Speidel Golf Clubhouse.

Employees wash or sanitize hands after touching any guest equipment.

One player per cart unless living in same household and/or following updates on guidance from local authorities.

Inserts added into golf hole cups to allow easy removal of balls.

Practice facility hitting areas to be at least six feet apart.

Range baskets to be sanitized before and after each usage.

Sand and seed bottles removed from carts and rakes removed from bunkers.

Congregating around Clubhouse or parking lot prohibited.

COVID-19 policies posted in each golf cart for guest information and reference.





THE TWO SIDES OF OGLEBAY

FORMAL GARDENS & NATURAL LANDSCAPES

THE WORD OGLEBAY EVOKES different memories and emotions for each of us. For some, it's the joy and adventure of a day at the pool, a winning round of golf, or the full-sensory experience of an animal encounter at the Good Zoo. For others, it might be the beauty of intricate patterns of flowers in the gardens, the dappled light through the trees, or a delicious alfresco meal at the Garden Bistro or Route 88 BBQ & Brew.

The landscape that our guests and visitors enjoy has been carefully curated since Mr. Oglebay's agricultural laboratory was transformed into the beautiful parkland you see today. In fact, records show the Oglebay family planted 372,378 trees and shrubs throughout the park from 1927-1933.

THE BISSONNETTE (FORMAL) GARDENS ON THE HILLTOP blend with the greens and fairways of four impressive golf courses. These manicured areas are surrounded by majestic woodlands waiting to be explored. These differing landscapes combine to make up our beloved park which boasts more than 2,400 acres thanks to generous neighbors and careful planning.

The formal gardens have level paths that meander around historic structures while the woods are full of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, or just getting off the beaten path. It's amazing how quickly visitors can go from being in Mr. Oglebay's backyard to a natural sanctuary where they can recharge.

Our horticulture team, lead by Director Chris Schenkel and Grounds Manager

Ryan Wilson, strives to balance the manicured areas, cultivated to stunning seasonal effects with the parts of the park left to grow naturally.

Thanks to their efforts keeping pace with new grounds-management technology and methodologies the team has been able to reduce their use of pesticides and fertilizer on the lawns by more than 50% over the last five years.

They've also been able to introduce irrigation systems to help with water conservation. Automation controls both the amount of water used and the timing of when it is released. By watering overnight plant root systems receive more water without the evaporation that occurs during daylight hours, reducing the amount of water needed.



FOR DECADES THE FORMAL GARDENS had a very specific look that was maintained and achieved year after year. As the park's deer population increased, the flower beds needed to be re-imagined with deer resistant plants. Through careful and consistent hard work, mixing tried and true plants with new varieties the gardens continue to thrive.

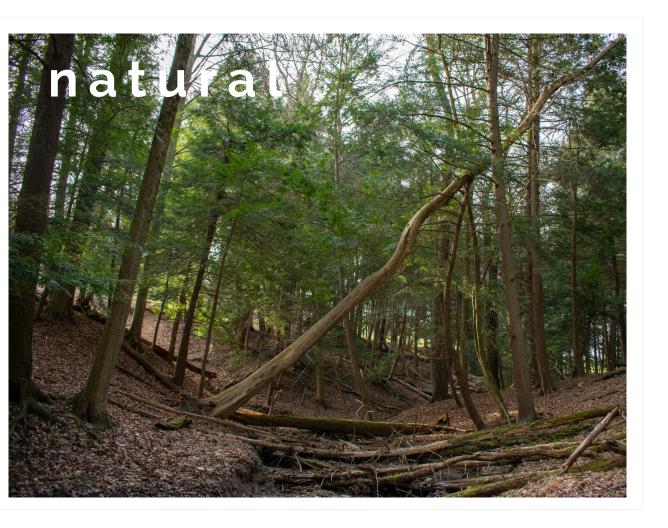
Adding hanging baskets (there are 650) and planting the top of the pergola has allowed some of the traditional flowers to be brought back into the garden design, out of the reach of hungry deer.

