

## Changing Lives and Protecting the Environment

### The Outdoor Education Center Celebrates 50 Years in Operation

There is something about the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center that penetrates the hearts of all who experience it.

The Outdoor Education Center's 50th reunion, a celebration of the Center's accomplishments in outdoor education, truly brought this sentiment to light. For the June 6-8 reunion, people traveled from all over the country – and in a couple of cases, from other continents – to visit the Glen, share memories, and reminisce about time spent at this special place. Many who returned for the occasion were once Naturalist interns at the Center. They told stories about the old days at the Outdoor Education Center, as well as anecdotes about more recent times. Former Naturalist interns from the 1960s and '70s compared their experiences with more recent Naturalists. What a surprise it was for the newer people to learn that in addition to teaching the campers and facilitating meals, Naturalists also used to supervise campers in the dorms overnight. The older crew was surprised to learn that Naturalists now have their own rooms in the staff houses, instead of sharing with two or three others.

The light-hearted stories and comparisons were accompanied by memories of experiences with children in the Glen, about nurturing curiosities, and witnessing moments of delight. Memories about activities that have been passed down from Naturalist staff to Naturalist staff were shared. The Pine Forest imagery is an old favorite, where Naturalists lead blindfolded campers to a special spot in the Pine Forest, ask them to lie down, and then read an imagery to make the camper feel like a tiny seed about to burst open. Naturalists remember the surprise and wonder on the faces of the campers when they remove their blindfolds to stare up into the deep green canopy with the bright blue backdrop of the sky. They also remembered the funny things that kids do and say, like



The Outdoor Education Center lodge in 1960...



... and in 2008.

the time when the campers were asked for examples of nocturnal animals, and a fourth grader raised her hand to answer in a shy voice, "rabies?"

Part of the connection that former Outdoor Education Center staff feel toward the Glen is born of hard work and the challenges they overcame. Those that returned for the 50th reunion remember well the intense schedule of hikes, meals, and evening programs. They remember toiling over lesson plans, making sure to provide the best and most meaningful learning experiences for campers. They remember the occasional difficult week on the trail, where it seemed that nothing they did was enough to bring out the enthusiasm of the kids. They remember the short, laughter-filled breaks with fellow Naturalists, exhaustion from hiking and teaching, and the pleasure of a good day of good work that has come to an end.

What comes to light as I listen to stories from former Naturalists is that in dealing with the triumphs and challenges of working at the Glen, they discover a little more about their professional and personal skills, and about their interests and needs.

Each Naturalist leaves the Glen with a deeper understanding of themselves, but what of the campers they teach?

Recently, I was finishing a presentation at Talawanda Middle School, when a father introduced himself to me. He shared his excitement that his son was going to be able to experience the camp as he did twenty-five years earlier. He reminisced about painting his face using the iron oxide at the Yellow Spring, and he even recalled his visit to the Pine Forest. He told me that Glen Helen was one of the best memories of his school years.

I asked a former Glen Helen camper, who attended Schoolcamp as a sixth grader in 1987, to describe why Glen Helen was so special to her. She said, "Glen Helen was where I had my first independent experience, the first time I was away from home, and the first time I was aware of nature."

Sometimes, the full meaning of the experience only manifests itself in retrospect. One former Schoolcamper who came to the Outdoor Education Center in 1975 said that he believes his time at the Glen helped to shape his current value system, as "it opened up his eyes to the world around him."

Dan Eagle, Principal of Graham Elementary School in St. Paris, Ohio, has heard these sentiments. Mr. Eagle has been bringing students to the Outdoor Education Center for over thirty years, and he says that every year, students tell him that the Glen Helen trip was the best experience of their elementary years.

For Glen Helen Naturalists, and for the kids that they teach, their experience in Glen

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## From the Director



**Nick Boutis**

A friend from back in my Washington, DC days once told me about the first time his organization tried to raise some money. Like many charitable organizations, fundraising didn't come naturally to them. It's hard, after all, to ask people for support – even when you know that your organization is doing good, important work. But, it was either that, or close their doors, so the group plowed ahead.

