

Ann Shaw and George Bieri are New Interim Co-Directors

In August, George Bieri and Ann Shaw assumed duties as interim co-directors of the Glen Helen Ecology Institute. Both natives of Yellow Springs who began working at the Glen in 2001, George and Ann are deeply committed to the Glen and plan to serve until a new Executive Director is hired. In addition to managing the Glen as a team, George will continue to manage the land and Ann will continue directing the administrative functions.

A Message from Ann

We appreciate the overwhelming trust and support the community has shown since August; many have taken the opportunity to give time and resources to the Glen and offer words of encouragement. A recent survey, Yellow Springs External Perception, by Wright State University Center for Urban & Public Affairs and the Community Information Project found that residents within 15 miles of Yellow Springs ranked recreation as the main highlight that draws visitors to our area; specifically the Glen, John Bryan State Park, Young's Jersey Dairy and the bike path. What a treasure we have here! The survey recommends promoting such a treasure, the likes of which cannot be found in the surrounding communities. We suggest not only promoting, but supporting the Glen.

Many people may not know that the Glen Helen Ecology Institute (GHEI) manages the Glen and pays its expenses, including staff, utilities and building and trail maintenance. The Glen Helen Association (GHA) is a separate, supporting organization that uses membership and fundraising to directly support GHEI. Antioch College provides GHEI a stipend towards maintenance and in-kind adminis-



Village natives Ann Shaw and George Bieri are the interim Co-Directors for the Glen

trative services. Combined GHA and Antioch financial support amounts to 13 percent of the Glen Helen Ecology Institute's operating fund. The remaining 87 percent comes from community donations and program fees.

George and I want to reach out to the community and hear your ideas and concerns. You can email me at annshaw@antioch-college.edu. I encourage you to not only become a GHA member, but to go beyond and contribute directly to the Glen Helen Ecology Institute. If your friends or relatives know of a school that has not had the life-transforming experience of Schoolcamp, let the OEC know at 937-767-7648. We need your support to preserve the Glen and keep our wonderful education programs going.

George's View

It has been a privilege for me as land manager to spend much of my time out in the Glen on the land. Time spent on the land connects you to the landscape, deepening perceptions and big-picture awareness. It is always worth the effort to get outside and into the woods, and I enjoy seeing many of you on the trails.

Besides trail improvement, habitat restoration, invasive plant removal and tending the human footprint left each week, our most visible recent project is the Grinnell meadow adjacent to the covered bridge on Grinnell Road. It was prepared this spring by local

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farmer Joe Staggs and hand-planted with select prairie seed by ten dedicated volunteers. J.R. Benton removed a portion of the fencerow along with the dilapidated fence and gate. The new replacement fence affords a better



Douglas Bailey, March '05

Volunteers hand-planted the meadow by the Grinnell Road covered bridge with select prairie seed.

view of the prairie environs. This spring we are planning a controlled burn to help establish the new prairie, which will provide a diverse and low-maintenance habitat.

My new job as interim co-director is challenging and I am glad I'm able to work with Ann as a team. Two heads are better than one. We are counting on your financial and moral support to help us sustain the Glen.

Cindy Steffen Returns to the Glen



Cindy Steffen is back in The Glen, as the new volunteer coordinator.

In September we welcomed Cindy Steffen back to the Glen Helen Ecology Institute as the new Volunteer Coordinator. Cindy worked as the

Trailside manager in 2004, re-energizing Trailside's public programming and creating an inviting and learning-friendly interior.

She brings a wealth of talent and experience to the position. Before returning to Ohio University to pursue a degree in Natural History, she used her previous Bachelor of Fine Arts degree to enjoy careers in graphic design, interior design, as well as own a custom framing studio and wildlife gallery.

Cindy interned at Aullwood Audubon Center as part of her educational requirements and learned a lot from the volunteers and the volunteer program there.

"I have some exciting ideas that I want to implement as soon as possible. Volunteers are so crucial to getting anything done in non-profit organizations. I want to continue to create a community of volunteers who are appreciated, educated, and having a good time doing what they're doing."

Cindy enjoys nature journaling, having done workshops at the Glen and other nature centers. She lives in Spring Valley with her husband and cat, The Dude, and loves to "walk the grounds" with them, inspecting her never-ending toil of replacing non-native with native plants.

Cindy's Wish List

- Habitat Healer Tools
- Shovels/Spades
- Rakes
- Hand Trowels
- Wheelbarrows
- New Work Gloves
- Loppers/Saws
- Home Improvement Store Gift Cards
- Instrumental CDs for Lobby
- Portable CD Player for Lobby
- Gently Used Three-Ring Binders

All items may be dropped off at front desk for the Volunteer Coordinator. Thanks!!!