Schenkel and Wilson minimize their efforts, but with a little digging (no pun intended) it's clear there is an artistry and science behind plant selection,

flowerbed preparation and planning that achieves the lush, rich mixture of color and texture they create successfully season after season.

"The fear of failure is a big motivator," Schenkel shared. When asked to explain, he reports the decision making that goes into each garden is significant because the end result has to be right. Weather is a consideration. If the spring is particularly cool and wet, the lawns grow faster and need to be cut more frequently. That means shifting resources and prioritizing what team members are working on. "It all comes down to balancing resources."

A group ranging from 15-20 food and beverage/banquet and call center team members helped the park this past spring.





About half of them helped plant the formal gardens on the Hilltop. The other half leapt at the chance to work with Todd Hager, Oglebay's sports and recreation manager, clearing and cutting trails over a five week period.

The group working on the trails leveraged stones and rocks found along the paths with some leftover gravel and other building materials to make some much needed repairs and improvements. The team was able to address some water management issues, rerouting streams and adding drainage. The remarkable results speak for themselves.

"The overwhelming support from the Oglebay Food & Beverage Team transformed the trail systems and gave my department a major leg up on maintenance for the summer and fall seasons. This job is a year round endeavor that's left to me and a group of volunteers. The F&B team helped me address some major work that I couldn't have done alone," Hager explained. "I was most impressed with the team's obvious love of and commitment to the work they were doing. I don't think anyone worked harder this spring than they did."

Seven of the park's 14 trails received the attention of the team with major work completed on the Brooks, Driehorst, Falls Vista, Muir and Serpentine Trails to name some. Hager offers guided hikes along the trails throughout the year. Thanks to his knowledge of the surrounding trees and the trail conditions he was able to focus the team on the greatest opportunity for improvement.

The debate over which of the two sides of the park is better is a rhetorical one, because one doesn't exist without the other. Thanks to the dedicated teamwork and leadership of many, the formal gardens and natural landscape come together to create the park we all know and love.







PLANS

Making a Difference IN THE PARKS

Charitable planned gifts offer a tremendous opportunity for you to provide valuable financial support, receive a benefit in return, and leave a tremendous legacy.

Wheeling Park was created through 170 leadership gifts made in December of 1924, and 96 years later the community continues to benefit from the visionary philanthropy of civic leaders who purchased Wheeling Park and created the Wheeling Park Commission.

Through a bequest, Earl Oglebay left a legacy of 750 majestic acres, gardens, historic farm buildings, a tradition of quality hospitality, and a vision for a future of first class recreational opportunities that has grown into the park we all know today.

You don't have to be rich to leave a legacy. There are several giving strategies that can be used to fund the things you love.

An estate gift is one of many ways you can make a difference in the parks. Randy Worls and Eriks Janelsins can guide you or your financial advisor on the giving vehicle that makes the most sense for your circumstances.

Some of the ways you can make a gift include:

- Retirement Account Beneficiary
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Life Estates
- Bequest

Knowing how to leverage the options available to you can make the difference in what you decide to fund. Knowing that your gift will continue to impact this community long into the future may be the greatest gift of all.

As the stepdaughter of Brooks Wigginton, (1912-1995), Wheeling Park Commission's landscape architect, Hydie Friend grew up just outside the boundaries of Oglebay Park. As a child she and her friends would walk from her home to what is now the Thoreau Trail, "Left to Schenk Lake, right to the Crispin Center and the Oglebay Pool."

After serving as the City of Wheeling's Deputy Director of Development, Friend created the Catalyst Group, a consulting enterprise specializing in community planning, historic preservation and grant writing.

For over 25 years, Friend sought grants to benefit projects, improvements and programming in Oglebay and Wheeling Park. Her efforts raised in excess of \$10,000,000. Because of her fond memories of the park and the positive influence the Oglebay family has had on her, she generously donated all her time and efforts.