Well, this friend of mine described the debate he and his colleagues had, as they discussed their fundraising strategy. Someone suggested an event, perhaps a bake sale or a lecture. Another person argued that since their members were educated and selfless people, a thoughtfully-worded appeal letter might garner a good response.

In the end, they went with an appeal, but they chose not to mask their desperation. So it was, that their fundraising appeal began, in large, bold-faced type, "A shameless plea for money."

Tacky? Perhaps. Brazen? Definitely. But their members responded in great numbers, and with great enthusiasm,

Which brings me back to Glen Helen.

When Antioch University determined that it was necessary to suspend operations of Antioch College, Glen Helen entered a position unique in its 80-year history. Because, on one hand, Antioch University has been steadfast in its commitment to the programs and protections of the Glen. Yet, on the other hand, we are now – as of July 1st, 2008 – responsible for 100 percent of the funds needed to keep the Glen going.

For staff, this change can be daunting. After all, Antioch College, regardless of its own financial fragility, always covered a significant portion of our operating budget. But, we also have a measure of confidence that Glen Helen can meet this challenge and rise above it. After all, everyone who knows the Glen, loves the Glen. And, as Beth Krisko's article on the cover of this issue attests, Glen Helen has been changing lives of those who connect with it for over 50 years.

As long as all of us who care about the Glen do our part to see that it continues, the preserve, and its programs, will be thriving into the future.

– Nick Boutis (nboutis@antioch.edu)

## Make It Count For The Birds 2008

On Saturday, May 10th, more than 40 people spent the day birdwatching for science – and for dollars! 88 species of birds were identified during this celebration of the habitats and diverse wildlife found of the Glen. And, just as importantly, more than \$12,000 was raised for land management and restoration efforts in Glen Helen.

Here are some of the highlights...

The small parking area off near the covered bridge was full of birders and their vehicles by 5:30 am. It was cold, it was foggy, and we waited shivering in the pre-dawn silence. But our patience and our lack of sleep was slowly rewarded. In the distance, we heard cardinals and song sparrows singing. Barn swallows chipped overhead. A barred owl cut through the haze with its loud "WHOO cooks for YOO" call.

As the day grew lighter, we found a wood duck perched in one of the trees that line the Yellow Springs Creek. It has always seemed implausible to me that a duck could nest in a tree, but there it was. And with it, we gained yet another reminder that we enrich the world around when we provide wildlife with adequate habitat. By the time we had left the Covered Bridge Meadow, we had already found 40 species.

Our standard birdwalk in Glen Helen follows the Inman Trail. In January, you might find 20 species of birds. But during spring migration, the forest is alive with the birds – 50 species were found along the Inman Trail alone. Amazingly, one of the hardest-to-find birds of the day was reeled in across the street on the Antioch campus. We followed the call, and found a Cape May warbler singing atop a tree on the campus. But ours is an honest count, and only birds found within Glen Helen appear on the list.

As we did last year, we found species that were not even on the list for the Glen. We now know that prothonotary warblers visit the Glen. Perhaps these brilliant yellow birds even nest in the trees along the Little Miami River? Future research will hopefully answer this for us.

Our "mascot bird" for this year's count was the Blackburnian warbler. I'm grateful to say that we found these stunning creatures in multiple locations in the Glen. Fortunately, no one reported being blinded by the sight of their fiery orange throats.



**Three of the 20 warbler species found during Make it Count for the Birds Day:**  
**Top: The radiant Blackburnian Warbler**  
**Middle: Prothonotary Warbler – a new bird for the Glen Helen list**  
**Bottom: A spectacular Cape May Warbler was seen just outside the Glen on the Antioch campus**

We saw a lot of birds. A LOT of birds. And yet, oddly enough, the Glen seemed less birdy than it had for our big day last year. Whether this was a function of the timing of migration, or a sign of overall population fluctuations will be something we hope to better understand in time. But, with diligent effort on the part of many skilled and tireless observers, we ended up with an extraordinary total of 88 species! Of course, all of these were sighted within Glen Helen. It's a potent reminder of what we protect, when we protect this thousand-acre preserve!

