**Abstract:** What are old-growth forests? What are their unique characteristics? Where are they located? Why are they important? In this seminar presentation, Dr. Joan Maloof will answer all those questions. She will also describe the Old-Growth Forest Network, an organization she founded to preserve the last of our old-growth forests and allow more forests to recover. From the amount of carbon in the global atmosphere, to a salamander hiding under a rock, forests are critical for a healthy planet. Let’s discuss.

**Bio:** Joan Maloof is a writer, an ecologist and a conservationist with a unique voice in today’s times. She has studied and worked with plants her entire life; her formal education includes a Bachelor’s degree in Plant Science, a Master’s degree in Environmental Science, and a Doctorate in Ecology. She is a Professor Emeritus at Salisbury University, where she taught Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies. Maloof has published numerous research articles in publications such as Ecology, American Journal of Botany, and the International Journal of Environmental Studies. Maloof’s books include *Teaching the Trees* (2005), *Among the Ancients* (2011), *Nature's Temples: The Complex World of Old-Growth Forests* (2016), *The Living Forest: A Visual Journey into the Heart of the Woods* (2017) and *Treepedia: A Brief Compendium of Arboreal Lore* (2021).

In addition to her research and writing, Maloof founded an organization with the goal of creating a network of protected forests across the US. That organization, the Old-Growth Forest Network, now has thousands of supporters. Maloof travels widely to educate others regarding the extent and condition of our forests, and encourage their preservation.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022**

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Williams 123 at the OARDC in Wooster, Ohio.

**Join via Zoom:** https://osu.zoom.us/j/93275868693?pwd=M3U3S21yL2plV1VhZWlEdG1lejF1QT09

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