The park has seen tremendous growth since she was a child, much of it directly due to her own efforts. Her knowledge of the park and its history is an incredible asset to the community and our organization.

Hydie has made a generous bequest in her estate to benefit the parks through the Oglebay Foundation.



For information on ways to join the Earl W. Oglebay Legacy Society, please contact Eriks Janelsins or Randy Worls at the Foundation today: 304-243-4166 or foundation@oglebay.com.

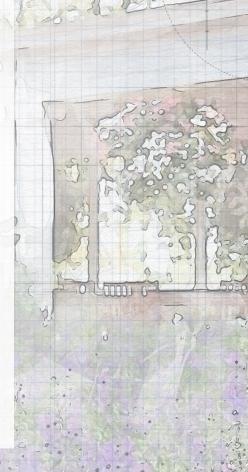


STEWARDSHIP

OF OUR HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

The Oglebay Foundation Office started life as a horse barn. The original one-story building was built circa 1856 by George Weatherall Smith (of Labatt Brewing fame) who named the property Waddington after his ancestral home in England.

Earl and Sallie Oglebay purchased Waddington in 1900 and turned the property into a farm. They converted the original barn into a large recreational space they called the "Clubhouse" circa 1901 adding the porch and columns along the decorative windows. The building underwent further renovations circa 1906 when the Oglebays added a second floor to house overnight guests. The second floor is reached by a spiral staircase and had five bedrooms, two baths, and a breakfast room with kitchenette. It is now office space. Former Oglebay Institute Director of Museums, Holly McCluskey explained, "Mr. and Mrs. Oglebay did not want their daughter Sarita's suitors to stay under the same roof, so the guest suite was needed."









During both renovations, the building's exterior was adorned with all the bells and whistles of the then-popular Greek Revival style. McCluskey shared that as a student of the late Emory Kemp, founder and director of the Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology at West Virginia University, she learned, "the idea was to balance Greek Revival exteriors with Egyptian Revival interiors, that combination was the style of the day."

When Waddington Farm became Oglebay Park the former Clubhouse went through several different iterations. Records show that the first floor was a restaurant, a retail shop and then offices. The second floor has been offices and storage including the office home for more than 30 years to the Oglebay Institute. The Clubhouse became the permanent home to the Oglebay Foundation in 2006. In 2016, the building was in need of some serious structural attention.

The Mills Group, an architecture, planning and preservation team in Wheeling came to the project with a real sense of the park and the historic importance of the building. They were tasked with redeveloping the historic Clubhouse into a multifunctional space. The group focused on adaptive reuse opportunities while maintaining its architectural aesthetic, preserving features

such as the original fireplace and mantel, the oversized interior moldings and its signature decorative windows. The roof trusses and second floor framing were reinforced to eliminate years of settlement and sag.

The first floor build-out was renovated to include the Oglebay Foundation President & CEO's office, a conference room and reception area. The total square footage also includes office space for support staff, a kitchenette, restroom and storage. Architect Vic Greco incorporated sleek, floor-to-ceiling glass walls to define the interior programming and to contrast with the ultra-traditional interior, allowing for high levels of natural light and dramatic sightlines. Mechanical and electrical systems were seamlessly and invisibly integrated into the highly-exposed interior space.

Considerably more functional, the Foundation office waits to welcome guests, friends and visitors. The location helps keep the Foundation staff focused on preserving the park's history and traditions while investing in its future and longterm success.