Glen Helen Building to Get New Roof

The Glen Helen Association Board has approved a \$30,000 gift to the Glen Helen Ecology Institute to pay for a new roof on the Glen Helen Building. "The need for the new roof is urgent in order to avoid long-term damage to the interior of the building," said Lynn Tobey, President of the Glen Helen Association (GHA). "I'm very pleased that we were in a position to respond quickly."

In addition to its use as the Ecology Institute's headquarters, the Glen Building is used frequently as a meeting place for organizations throughout the area. It also houses the Nature Shop, operated by the GHA to raise funds to protect the Glen and its facilities.

The Glen Helen Building was donated by the Vernay Foundation to Antioch College in 1973 in memory of community leader Sergius Vernet, the founder of Vernay Laboratories and a trustee of Antioch College. The stunning three-module stone and wood structure was designed by Read Viemeister; architectural design was by Kline-Meir Architects and Planners and construction was by Hooper Construction. It is a community treasure that is well overdue for a new roof.

Glen Helen Association 24th Annual Nature Arts and Crafts Show November 19 & 20

The Glen Helen Association's 24th Annual Nature Arts and Crafts Show takes place Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 5pm and Sunday, November 20 from 11am to 5pm in the Glen Helen Building at 405 Corry Street in Yellow Springs.

In the Glen

is published quarterly for donors, environmental educators, Glen Helen Association members, and other friends of the Glen Helen Ecology Institute. Send comments and suggestions to *In The Glen*, 405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387.

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The show features nature-themed artwork for sale including blown glass sculptures, unique clothing, water color paintings, photographs, natural and organic bath and body products, one-of-a-kind jewelry, and artistic and functional pottery. In addition, Harper Art Studios is back this year with their unique silk-screened and lithographed prints, ornaments, note cards and more. There will be a silent auction both days of the show and baked goods will be available.



Your \$2 admission goes to support Glen Helen Preserve and the many educational programs associated with the Glen Helen Ecology Institute. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this very special arts and crafts show.

After shopping at the Nature Arts and Crafts show on Saturday and Sunday, be sure to stop in the Nature Shop located inside the Glen Helen Building. All customers will receive a 10 percent discount during this period.

Some Memories of Nell

By Barbara Case

Ellen Quigley Maloney, Nell as she was known, was a good friend of the Glen and of the many people that she was acquainted with. She was a great help to me on the



Nell Maloney

vascular plant survey, always ready for a hike in the Glen and for data collection; having taken many photos of flowers and plants, patiently writing while I tried to figure out what species we were examining. She was also very helpful when I decided to volunteer at Trailside.

Nell was also a good scout. She took being a Girl Scout very seriously. She was a troop leader and a camp director. I remember once when a group of Girl Scouts camped across the Little Miami River from the Glen. It was a tit-for-tat situation where I acted as a leader in exchange for many favors she had done for me. She was a good neighbor too. She opened her life to us and her family, both her current family with Joe and her mother and father and brothers and cousins. Then

the Maloneys moved to Dayton and subsequently, we moved into the country; so I lost a good neighbor but not a good friend.

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Our Phone Numbers Have Changed!

The Glen Helen Ecology Institute has new phone numbers for some of its offices. Please look at the back of the newsletter and make the changes in your address book. Thank you.

Winter at a Glance – Upcoming Events

For more information about upcoming events, please visit www.glenhelen.org/events_in_the_glen.htm

November

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays, 1 pm at Trailside Museum

Reptile Feeding

Saturday, November 12 and 26, 11 am at Trailside Museum

Nature Arts and Crafts Show at the Glen Helen Building

Saturday, November 19, 9am to 5pm

Sunday, November 20, 11 am to 5pm

Nature Arts and Crafts Hike

Saturday, November 19, 1 pm Glen Helen Building

Coffee House

Wednesday, November 16, 7pm at Trailside Museum

Lecture Series

"What Happens When and Where?" with Bill Felker, Wednesday, November 30, 7pm, Glen Helen Building

Glen Helen Building Closed

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving

December

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays at 1 pm at Trailside Museum

Reptile Feeding

Saturday, December 3, 17, and 31, 11 am at Trailside Museum

December Medallion Hike

Saturday, December 17, 1 pm at Trailside Museum

Coffee House

Wednesday, December 21, 7pm at Trailside Museum

Glen Helen Building closes for Holiday

Friday, December 23

Glen Helen Building reopens

Tuesday, December 27

Lecture Series

No lecture due to holidays

January

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays 1 pm at Trailside Museum