– Nick Boutis (nboutis@antioch.edu)

*See the full list of birds found, and the names of those who supported our efforts on page 4*

# Fall at a Glance – Upcoming Events

## September 2008

### **Art in the Atrium: Collins Pauley (September 1 – October 15)**

Oil and watercolor paintings.  
Glen Building Atrium  
Daily Open Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sat-Sun 10 am-4 pm

### **Reptile Feeding (Saturday, September 6)**

An interactive program with resident reptiles.  
Trailside Museum, 11 am.

### **Glen Helen Association Pancake Breakfast (Sunday, September 7)**

Enjoy a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast while supporting the Glen.  
Outdoor Education Center Lodge, 1075 SR 343, 9 am-1 pm.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Wednesday, September 10)**

All Glen Helen volunteers invited to join staff for dinner, awards, and other fun  
Glen Helen Building, 6-8 pm.

### **Bird Walk (Saturday, September 13)**

Join Director Nick Boutis as we look for resident birds on this two hour walk through the Glen.  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 9 am.

### **Wildflower Walk (Saturday, September 13)**

Join our guide as we search for fall wildflowers.  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

### **Full Moon Hike (Monday, September 14)**

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion, the Full Moon Hike!  
Departs from the Yellow Springs Parking Lot, 1075 SR 343, at 8 pm.

### **Glen Helen Association Board Meeting (Wednesday, September 17)**

Glen Building, 7 pm.

### **Autumnal Equinox Hike (Saturday, September 20)**

Join our guide for a leisurely two-hour hike through Glen Helen.  
Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

### **Everything Edible & Useful Plant Hike (Saturday, September 20)**

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an informative summer stroll!  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 2 pm.

## October 2008

### **Reptile Feeding (Saturday, October 4)**

An interactive program with resident reptiles.  
Trailside Museum, 11 am.

### **Yellow Springs Street Fair (Saturday, October 11)**

Stop by the Glen Helen Association booth!  
Xenia Ave in Downtown Yellow Springs, 9 am-5 pm.

### **Wildflower Walk (Saturday, October 11)**

Join our guide as we search for fall wildflowers.  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

### **Bird Walk (Sunday, October 12)**

Join Director Nick Boutis as we look for resident birds on this two hour walk through the Glen.  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 9 am.

### **Full Moon Hike (Monday, October 13)**

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion, the Full Moon Hike!  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 7 pm.

### **Glen Helen Association Board Meeting (Wednesday, October 15)**

Glen Building, 7 pm.

### **Art in the Atrium: Yellow Springs High School photographers (October 16 – November 10)**

Student photographs produced during mentorship with Melina Elum.  
Glen Building Atrium  
Daily Open Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sat-Sun 10 am-4 pm

### **Glen Helen Birdseed Sale (Saturday, October 18)**

Stock up on quality seed for the coming winter, while supporting the Glen.  
Glen Helen Building, 9:30 am-4:30 pm.

### **Everything Edible & Useful Plant Hike (Saturday, October 18)**

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an informative summer stroll!  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 2 pm.

### **Fall Colors Hike (Saturday, October 25)**

Join our guide for a leisurely two-hour hike through Glen Helen.  
Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

### **Raptor Center Open House (Sunday, Oct. 26)**

See our resident hawks and owls up close, meet Raptor Center staff, learn about our programs, and see our rehabilitation flight cages. Bring your camera!  
Glen Helen Raptor Center, 1075 SR 343, 2-4 pm.

## November 2008

### **Reptile Feeding (Saturday, November 1)**

An interactive program with resident reptiles.  
Trailside Museum, 11 am.

### **Wildflower Walk (Saturday, November 1)**

Join our guide as we search for fall wildflowers.  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 11 am.

