



# OAK OPENINGS REGION BLUE WEEK IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

May 13-20

A natural history series of hikes, lectures, and film that highlights the local conservation and scientific legacy of past naturalists, geologists and biologists:

**EDWIN MOSELY** May 13, 6pm at the Kitty Todd Nature Preserve  
One of the first faculty members at Bowling Green State University in 1914, Mosely documented the Oak Openings Region before major settlement in the 'Flora of the Oak Openings'. Learn about Mosely's work and explore the beautifully restored preserve to get first hand picture of what the pre-settlement Oak Openings looked like.

**LUCY BRAUN** May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 p.m., at Wildwood Metropark  
A special film event hosted by WildOnes Oak Openings Chapter about the pioneering plant ecologist, Dr. E. Lucy Braun, who was instrumental in inspiring preservation of the most significant natural areas in southern Ohio and Kentucky. Film shown at the Ward Pavilion. To attend, go to [wildonesoakopenings.org/](http://wildonesoakopenings.org/).

**IRWIN PRAIRIE CHAMPIONS** May 15, 6:00 p.m., Irwin Prairie State Preserve  
Considered the finest remaining sedge meadow in the state, Irwin Prairie is a mosaic of distinctive plant communities. Join Preserve staff to hear the story of how past naturalists helped in acquiring and preserving this important site.

**HAROLD MAYFIELD** May 16, 7:00 p.m. Secor Metropark  
Dr. Elliot Tramer shares contributions from Harold Mayfield, including Mayfield's role in the remarkable recovery of the endangered Kirkland warbler.

**LOU CAMPBELL** May 17, 5:00 p.m., Oak Openings Preserve Metropark  
Come share your memories and help honor one of the Oak Openings' great naturalist on his birthday. Meet at the Buehner Center and hike the Oak Openings Preserve, Campbell Tallgrass Prairie & Girdham Dunes with Metroparks Monitoring and Research Supervisor Karen Menard, and National WildOnes board member, Denise Gehring.

**LOCAL TREASURES** May 18, 6:00 p.m., Maumee State Forest  
Toledo Naturalists' Association board members Tom Kemp and Eric Durbin will share their wealth of knowledge about the Oak Openings and discuss the rich history of Toledo naturalists.

MORE BLUE WEEK:

NATIVE PLANT SALE

OAK OPENINGS  
FAMILY DAY

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A shared vision of public and private organizations, landowners and individuals working to preserve, enhance, and restore critical natural areas in the Oak Openings Region of NW Ohio and SW Michigan.