



## BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER



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# Documentary Dialogues Returning!



Our Documentary Dialogue series will return in February! In honor of African American History Month, we will be screening *A Man Named Pearl*. This film follows the life of African American topiary artist, Pearl Fryar. Pearl began sculpting topiary after he moved to Bishopville, South Carolina and felt like an outsider among his all-white neighbors. Pearl's topiary creations now attract tourists from all across the world and gave him a path to inclusion in his new community.

Join us on Thursday, **February 21st, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM** to learn more about Pearl's story and discuss what we can learn from him and his experiences.

## What's Coming Up?

Winter Hours: Tuesday-Saturday  
10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Every Saturday, 1:00-3:30 PM:  
Group Hikes at the Pinnacles!  
Student vans leave Alumni Circle  
at 12:45 PM.

Every Other Friday, Starting  
February 15th, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Naturalist Workshop

February 2nd: 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM  
Book Club (*Braiding Sweetgrass*)

February 3rd: 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM  
Brushy Fork Clean-Up

February 9th: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Outdoor Adventure Club Free Play  
Day

February 15th: 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM  
Love Your Forest Day

February 21st: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM  
Documentary Dialogues



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# Brushy Fork Trails Clean-Up

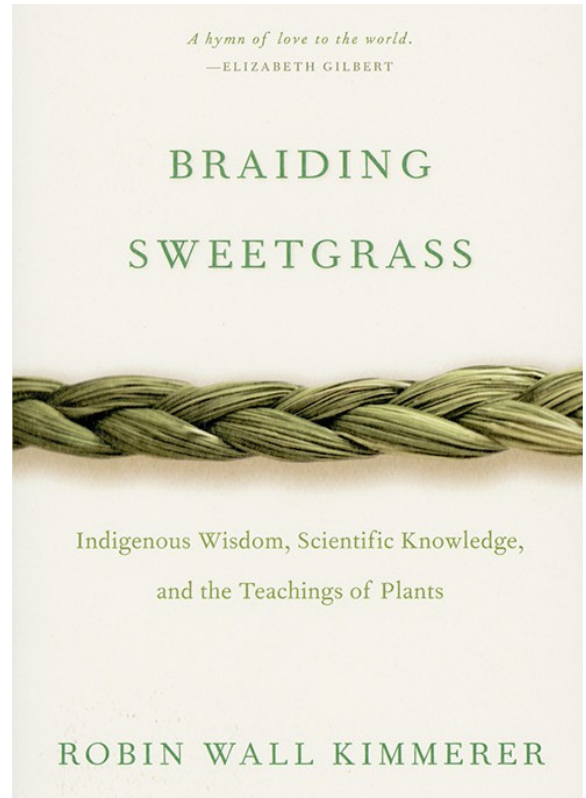
Join us and the Brushy Fork Nature Coalition for their monthly Brushy Fork Trails Clean-Up on **February 3rd, 1:30 PM-3:30 PM**. Meet at the Brushy Fork Bridge. Students, faculty, and community members are invited to participate in this environmental, service-learning opportunity. We are kid and dog-friendly! Trash bags, gloves, and first aid kits will be provided. Just bring yourself and a pair of hiking shoes and be ready to help us clean and restore the local community.

# Berea Outdoor Adventure Club



Berea Outdoor Adventure Club is partnering with Berea College Forestry Outreach Center to host a monthly Outdoor Free Play at the Pinnacles! This month our free play will take place at the Indian Fort Theater. This event is free and open to the public. Families with kids of all ages are more than welcome to attend. There is no specific agenda. Just a time and space for kids to get together for imaginative play and exploration in the beautiful outdoors. Come and play on **February 9th, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**.

# Book Club Resumes



On **February 2nd, 11:30 PM-12:30 PM** our Book Club will begin meeting again. Our book will be *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer is a scientist and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who embraces the notion that plants are our oldest teachers. The book intertwines knowledge and perspectives in new ways, celebrating the reciprocal relationship between humans and the natural world. The book is divided into sections. We'll discuss the first section, *Planting Sweetgrass*, for our first meeting. We'll follow that pattern, discussing a new section in sequence each month.

See you at Book Club!



# Frozen Falls Hike

In addition to our regular group hikes on **Saturdays at 1:00 PM**, throughout the winter months, we will lead "Frozen Falls Hikes." These pop-up hikes won't be scheduled far in advance, so keep a close watch on our website and social media to find the dates! When weather permits, we will meet at the center and travel together to the Anglin Falls!

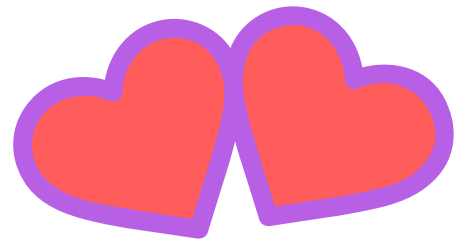


## Call for Volunteers!

Ever thought of being a greeter at the FOC? There are still positions available for **February and March!** Visit our volunteers' page on our website at [forestryoutreach.berea.edu](http://forestryoutreach.berea.edu) to sign up. If you would prefer us to sign you up, email [alison\\_adkins@bera.edu](mailto:alison_adkins@bera.edu) with the date and time you want to volunteer.

The Forestry Outreach Center is excited to announce we will be offering more volunteer opportunities. If you would like to help with invasive species removal, lead hikes, help build and maintain trails, or help the staff at the center conduct naturalist research in the forest visit our website or email [alison\\_adkins@bera.edu](mailto:alison_adkins@bera.edu).

# Love Your Forest Day



Join us on **February 15th** for Love Your Forest Day! We will be hosting a variety of events throughout the day. These events give you the chance to care for and learn about the Berea College Forest.

We plan to host guided hikes to learn about tree identification and geology, a naturalist workshop focusing on reptiles and amphibians, and invasive species removal efforts.

Check our facebook and website, [forestryoutreach.bere.edu](http://forestryoutreach.bere.edu) for a detailed schedule for the day.



## Naturalist Workshops

Beginning **February 15th** we will be hosting Naturalist Workshops. These events will be **bi-weekly on Fridays at 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM** and will offer a nature-based hands-on learning experience for both kids and adults. These workshops will have a new theme each week ranging in topic from astronomy to zoology. We will announce the topic the week before the workshop, so be sure to check our website and social media or email/stop in to ask us for updates!