

New Director Is No Stranger to the Glen

In late January, the Glen Helen Ecology Institute staff was very excited to learn that the search committee's first choice for Executive Director of the GHEI had accepted the position. Nick Boutis, of Takoma Park, Maryland, will assume the position on June 1, 2006. Having spent a year as a naturalist and program coordinator at the OEC in 1990, Nick is quite knowledgeable about the Glen, its unique status as an important asset of the college and village, and the challenges it faces as a non-profit. As he told the *Yellow Springs News*, "My time at the Glen has shaped my career arc for the last decade and a half, and I've longed to come back to the Glen and get a chance to shape its future."

Nick holds a B.A. in biology from Oberlin College, where he met his wife, and an M.G.A. in non-profit management from the University of Maryland. Additional graduate level studies from Antioch University and USDA Graduate School include environmental education, environmental history, meteorology, mycology, ornithology, and outdoor administration. Having worked as an educator for the past fifteen years, he has spent the last seven years managing the teacher training program for the Population Connection in Washington D.C., a national grassroots population organization. In his application he described his work as "my effort to enable people of disparate back-



Nick Boutis, the new Glen director, is due to arrive in late March

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grounds to build on shared values and work toward common goals." As he told the *Yellow Springs News*, he perceives the challenge in the Glen is to "keep everyone focused on the big picture and working together on behalf of the Glen."

Nick Boutis is 38 years old and married to Kathleen Krehbiel-Boutis, a Montessori teacher. Kathleen and Nick are the parents of three children, Talia Sky, age ten, Kaden Maxwell, age seven, and Lida Maren, age two. Nick mentioned during his interview that the opportunity to raise his family in the village of Yellow Springs rather than urban Washington D.C. is a large part of the appeal of the job. As we go to press, Nick and Kathleen are finalizing the purchase of a home in Yellow Springs within walking distance of the Glen.

"Kathleen is looking forward to raising our kids in the small-

town atmosphere of Yellow Springs," Nick said, "and I will enjoy meeting other families by the pool and getting to know everybody. It is both challenging and exciting." The Boutis family has lived in the D.C. area for 15 years, which is the only home the children have ever known. It will be a big change.

The GHEI staff would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new director and his family. Nick said that he "is looking forward with great excitement in playing a role in the future of Glen Helen."

Alice McKinney Does It Again!

She did it...again! Alice McKinney, one of our long-time Nature Shop volunteers, has walked

I walked more than 100 miles for the Glen for the third year in a row. The first year Alice set out to raise money for the Glen by walking, she stopped keeping track at 100 miles because that was what she



Alice McKinney

promised her sponsors. But the second year she hiked more than 400 miles and this year she kept going to hit the 300-mile mark.

Alice, who has been a resident of Yellow Springs since 1975, says she finds the challenge of walking for the Glen a fun way to stay healthy and keep up the pace of life. Besides volunteering and hiking in the Glen (or Switzerland!), Alice works part-time as a proofreader at the Yellow Springs News. She also enjoys watercolor painting, photography, music, reading, swimming and traveling to see all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And if that isn't enough, she is also training to become a Glen Guide!

If you would be interested in raising money for the Glen by walking or sponsoring a hiker, please call 937-769-1907.

Here Comes EcoCamp!

Imagine a summer camp where kids can have fun while learning about the natural world! EcoCamp is a quality outdoor experience that features small group sizes and enthusiastic,

knowledgeable naturalists that are selected for their knowledge in the camp's educational focus and their sensitivity, creativity, and enthusiasm for working with children.

These exciting week-long summer camps are for kids ages five to fifteen, with some new camps this year like 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.

Call (937) 767-7648 to request a brochure with a registration form, or visit www.glenhelen.org and follow the EcoCamp link for more information and to download a registration form. With so many camps to choose from, EcoCamp is a terrific gift for the young nature lover in your life.

If you know someone who loves nature, has experience working with children, is at least 18 years of age and would like a summer job, let them know about EcoCamp! Positions available include, male and female dorm counselors, a dishwasher and a breakfast cook. Please contact the Outdoor Education Center for more information about the positions, or to request an application.

Volunteer Information

Glen Guides

Do you enjoy bird watching? Are you always pointing out wildflowers to your friends? Would you like to learn to lead interesting hikes? Then become a Glen Guide! We're looking for nature lovers interested in joining a core group of volunteer naturalists who will lead hikes and be trail ambassadors, as well



EcoCamp... it's fun and it's educational, combining a love of the outdoors with a child's natural curiosity.

as staff Trailside Museum on weekends. Some basic knowledge of the outdoors is preferred but ongoing training will be provided.

Please call 937-769-1907 for more information.

Volun-Teams

If you enjoy nature reading, feeding birds or working with others in a quiet, peaceful setting... we have a volunteer position for you! The Glen is looking for "people pairs" (couples, friends, mothers-daughters, fathers-sons, etc.) to become Volun-Teams in our community of volunteers. Volun-Teams are encouraged to come to Yellow Springs, take a hike, meet for breakfast or lunch and then work a 3-hour shift together at the Glen Building Nature Shop and Front Desk. Volunteers receive a 20 percent discount in the GHA Nature Shop, which raises funds for the Glen Helen Nature Preserve through its sale of trail guides, feeders, puppets and other nature-related items. They perform a great service to the Glen by assisting visitors and directing staff phone calls. It's a fun way to spend a day with someone you care about...in a place you care about!