Reptile Feeding

Saturday, January 7 and 21, 11 am meet at Trailside

Medallion Hike

Saturday, January 21, 1 pm meet at Trailside

Lecture Series

Wednesday, January 25, 7pm Glen Helen Building

Outdoor Education Center

Autumn is here again and the drive into the OEC is decorated with fallen leaves. We've frustrated the squirrels by repairing their access to the Farmhouse attic (among other recent repairs, including a new roof on Clayton House and repairs to our Lodge roof), thanks to generous donations by the GHA and other friends, and timely action by interim co-directors Ann Shaw and George Bieri. Our busy furry friends must now store their winter's supply of nuts elsewhere!

We'd also like to thank the many staff, faculty and community members who contributed to the great success of our first Summer Honors Institute. This program, funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Education, enrolled gifted tenth and eleventh grade scholars from around the state to attend a two-week residential intensive in environmental studies. Antioch College faculty, OEC staff and community professionals and activists participated in this collaboratively taught, learning community-style program.

Our scholars traveled from as far away as Conneaut and Franklin Furnace to attend, saying they came because there was no other

program like it in the state. While residing at the OEC and studying on the trail and campus, they explored a range of topics including environmental leadership, environmental art and photography, stream ecology, geology, raptor ecology and wildlife rehabilitation, environmental philosophy, forest community ecology, land management, Glen history and prairie restoration. Instructors included Professors Palamar, Townsend, Yager, Eagleson and Bohlen; GHEI staff including Bet Ross, Beth Krisko and George Bieri; members of local NGOs including Tecumseh Land Trust, Smart Growth, Community Service, Greene Environmental Coalition and the Antioch Environmental Groups; and area professionals and experts including Bob Parker, Sarah Hippensteel of the Miami Conservancy and Dave Warner from the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

During their time outside formal courses, scholars went on a night hike to the Pine Forest, enjoyed a visit to the John Bryan Observatory, took in *The March of the Penguins* at the Little Art Theatre, picked up rocks at the Riding Center, sat in meditation at the Dharma Center, shopped downtown, had recreation time in the Antioch Gymnasium and played miniature golf at Young's Jersey Dairy.

The two weeks culminated in an art show and presentations in the Herndon Gallery. Following program completion, students provided evaluations of their experience, saying overwhelmingly that they had learned

a great deal about environmental concerns, increased their interest in studying environmental issues and increased their interest in acting on their concerns. The state commended us on the positive evaluations we received for our unique program and encouraged us to apply for this grant again next year.

Fall Naturalists

This fall's Naturalist Interns have been on the trail since early September bringing their knowledge, skills and commitment to our Schoolcamp program. We have educated and mentored fourth, fifth and sixth graders from around the Miami Valley and beyond, all with high marks for our well-established program and cherished memories for children, teachers and naturalists alike.

The time these youth spend in the Glen is invaluable, not only to growing their sense of appreciation for the natural world and ecological understanding, but also to fostering a sense of community with their teachers and peers, and to their development of personal responsibility, independence and self esteem. Years from now many will look back on their OEC visit as a pivotal point in their journey from childhood to becoming young adults.

We continue to educate the educators, many of whom come here seeking their own path to protecting the nature they love and experiencing the rewards of working with children. This term's Naturalist Interns are:

Amanda Gladics, Raptor Center Assistant, grew up in Portland, Oregon and attended Reed College. She worked in southern California as an outdoor education instructor, in west Texas with Aplomado Falcons and has traveled to England, Tanzania, India, New Zealand and Mexico. Amanda enjoys working with young people, growing and eating good food, reading essays, working with raptors and spending time outside.

Andrea Meadows, Extension Naturalist, grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She majored in Environmental Studies at Willamette University, worked as a field researcher for the US Parks and Forest Services, and led trail crews for the Northwest Youthcorps. Andrea enjoys botany, travel, emergency medicine, backpacking, skiing, whitewater rafting, kayaking, art, music and dancing, and loves working with children in an outdoor setting.