### **Bird Walk (Sunday, November 2)**

Join Director Nick Boutis as we look for resident birds on this two hour walk through the Glen.  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 9 am.

### **Full Moon Hike (Wednesday, November 12)**

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion, the Full Moon Hike!  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 6:30 pm.

### **Family Storytelling: Harvest Tales – The Bounty of Storytelling (Thursday, November 13)**

Join the Yellow Springs Tale Spinners for an evening of family storytelling! \$5 donation per adult, accompanying children are free.  
Glen Building, 6:30-7:30 pm.

### **Everything Edible & Useful Plant Hike (Saturday, November 15)**

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an informative summer stroll!  
Departs from Trailside Museum at 2 pm.

### **Glen Helen Association Board Meeting (Wednesday, November 19)**

Glen Building, 7 pm.

### **Nature Arts & Crafts Show (Saturday, November 22 – Sunday November 23)**

More than 20 skilled artisans bring their nature-oriented crafts to Glen Helen  
Glen Helen Building  
Open Hours: Sat 22, 9 am-5 pm & Sun 23, 11 am-5 pm.

### **Nature Arts and Crafts Hike (Saturday, November 22)**

Join our guide for a leisurely two-hour hike through Glen Helen.  
Departs from the Glen Helen Building, 1 pm

*Check [glenhelen.org](http://glenhelen.org) for the latest information!*

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The Glen Helen Ecology Institute exists to protect the Glen for present and future generations by engaging in land stewardship, education, community outreach and service, and research.

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## OEC's 50th Anniversary

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Helen is always important, frequently profound, and often, life changing. Whether it is a child who visits camp for a week or a Naturalist who lives and works here for months, Glen Helen is remembered and forever present in minds and hearts.

Soon, a new generation of naturalists will arrive to teach a new cadre of students, as we begin the 52nd year of Schoolcamp operations at Glen Helen. And once again, a new cohort of naturalists and their students will grow to better know themselves and their role in safeguarding the environment, all in this special place we call Glen Helen.

— Beth Krisko (bkrisko@antioch.edu)

## Make it Count

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## List of Birds Found in Glen Helen, May 10, 2008:

Great Blue Heron \* Green Heron \* Turkey Vulture \* Canada Goose \* Wood Duck \* Mallard \* Osprey \* Cooper's Hawk \* Red-shouldered Hawk \* Broad-winged Hawk \* Red-tailed Hawk \* Mourning Dove \* Great Horned Owl \* Barred Owl \* Chimney Swift \* Ruby-throated Hummingbird \* Belted Kingfisher \* Red-bellied Woodpecker \* Downy Woodpecker \* Hairy Woodpecker \* Northern Flicker \* Pileated Woodpecker \* Eastern Wood-Pewee \* Acadian Flycatcher \* Least Flycatcher \* Eastern Phoebe \* Great Crested Flycatcher \* Eastern Kingbird \* White-eyed Vireo \* Blue-headed Vireo \* Red-eyed Vireo \* Blue Jay \* American Crow \* Northern Rough-winged Swallow \* Barn Swallow \* Carolina Chickadee \* Tufted Titmouse \* White-breasted Nuthatch \* Carolina Wren \* House Wren \* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher \* Ruby-crowned Kinglet \* Eastern Bluebird \* Veery \* Swainson's Thrush \* Wood Thrush \* American Robin \* Gray Catbird \* Northern Mockingbird \* Brown Thrasher \* European Starling \* Cedar Waxwing \* Prothonotary Warbler \* Tennessee Warbler \* Nashville Warbler \* Northern Parula \* Yellow Warbler \* Chestnut-sided Warbler \* Magnolia Warbler \* Black-throated Blue Warbler \* Yellow-rumped Warbler \* Black-throated Green Warbler \* Blackburnian Warbler \* Yellow-throated Warbler \* Bay-breasted Warbler \* Blackpoll Warbler \* Black-and-white Warbler \* American Redstart \* Ovenbird \* Louisiana Waterthrush \* Common Yellowthroat \* Hooded Warbler \* Scarlet Tanager \* Summer Tanager \* Eastern Towhee \* Chipping Sparrow \* Field Sparrow \* Song Sparrow \* White-throated Sparrow \* Northern Cardinal \* Rose-breasted Grosbeak \* Indigo Bunting \* Red-winged Blackbird \* Common Grackle \* Brown-headed Cowbird \* Baltimore Oriole \* American Goldfinch \* House Sparrow

