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Annual Meeting

February 21, 2020

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Eagleview Lodge at
Blacklick Woods Metro Park
Golf Course
Reynoldsburg, Ohio



Photo of European frogbit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*), courtesy of Mark Warman

OIPC 2020 ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS

Dr. Theresa Culley is a Professor of Plant Biology at the University of Cincinnati, where her research focuses on invasive species, especially those of ornamental origin (most notably Callery pear, *Pyrus calleryana*). She is a board member of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network and also a past-president of OIPC where she currently serves as Chair of the Invasive Plant Assessment Team. In this capacity, Theresa has worked directly with the nursery industry, land managers, researchers, and government to help craft the invasive plant assessment protocol for Ohio. She has a B.S. in Biology from the University of California, Irvine, and a PhD from The Ohio State University.

Eugene Braig is a fisheries biologist, Program Director for Aquatic Ecosystems with OSU Extension, and teaches fisheries management at OSU's School of Environment and Natural Resources. He represents Ohio on the Mississippi River Basin Panel of the National Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and chairs a committee to advise ODNR on aquatic invasive species. Eugene was recently appointed as a Trustee of the Ohio Biological Survey, serves on the Olentangy State Scenic River Advisory Council, is the current President of the Water Management Association of Ohio, and is active with several additional advisory committees and professional organizations.

Mark Warman leads an aquatic invasive plant survey in Ohio's Lake Erie basin as part of Cleveland Metroparks. Since 2016, the crew has surveyed over 300 waterbodies, detected over 1,000 invasive plant records, and found rare, native plants too. Although the project is focused on the Lake Erie watershed, aquatic invasive plants are on the move in other parts of Ohio, too. Mark helps build a network that is aware of aquatic invaders and has the tools to manage the threat. *Hydrilla* was his gateway into invasive species and he is always looking for more *hydrilla* hunters. He holds bachelor degrees from Baldwin Wallace University in Sustainability and Biology.

Olivia Espinoza is the Natural Areas Manager for Cincinnati Nature Center, where she is easily distracted by wildflowers and all things that call a prairie their home. Her work focuses on invasive species removal, prescribed fire, wildlife management, research and monitoring, and coordinating several land steward and citizen science volunteer groups on 1,800 acres of natural areas. She has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Conservation Biology from Ohio University and has worked for the Cincinnati Zoo and Great Parks of Hamilton County.

AGENDA

- 9:30 AM **Registration and Refreshments**
- 10:00 AM **Welcome; Report on 2019 Accomplishments and 2020 Plans**
Jennifer Windus, President, OIPC
- 10:30 AM **Making Progress in Assessing Invasive Plants in Ohio: Updates on the OIPC Protocol and ODA Regulation**
Dr. Theresa Culley, University of Cincinnati and OIPC Assessment Team
- 11:05 AM **Ohio's Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee and Current Issues**
Eugene Braig, Aquatic Ecosystems Program Director, Ohio State University Extension
- 11:45 AM **Awards: 2020 Research Grant Recipient and 2019 Award of Recognition**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch and Networking**
Box lunches for those who ordered in advance.
- 1:00 PM **Three Aquatic Invasive Macrophytes in Ohio: *Hydrilla verticillata*, *Nymphoides peltata*, and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae***
Mark Warman, Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator, Cleveland Metroparks
- 1:30 PM **Colonization of Invasive Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) by Native Caterpillar Communities in Southwest Ohio**
Sarah Workman, Wright State University and OIPC research grant recipient
- 1:45 PM **Implications of Seed Germination and Seedling Survival on the Spread of Callery Pear**
Tziporah Serota, University of Cincinnati and OIPC research grant recipient
- 2:00 PM **Inspiring Conservation: Volunteer Success at The Cincinnati Nature Center**
Olivia Espinoza, Natural Areas Manager, Cincinnati Nature Center
- 2:45 PM **Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**