Back row Left to right: Matt Pieknik, Geoff Bland, Reed Schneider, Amanda Gladics, Jamie Johnson, Lisa Ann Fitzgerald. Front row: Meredith Cobb, Catriona Souter, Benjamin Grunbichler, and Andrea Meadows

In Appreciation

Catriona Souter, Program Coordinator, is from the United Kingdom and has resided in Aberdeen, Scotland. She studied animal ecology at Aberdeen University and then traveled to New Zealand for ten months. Catriona says her favorite animal is an orca whale. She's thinking about becoming involved in outdoor education as a career when she returns to Britain.

Geoff Bland, Naturalist, is an Antioch Environmental Science major who will be graduating in December. He has studied monkeys in Brasil, owls in Arizona and taught environmental education in Florida.

Meredith Cobb, Naturalist, is a senior at Antioch College studying environmental education. She has worked with a trail crew in Arizona, studied ants in Brasil and worked with a high school outdoor education program in her hometown of St. Louis, Missouri.

Lisa Ann Fitzgerald, Naturalist, is from Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of the University of Illinois. She has worked as a field biologist all over the United States and part of Canada for the past six years. Birds fascinate Lisa and she enjoys reading, dancing and drawing.

Benjamin Grunbichler, Naturalist, is from Germany. He is 23 years old and studying social work in Munich. He loves sharing his appreciation for nature with kids and enjoys having fun both outdoors and indoors. He also has "a nice girlfriend in Switzerland" who is waiting for him.

Jaime Johnson, Naturalist, is from Columbus, Ohio and a graduate of Oberlin College where she studied environmental studies and English. She enjoys spending her free time outdoors and loves to ski, hike, and whitewater raft. She played field hockey and softball in college.

Matt Pieknik, Naturalist, lives near Ann Arbor, Michigan and is a graduate of Kalamazoo College where he studied English, creative writing and theatre. He spent eight months in Thailand studying environmental issues and recently hiked the entire Appalachian Trail.

Reed Schneider, Naturalist, is from the island of Newfoundland, Canada and is an earth science and oceanography graduate of Dalhousie University. He has traveled in Ecuador and Peru, visited the Galapagos,

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hiked in the Long Range Mountains and banded birds in Ontario.

Perhaps you'll meet them on the trails of the Glen.

Naturalist Internships

We are currently recruiting interns for Spring and Fall terms, 2006- 2007 academic school year. Interested persons should learn more about the program on our website and download an application at www.glenhelen.org/oec/nat/nat.htm.

Many OEC Thank You's Are in Order

- The Presbyterian Church for a wonderful display case to house some of our less touchable collections
- Joan Horn for books, living history props and other useful instructional supplies
- Carol Braun for two bicycles for naturalist staff use
- Nancy Bent and Roger Reason for several more much-needed bicycles
- Dennie Eagleson for advice and upgrades to our darkroom equipment
- Matt Fowler, Ruben Battino, and Lisa Dillon for photos for use in our materials
- Many, many volunteer hours from labor to instruction – thank you all!

OEC Wish List

And of course there are some things we need... If you can provide any of the items or services listed and would like to donate them please call us at: (937) 767-7648. Remember, your contributions are fully tax-deductible!

- Mechanical, electrical & carpentry services
- Window washing services
- Greenhouse construction expertise
- Durable storage containers
- Recycled office paper
- Sports equipment
- Jerseys
- Fine mesh aquarium nets
- Flashlights
- CPR masks
- Tents
- Coffee for Trailside Coffee House
- Printing services
- Birdseed
- A volunteer to paint



It's Finished!

The new rehabilitation flight cage, which had been planned for many years and under construction for several years, is now complete! Birds can fly the 100-foot length of the

It took longer than we expected to get it completed, but is everything and more than we had hoped it would be, so it was worth the wait. The increased size is now a requirement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to rehabilitate eagles, ospreys, and peregrine falcons. The birds have a better opportunity to regain their physical strength, and we are better able to evaluate them for release. It is a very important addition to our rehabilitation efforts, and we appreciate everyone that made it possible.



The new flight cage is finished and it's wonderful!

cage, then turn a corner for another 50 feet since it is an L-shaped design. It is considerably larger than any of our other rehabilitation cages, and will be used for medium-sized birds, such as peregrine falcons, and larger birds, such as red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, vultures, ospreys, and eagles. The cage can also be divided by large sliding doors into two cages, one 20 feet x 80 feet, and one 20 feet x 50 feet.

Funding for the project was secured from individual donors over several years. Volunteers from ODNR's Ohio Division of Wildlife Spring Valley, Fallsville, and Indian Creek Wildlife Areas, and the Glen Helen Association Stewardship Committee constructed the cage. Special thanks are in order for Jerry Papania who drew up the plans and coordinated all phases of the construction, and to Scott Phillips who organized the Division of Wildlife crews and their equipment to get the framework in place.