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# Outdoor Education Center

## Connecting Children to Nature...Glen Helen Ecocamp



Showing off a handful of spicebush berries

Another successful year of Ecocamp has come to a close at Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center. Children spent time outside in the wooded Glen investigating and discovering the wonders of the natural world. Naturalists guided the campers on explorations, teaching them about the environment through games, activities, songs, and fun. At Ecocamps, children really get back to nature. Campers are required to leave video games, cell phones, and iPods at home. Their senses are engaged and nature becomes their ultimate entertainment for the week.

While other camps in the country are suffering from low enrollment, Glen Helen Ecocamp enrollment is up 10 percent! Could this be a response to the "No Child Left Inside" movement? This movement, ignited by Richard Louv's 2005 book, *Last Child in the Woods*, links the disconnect of children and nature to unsettling trends such as depression, childhood obesity, and attention disorders. In his book, Louv cites research that shows a positive correlation between getting kids outdoors and easing attention disorders and depression. Louv also documents that children who take part in environmental learning do better in school.

Ecocamp, like other nature-oriented camps, are options for parents and guardians that see the importance of nature as a tool for healthy emotional and mental growth of their children. It is also for folks that simply want to get their children outdoors enjoying the primal joys of nature. By immersing children in nature and providing a venue for play and discovery in the outdoors, Glen Helen Ecocamp offers campers fun and joy in experiencing the natural world while nurturing health and well-being at the same time. Visit [www.glenhelen.org](http://www.glenhelen.org) after the New Year to register a child you know for Glen Helen Ecocamp 2009.

## The Glen Helen Climbing Tree

A favorite activity for students at Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center is a trip to the Climbing Tree, the single tree in Glen Helen that the Outdoor Education Center campers are permitted to climb.

The Climbing Tree is an Osage Orange tree, called hedge-apple trees by some. Known for their decay resistant wood and for their strong, sprawling root system and branches, the Osage Orange tree makes an ideal tree for climbing.

Outdoor Education Center Naturalists often take their trail groups to the Climbing Tree as part of the Forest Communities lesson, where students learn about the decidu-



Atop the Glen Helen climbing tree

ous forest ecosystem and about the biology of trees. The Climbing Tree is a stop along the trails where campers can play, climb, and swing, while learning to appreciate the forest and its trees in a different way.

Although the Glen Helen Climbing Tree no longer bears leaves and its bark has long ago peeled from its trunk, the tree still stands strong a proud, accepting and supporting the hundreds of campers each term that are thrilled to climb up its scattering of branches.

— Beth Krisko (bkrisko@antioch.edu)

## The Raptor Center



### Many Youngsters and One Small Surprise

It was another busy spring and summer at the Raptor Center with education programs and many young birds to return to nest sites or prepare for life on their own. Although some of our admission numbers stayed the same, great horned owl arrivals were down by half, and no horned owl youngsters came in. The number of American kestrels continued to decline, and for the first year since we have been scheduling a release of young falcons for raptor campers and the public, we didn't have any ready to go! We understand that kestrel numbers are low other places, too, but no one knows why. On the other hand, our red-tailed hawk admissions have doubled.

Eastern screech-owls, twenty-one of them, once again topped our list of youngsters. Three newly hatched nestlings came in first when their tree was cut down in April. They

were too young to place in a nest box, so were raised here, then practiced catching live prey in a flight cage with the others who came in later. We released all of them in early July, hopefully ready to face the real world.

