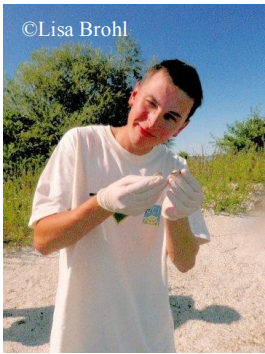




Newsletter

Center for Cultural Interchange Cleanup



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Alexey Napalkov from Russia with LEWS

On August 26, 2010, the Center for Cultural Interchange employees Adra Klopfer and Elizabeth Brennan organized an environmental event or Greenheart Club Activity for J1 work and travel students on South Bass Island. About a dozen seasonal island employees from Ghana, Jamaica, Turkey, and Russia joined LEIC-BSC members and Put-in-Bay Township Park Commissioners Lisa Brohl and Kelly Faris to remove bags of garbage from the beach at the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve. A lot of large metal and wooden items were found including an old ship's porthole. The afternoon also introduced the employees to our island environment. Some got to meet a Lake Erie water snake and monarchs, giant black and tiger swallowtails were seen in large numbers as dragonflies soared the fields. A beautiful day!



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A post party was held for participants at the Put-in-Bay Resort with food, drink and swimming for all who helped pick up garbage. The place looked nice for our Western Reserve Land Conservancy visitors the next day. Thanks to Vicky Wigle from Kayak the Bay for providing two kayaks, Marv Booker for garbage bags, Kelly Faris for the use of his truck, Bob Russell for bathroom access, Lisa and Russ Brohl for lemonade and setup, and most of all to the employees who took time from their already very busy schedule to help make our island a better place: Laila Gordon, Lindsey Newport, Theresa Taylor, Alexey Napalkov, Ivan Bezborodov, Irina Tryasova, Olga Miftokhova, Halil Kupeli, Banu Bilican, Esra Sen, Alper Sener, Opanin Ba Akyamaa, Ruslan Shigapov, Aiper Sener, Opanin ba Alyamaa, Ndolbe Andrews! Thanks also for any employers who provided transportation. We hope to work with the Center again next year!

Established in 1985, the Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI) is a non-profit international education exchange organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural understanding, academic development, environmental consciousness, and world peace. Based in Chicago, Illinois, CCI organizes high school exchange, short-term group home-stay, intern and trainee, work and travel in the U.S. and study, teach, volunteer, and language programs in over 30 countries around the world. In 2004, CCI adopted Greenheart

as its environmental and social initiative. Greenheart connects people and planet through environmentalism, fair trade, social transformation and cross cultural understanding. Learn more at www.cci-exchange.com.



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Theresa from Jamaica

LEIC-BSC On the Go

LEIC-BSC Board Members Lisa Brohl, Kristin Stanford, and Matt Thomas attended an evening garden reception in recognition of Ohio's Sportsmen and Conservation Leaders at The Governor's Residence in Columbus June 25. John Ladd attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Middle Bass Island State Park marina in July on behalf of LEIC-BSC. Kristin attended the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Partners meeting on September 8 and 9 at Mohican State Park. Lisa and Kristin recently participated in interviews for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service website regarding the recovery of the Lake Erie watersnake. We will send out links when it is up and running!