Moving Forward: A Message from the Raptor Center Director

There was a major increase in admissions the past four months: 79 birds arrived. Most of them were first-year birds, which is to be expected. Cooper's hawks topped the list, with red-tails, kestrels, and great horned owls not far behind.

Many of the birds that arrived before mid-June were released, primarily young screech-owls and kestrels. Two birds with very serious injuries surprised and greatly pleased us by recovering well enough to return to life in the wild. One was a turkey vulture the Dayton peregrines attacked in mid-May, causing it to damage its elbow when it hit a building. Another was a great horned owl that had been hanging in a tree with its wing tangled in kite string. For weeks this summer, both birds had physical therapy three times daily



A red-tailed hawk recovered from its run-in with a plane propeller.

until they started flying. The vulture then became our first patient to benefit from the new flight cage.

Two other birds, red-tailed hawks, also made surprising recoveries. An adult was hit by the propeller of a plane at the Dayton Airport, and a juvenile was hit by a car. Both lost the last digit of one wing, but compensated well, and flew strongly enough for successful releases.

In other cases, three red-tails and four great horned owls arrived showing signs of West Nile virus, a screech-owl was removed from a fireplace, and a young turkey vulture was rescued from a tree in Yellow Springs where it was hanging with nylon rope caught around its leg. The circulation and blood supply were affected, so we don't know yet if it will recover.

Most of the other birds suffered major trauma from collisions, primarily with vehicles, but some with windows. Lindbergh, one of the Dayton peregrine youngsters, hit a window while chasing a bird, and Shadow, one of Columbus' young peregrines, was admitted twice. Neither exams nor tests revealed anything wrong with him, so we assumed he was just "a late bloomer." He was picked up twice early in his flying career, but after the second release, hung out at the nest box longer than before, then left, never to be seen or heard from again. One only hopes that in this case, "no news is good news."

It's the time of year for bird admissions to be slowing down and educational programming to be increasing. Our freezers are full, so we're ready for winter.

— Betty Ross

Our Adoption Program

The adoption fee is \$75 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.

Thank you for these renewals:

- Celina Intermediate School Sixth Graders
- Phyllis Holsapple
- Rushmore Elementary Kindergarten Classes
- Rushmore Elementary Third Graders
- Katherine Rylien
- Springfield Kiwanis Club
- Urbana North Second Graders
- Urbana South Second Graders

Welcome to our adoption family:

- Bonnie Rothman Berg
- Suzanne Harding
- Henderson Land Investment Company
- Zach Mercer
- Alicia Meyer, St. Brigid School
- In memory of Ralph Moore
- Ryan Sherrock
- Southern Ohio Chapter of AACA

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Program, Sunday, April 23, 2006, 2pm at the Raptor Center

- This is your spring opportunity to tour the Center behind the scenes, and meet our staff and education birds, as well as see the new flight cage. There is the possibility of a red-tailed hawk release.
- Check back closer to the date for definite plans.

Trailside Museum & Visitor Center

We Need Volunteers!

Most public hikes in Glen Helen begin at Trailside, and there are several programs offered at Trailside that are getting noticed. Reptile feedings are attracting a lot of attention every other Saturday at 11 am. Story hour is a great gathering place for families with young children. Often they meet at Trailside with friends or come to meet new friends. It happens every Wednesday at 1 pm.

These and others are great public programs, but Trailside needs your help. This small museum is a fantastic resource that is free to the public, but often is overlooked because it does not have the support to maintain regular hours. We need responsible volunteers who enjoy meeting the public and could spend some time each week offering their support in staffing the museum. Trailside volunteers help hikers find their way, answer questions and keep the museum open as a community resource. To find out how you can volunteer at Trailside, please contact Cindy Steffen at (937) 769-1907.

A Gift of Summer

Holidays and special occasions are opportunities to make the ones we love feel special. Why not give a gift that will be remembered forever? EcoCamp is an experience that kids will remember for the rest of their lives. Even as the snow falls, EcoCamp 2006 registration and information is available online at www.glenhelen.org/e_camps/e_camps.htm.

EcoCamp is an exciting week-long summer camp adventure for kids ages five to fifteen, with several new camps this year such as Young Scientists and Legends for ages seven and eight, in addition to the traditional favorites including Night Camp, Raptor Camp, EcoArt, Wilderness Survival, Aquatics Camp, Rocks Fossils and Bones, Gorge Adventure and Frontier Ohio.