Eight kestrels also practiced catching live prey and worked on flying skills in a flight cage before release. Watching them make their first jubilant flights into the air, free of the cage constraints, was really wonderful. The screech-owls didn't put on as much of a show, but at least we had plenty for our public releases and everyone enjoyed watching them dart to the closest branches before figuring out what to do next.

The best thing for young birds is to reunite them with their parents, and this is what we did whenever possible, especially with the larger raptors. Kestrels and screech-owls catch many insects, and small reptiles and amphibians through the summer, honing their hunting skills to advance to other prey such as rodents and birds in the winter, so our flight cages and live prey worked to prepare them. The larger owls and hawks are usually after larger and more elusive prey from the beginning, so are fed by their parents for a much longer period of time until they can catch enough on their own.

Each species has its own 'hunger squeal' or 'food-beg cry', and adults are quick to

respond when they hear it. Raptor parents remain in established territories and both male and female share in the parental responsibilities. We took advantage of this to return youngsters to nest sites and reunite them with their families. When there are other siblings at the site, it is easier to return a displaced one.

This was the case with a nestling bald eagle from Grand Lake St. Marys, whose nest collapsed with three eaglets in it. One stayed in the tree, one disappeared, and one was brought to us. It was returned to a platform the next day, and observers later saw the parents feeding all three. A nestling red-tail spent two weeks with us recovering from injuries after its tree was cut down. Since its sibling was still hanging out on the tree when we took it back, we knew it would be taken care of right away.

It took longer for barn owl parents to find and feed one of their nestlings, which had fallen from the cupola of a barn in Hillsboro. Division of Wildlife staff put it in a box inside the barn, but the adults didn't go in to feed it, so we took it for a week. When it was put back in the box, it was bigger, stronger, and louder. Even so, mice were put in with it each night, just in case it didn't get fed. After several nights, more of our mice were left and a wild-caught mouse appeared in the box, so it was apparent that the parents had started feeding it again.

Reuniting two Cooper's hawk families took a lot more effort, but both attempts were successful. When a nest was destroyed in a storm in Greenville, four nestlings hit the ground. One had a broken leg, but the others were fine. We put them in a laundry basket up in a nearby tree, and then played a CD with young Cooper's hawk calls on it. The mother immediately flew in to investigate, and within an hour was perched on the edge of the basket itself. Two weeks later, after its leg healed, the last one joined its siblings, all of whom had graduated from the laundry basket to nearby branches.

### Upcoming Events

**Raptor Center Open House—Sunday, Oct. 26, 2-4 pm at the Raptor Center.**

Staff members will have birds out for close-up introductions and photo opportunities. This is your chance to meet our staff and resident raptors, learn about our programs, and see our rehabilitation flight cages.



**How did this burrowing owl get here? It's still a mystery!**



**These newly hatched screech-owls arrived in April for release in July.**

Another nest near Waynesville, with five Cooper's hawk nestlings, also came down in a storm. Two escaped into nearby trees, but three suffered broken legs in the fall. One died, but we took the other two back two weeks later, after their fractures healed. We didn't see any sign of the others until we played the CD of their calls. Then two young called from a nearby tree and an adult appeared. It was quite a relief to have the reuniting process work so well.

Many youngsters run into problems after they leave the nest, often from their inexperience. A young barred owl was found hanging over the Little Miami River with its wing caught in fishing line, but recovered for release after a few days. Miami, one of this year's young peregrine falcons in Downtown Dayton, hit a building and spent two weeks with us before heading back out. Unfortunately, the other one, Kickapoo, died several weeks later after he hit a building.

The strangest arrival of all wasn't a youngster, but a burrowing owl, which shouldn't even be in Ohio! Burrowing owls live in Florida or on the plains and deserts of Western states, so we had no idea what this one was doing here. It was brought to us from a City of Dayton garage and welding shop, was rather grimy, and couldn't fly well. We thought it must have hitchhiked on a delivery truck, as a roadrunner did several years ago in Northern Ohio. However, we later found out one was seen in Darke County in a farm field for a week, shortly before this one turned up in Dayton. So is it the same bird or another one? It is now flying well, so we are working with the Division of Wildlife and others to determine where it came from, so we know where it should go for release. The mystery isn't solved yet, so stay tuned.

