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McKinley Presidential Library & Museum Science Director Completes Phenology Leadership Training

Canton, OH... Lynette Reiner, science director at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, has completed a Phenology Leadership Certification through the USA National Phenology Network. The course entailed working on learning how to implement Citizen Science projects and training others to become leaders in environmental monitoring and research.

“I love the phenology programs,” said Reiner. “It gives you a chance to connect with teachers and students and engage them in wonderful citizen science opportunities. The research done on a particular species of plant or animal can give valuable insight as to the health of the habitat, observable climate change, and also is used by scientists worldwide. It is so important to understand the world around you and why specific eco systems exist and how better to create a sustainable environment for those ecosystems.”

Reiner is already working on a monitoring project to be done at the Museum. “Here on the grounds of the McKinley National Memorial we have 24 acres of important habitat for pollinators, birds, water fowl, and fresh water creatures” she said. “With the Historic Mill Race on our property, it is important to create a sustainable environment for the wildlife and plants that live here.”

The project will encompass a comprehensive look at the creek and its wild life and native plants. The study will look at the changes in plant blooms coinciding with the seasonal changes and the change in animal life in response to those changes.

Reiner is one of six people in Ohio who have this certification. If you are interested in volunteering with this project please contact Reiner at 330-455-7043 or science@mckinleymuseum.org.

ABOUT LYNETTE REINER

Science Director Lynette Reiner graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor’s degree in history with a minor in interdisciplinary anthropology and a Master’s degree in Zoology from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio. She has volunteered at the Akron Zoo as an animal interpreter. Lynette has interned at the Jewish Community Center in Akron, teaching K-12 literature and history. She also completed an internship at the Summit County Historical Society in artifact restoration and as an archive specialist. She has worked at Inventure Place in Akron, teaching hands-on science activities to children and adults, and has participated at the Flux Gate dig site at Ft. Laurens in

Bolivar, OH. Before being promoted as Science Director in July 2008, Lynette served as Discover World Weekend Manager at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum.

Lynette is an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, certified by Ohio State University and Project Wild Facilitator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. She is the Board President of Oceans Ohio and is also a member of the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitation Association. Currently Lynette teaches 2 online courses in zoology through Eliademy.com and Udemy.com.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The McKinley Presidential Library & Museum is located at 800 McKinley Monument Dr NW in Canton. Discover World, an interactive science center, is part of the Museum and is included with admission.

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