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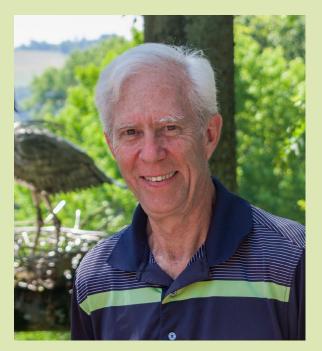






STEWARDS OF PEOPLE

OGLEBAY GAVE SOME A START AND OTHERS A CAREER



ANDY BARGER

I did my senior project for WVU School of Landscape Architecture on the Good Zoo that was under construction at the time. I met with Brooks Wigginton, the landscape architect for the Wheeling Park Commission. He was so generous, sharing his plans, designs. We hit it off and he asked me if I would work with him on a couple of things, doing the legwork, taking measurements, suggesting plants-just some general assistance. That was in the late 1970s. I spent my entire career at the Wheeling Park Commission. In addition to Wigginton, I had the opportunity to work with Randy Worls (Oglebay Foundation Chairman Emeritus), Doug Dalby (former Wheeling Park Commission President and CEO), Chris Schenkel (Director of Horticulture) to name some.

In addition to planting 100s of trees throughout the park, a major highlight of my career was designing the Hilltop area – the fountain by the main office, the red brick pathways and flower beds that make up the Bissonnette Gardens. I see people enjoying that work every day. It goes without saying how much I love Oglebay – it's been a huge part of my life.



BETTY McKINLEY

I have worked at Oglebay for more than 32 years. I was hired as a part-time cashier in 1981 and was quickly made a full-time employee. I worked in accounts receivable and then as the front desk manager. I was promoted to the assistant director and then director of the call center. The first time I retired was in 2013. I came back as a part-time accounting clerk in 2016. I used to refer to Randy Worls as "Elvis" and would alert the staff when "Elvis had entered or left the building." When Betty Worls found out, she asked if I would refer to her as "Priscilla."

When I started out, I just wanted to earn some extra pocket money, but I loved my co-workers and the guests, many of whom are still dear friends. I stayed for such a long time because it was so much fun. I still love the park, and I'm proud of my association with Oglebay.





CARRIE KAPPEL, PHD Research Biologist

National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, University of California Santa Barbara

I have always been fascinated by the natural world. As soon as I was old enough, I became a docent at Oglebay's Good Zoo, soaking up trainings on animal behavior, taxonomy, and care. It was there I met Penny Miller, the zoo's first curator, who was always deeply engaged with the docent program. The year I was entering 8th grade, Penny offered a special field trip for docents to the Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island in the Gulf of Maine. It was an ambitious, (maybe crazy?), trip to make with a bunch of junior high and high schoolers, but Penny was intrepid and we were game. On that trip, I got my first exposure to scientific research vessels, night time plankton tows, snorkeling (cold in Maine!), the rocky intertidal, whales in the wild, and courses taught by college professors. I was hooked on all of it, and I set my sights on a career in marine science. These days I am a researcher and senior fellow at the National Center for Ecological Analysis & Synthesis at UC Santa Barbara, where I study the ways that people depend upon and interact with our coasts and oceans and work collaboratively to develop solutions that can help both people and nature thrive.

The kelp forest shot: Regents of the University of California, Ronald H. McPeak, photographer.



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE BIRDS

THE COMBINATION OF OPEN SPACE and wooded areas make Oglebay an ideal habitat for both resident birds – blue jays, cardinals, robins and sparrows to name some, and migrating birds – Baltimore orioles, scarlet tanagers, vireos, and warblers.

As awareness of the importance of green space grows it highlights the value of Oglebay as a habitat for wildlife. Colorful migrating birds pass through each spring and fall, and use Oglebay as a resting spot, and many stay here to breed in the summer.

Starting in the early 1990s dozens of nesting boxes were placed around the Oglebay golf courses to support bluebirds.

Oglebay Institute's Schrader Environmental Education Center hosts summer morning Bird Walks Tuesdays and Thursdays from early June to mid August. They also offer Citizen Science opportunities by hosting the Project Feeder Watch in January and February, the Great Backyard Bird Count in mid February and the Christmas Bird Count in December. The count results are shared with the Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, two national organizations promoting the conservation of birds and their habitats.