— Betty Ross (bross@antioch.edu)

## Our Adoption Program

The adoption fee is \$100 per year; a photo and certificate will be sent, and a sign will be placed at the bird's cage. You may also request a visit with your bird to a school, scout pack, club, office, or home. The money helps to support not only the adopted bird, but all the birds that come into the Raptor Center needing help. An adoption is a wonderful way for a group to help the Raptor Center, or makes a unique anniversary, birthday, holiday, or memorial gift for someone special.

To set up an adoption for the raptor of your choice, please contact Betty Ross at 937-767-7648.

### Thank you for these renewals:

Clark County Audubon, Ruth Cowperthwaite (2 birds), Indian Valley Middle School, Barbara Mackey, Susanna Paterson and Flavio Sutti, Alex Ross, Blake Ross, Katherine Rylien, Shaw KIDS Club, Stuebaker Middle School Roots and Shoots Club

### Welcome to our adoption family:

Diane Chiddister, Jim Korber, Landon Rhoads, Ken Simon, Ralph Taylor

## GHA Notes

### Fall's a Flurry!

We are excited to announce that the Glen Helen Association has established an endowment fund with The Springfield Foundation. This new fund joins funds previously created to benefit Glen Helen at The Dayton Foundation and the Yellow Spring Community Foundation. As these funds grow, earned revenue will help support Glen operations. You can help grow this fledgling fund by giving a "now" gift or a deferred gift.

This will be a busy fall for the volunteers of the Glen Helen Association. Every fall, the GHA swings into operation with a full schedule of events aimed at connecting people far and wide with the Glen, and garnering new revenue to help sustain operations.

Note your calendars for a delicious blueberry pancake breakfast held at the Outdoor Education Center Lodge on September 7, the first Sunday of the month. Enjoy freshly made pancakes and sausage, live music, and visiting with friends.

Our Nature Shop puts on their own show starting with Birdseed Day on Oct. 18 featuring discounts and "banking" of winter birdseed.

The Glen Helen Association greets thousands of visitors at our booth at the Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 11. We sell field guides, Charlie Harper cards, puppets, and more!

And on Saturday, November 15, the Nature Shop moves a sampling of merchandise to the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm in Vandalia for their annual "Holiday Shop-around."

GHA hosts a nature-themed Arts and Crafts Show held Nov. 22 and 23 and chaired by Pam Geisel. This two-day event showcases regionally and nationally recognized artists and is held in the Glen Building. The show offers a silent auction, refreshments, and an opportunity for personal and holiday gift purchases.

As always GHA appreciates contributions at all levels and our success relies on your support of sponsoring, attending, and by volunteering your time.

— Suzanne Patterson (937-767-9242, GHA@antioch.edu)



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## Our Wish List

We are seeking items in good condition for educational programs and staff houses. We currently need:

- Ecological cleaning supplies for staff houses
- Home Depot gift card
- Large chest freezers
- Lightweight folding rectangular tables
- Loppers
- Metal pitchforks
- Petsmart gift card
- Refrigerator
- Shovels
- Wheelbarrow

Please call or e-mail Beth Krisko (bkrisko@antioch.edu, 937-767-7648) to arrange a time for pick-up or drop-off.

## A Special Thanks to Our Morgan Society Donors

Every little bit of support helps us better protect the preserve and manage our programs. And, larger contributions help a little bit more. We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals and organizations who have joined or renewed membership in the Lucy and Arthur Morgan Society during 2008: David and Barbara Case, Ken and Peg Champney, Rachel Dewey, Mel Fine and Peg Peterson, Tom and Betty Finke, Dave and Joan Goodwin, Bill Kent and Gayle Gyure, Marv and Mary Lamborg, Berger Mayne, Amy Munich, Roger and Macy Reynolds, Barbara Robertson, and Kate and John Vassallo.

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