In addition to their public programs, the Schrader Center works closely with schools in Ohio & Marshall Counties, offering field trips for all ages. A very popular program is "Fly with the Birds," where students are taught the basics of using binoculars before going on a bird walk. During this program, students act like birds in a game that has them flying through a migration course, trying to survive. Molly Check, director of the Schrader Center, says that the program "brings an awareness to the challenges that birds face as they migrate great distances over land and sea. Students are able to make personal connections

to birds living alongside us, and will hopefully grow up to become the next generation of environmental stewards."

The center also has several exhibit areas where bird feeders are eye level for visitors. Check reported, "We are fortunate to see a high biodiversity of birds throughout the park."

Last year a chimney tower was installed in partnership with the Brooks Bird Club. The chimney will provide a place for a pair of chimney swifts to nest in the summer, and may provide a resting area for dozens of swifts that pass through Oglebay during their migration.

"The Schrader Center's location within Oglebay is ideally situated, providing many different types of habitats for the large diversity of resident and migratory birds and pollinators that make Oglebay their home" Check shared. "Program participants are always excited by the opportunities that exist here."



Molly Check, Director of Oglebay Institute's Schrader Environmental Education Center

THE BEES

A HIVE OF ACTIVITY

Beekeeping at Oglebay

The Tri-State Beekeepers Association has about 70 Wheeling area members lead by association president Steve Roth. The beekeepers do quite a bit with the community including working with the Belmont County Correctional Institute (BCCI) in St. Clairsville, Ohio, to educate the inmates on the art and science of beekeeping.

"I have to admit, the first time I was asked to present at the prison, I was nervous and had many preconceived notions of what to expect. Nothing could have been further from the truth. The inmates are so engaged and ask very involved, difficult questions. I said, 'Guys give me a break, ask me something I can answer,' "Roth shared. "Our association is very proud of our affiliation with Belmont County Correctional Institute."

This past spring, the Tri-State Beekeepers Association gifted the beekeeping program at BCCI materials to be used for three new hives at Oglebay Park. Two of the new hives are animal themed. The third hive is a miniature Oglebay Mansion.

The bee hive mansion is in Wilson Lodge's atrium between Hickman Lounge and the

Ihlenfeld Dining Room. This remarkable rendition of the Oglebay Mansion is so detailed there are shadows from the door knobs and a glare on all the windows.

The two animal themed hives depict many of the animals in the Good Zoo's care. Zoo staff found the hives to be so beautiful, they were hesitant to subject them to the elements in the pollinator garden. The inmates built two more hives for outdoor use. The original animal themed hives are on display in the Good Zoo.

These remarkable hives were designed, constructed and painted by two BCCI inmates. They each earned 36 community service hours for the project.

To make one pound of honey bees must visit 2,000,000 blossoms, requiring them to collectively fly 30,000 miles. Bees also make wax from honey. To make one pound of beeswax, they must visit 17,000,000 blossoms, flying 225,000 miles - roughly the same distance from the earth to the moon. 10,000 healthy bees can produce one pound of wax in three days. The three active hives in the park will buzz their way to pollinating the trees, flowers and shrubs all over the Ohio Valley.









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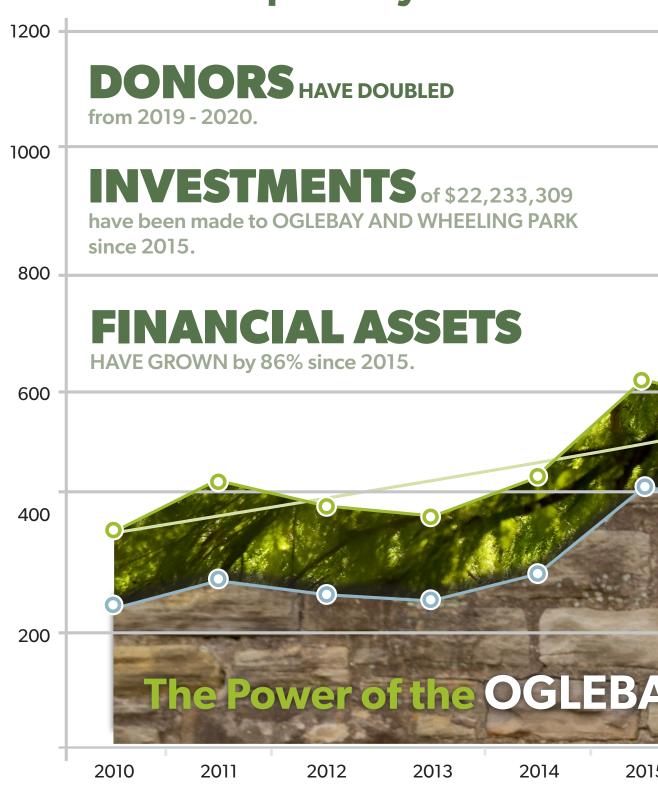






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LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD - Let all children join in the fun.



Dottie & Del Pallottini, 1988

Back: Nicholas Sparachane, Angela Sparachane, Nic & Lauren Moray with Mila

Dottie & Del's Playground is the new sigh

and Robin McCroskey

Dottie & Del's Playground is the new accessible playground located in the Good Zoo just above the African Adventure Area. Incorporating ramps and climbing areas, with soft surfaces and interactive games like tic-tac-toe and steering wheels, there are multiple levels for every child to play and have fun.

When you grow up with a family member in a wheelchair, all of the struggles to go out and do anything are just your "normal." Prior to 1990s passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, families like the Pallottinis spent time planning how to allow matriarch, Dottie, the opportunity to get out and participate. "Growing up with my mom in a wheelchair, I was always aware of the difficulty of accessibility," Patti Pallottini Sparachane explained.

Families dealing with mobility challenges are resourceful. They identify ways to limit getting in and out of the car - to hear a concert at Heritage Port, you drive to the top of the inter modal parking garage and roll the windows down - to see your grandchildren play sports, you find a parking spot with

sight lines of the whole field. "It's just what you do," said Sparachane.

The Sparachane family focuses on inclusion and access. Nick and Patti have seen how other parks have created accessible play places for everyone and wanted to bring one to Wheeling. When the Good Zoo sought donors to upgrade the former playground, "it felt so right," Sparachane shared. "We started conversations in late fall 2019, I can't believe it happened this quickly. My mother and father would be so proud, they'd be thrilled."

Sparachane added, "Our children grew up going to Oglebay and the Good Zoo. Now, it's the grandchildren. We're in the park all the time, and when you see a child in a wheelchair playing on a playground, it's not just the child's joy, but their parent's joy too. Every child should have that opportunity."

Thanks to the Sparachane family, now every child can join in the fun.



"We loved our stay. The cabin provided us with lots of room for kids and adults. Having wonderful weather made it easy to enjoy a lot of the activities. We can't wait to come back."

Sarah, June 14

"My husband and I had our very first stay for our anniversary. We had a wonderful experience at the West Spa. We really enjoyed the Glassworks Grill. The front desk was very helpful as well with our questions. The fire pits outside at night were so relaxing and we highly enjoyed the Zoo. Our room was spacious, comfortable, and clean. We will be back!"

Marina, June 7

"I haven't lived in WV for decades.

However we lived right down the street and spent our childhoods enjoying the park - my parents had their wedding reception there in the 50s. Our remaining family members come back to make new memories. It's one of my favorite places in the whole world. I'm so happy to see all of the activities happening and the continued improvements to the park."

Instagram comment: Nancy, July 16

"We can't wait to come back to Oglebay. Our kids ask to go all the time."

Instagram comment: Stephanie, July 12

"Love everything about this resort."

Camille, May 26

"Beautiful place. I highly recommend it."

Ken, May 23

"Gorgeous views! Walk past history; tour the mansion; stroll the garden center and hike the trails."

Sarah, May 7

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