Call Cindy Steffen, Volunteer Coordinator at 937-769-1907 for info on any of these volunteer opportunities or programs.

Imagine Your Photo of the Glen in the 2007 Calendar

Photographers, remember to take your camera as you hike the Glen this winter and spring. Entry forms are available at both the Glen Helen Building and Trailside Museum. Deadline for photo submissions of all four seasons is June 4, 2006. Large digital files (10mb) or prints or negatives are required.

In the Glen

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Spring at a Glance – Upcoming Events

Events are subject to change. For more information about upcoming events, please visit www.glenhelen.org/events_in_the_glen.htm

March

Art Exhibit: Dan Roberts

March 1- April 15, Glen Helen Building

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays, 1 pm at Trailside Museum



Reptile Feeding

Saturday, March 4 & 18, 11 am at Trailside Museum

Medallion Hike: Vernal Equinox Hike

Sunday, March 19, 1 pm meet at Trailside Museum

Woodcock Walk

Tuesday, March 7, 6pm. Meet at the Yellow Springs Parking Lot (off State Route 343)

Lecture Series: Glen Helen: A Walk Through Time by Bob Parker

Wednesday, March 22, 7pm at the Glen Helen Building

A Walk Through Time

Saturday, March 25, 9:30am at the Yellow Springs Parking Lot (SR 343 entrance)

April

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays, 1 pm at Trailside Museum

Seventh Southwest Environmental Summit

Saturday, April 1, 10am-1 pm at the Glen Helen Building. For reservations or questions contact Green Environmental Coalition, P.O. Box 553, Yellow Springs, OH 45387 937-767-2109, e-mail summit@greenlink.org

Morning Birding Walks: Check local listings or call 769-1902 later for TBA locations.

Thursdays, April 6 & 20 at 9am, Trailside Museum; Saturdays, April 15 & 29 at 9am, Location TBA

Sunday Wildflower Walks: Check local listings or call 769-1902 for TBA locations.

April 9, 16, 30 at 1 pm. Location TBA.

Wildflower ID Walks

Wednesdays in April at 2:30pm. Meet at Trailside Museum.

Reptile Feeding

Saturday, April 1, 15, & 29, 11am at Trailside Museum

Full Moon Migration Walk (Cloud cover permitting)

Thursday, April 13, at 8pm. Meet at the Yellow Springs Parking Lot (SR 343 entrance).

Art Exhibit: Yellow Springs High School

April 16 to May 31, Glen Helen Building

Medallion Hike: Earth Day Hike

Saturday, April 22, 1pm; meet at Trailside Museum. Leader: Kai Cooley

Raptor Center Earth Day Program and Release

Sunday, April 23, 2006, 2pm at the Raptor Center.

Lecture Series: Going Native Naturally for the Birds! Shaping the Future of Bird Conservation Through Backyards and Communities by Casey Tucker.

Wednesday, April 26, 7pm at the Glen Helen Building

May

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays, 1pm at Trailside Museum

Morning Birding Walk

Saturday, May 6 at 9am. Location TBA

GHA Annual Potluck and Meeting

Sunday, May 7, 5pm at the Glen Helen Building

Sunday Wildflower Walks (Check local listings or call 769-1902 for locations)

May 7 & 14, 1 pm

Reptile Feeding

Saturday, May 13, 27 11 am at Trailside Museum

International Migratory Day Programs

Saturday, May 13. Events & a Full-Moon Migration Hike (cloud cover permitting). Call or pick up a schedule for more details.



Medallion Hike: Flowers are Wild Hike

Saturday, May 20, 1 pm at Trailside

Lecture Series: Butterflies, Butterflies! By John Wilson

Wednesday, May 24, 7pm at the Glen Helen Building

June

Photos due for 2007 Calendar

Sunday, June 4. Call (937) 769-1902 for details.

Nature Story Hour

Wednesdays, 1 pm at Trailside Museum

Reptile Feeding

Saturday, June 10 & 24, 11 am at Trailside Museum

Art Exhibit: Artists of Madison County

June 1- July 15 at the Glen Helen Building

50 Year Anniversary June 19 to 25. Happy Birthday! The Outdoor Education Center turns 50!!

Tours, Refreshments and conversation for alumni during Antioch Campus Reunion

Medallion Hike: Summer's Almost Here! Hike

Saturday, June 17, time and location TBA

EcoCamp Begins

Monday, June 19, Outdoor Education Center

Falcon Release

Thursday, June 22, 1:30pm at the Cut Meadow at the Outdoor Education Center

GHA Enchanted Forest Ball

Saturday, June 24, Glen Helen Building

Lecture Series: FOR KIDS! Animals and their Ohio Habitats: Storytelling by Michell Cornell

Wednesday, June 28, 7pm at the Glen Helen Building

Outdoor Education Center

50 Years!

The year 2006 marks 50 years of school camping in the Glen. Special events commemorating the OEC's 50th anniversary will be held throughout the year, culminating in a reunion for naturalists, teachers and campers in June 2007. Some upcoming events include tours, refreshments and conversation for alumni during the Antioch campus reunion June 19-25, 2006 and a commemorative celebration in October during Antioch President Steve Lawry's inauguration that will include OEC VIP speakers discussing our program's past, present and future.

We're excited to honor our long tradition of environmental education in the Glen and the continued success of our programs. We invite you to lend your support and good company to these celebratory events!

To find out how you can help please call the OEC at (937) 767-7648 or email us at oec50@antioch-college.edu

Honors Institute Grant Renewed

Just prior to the holiday break we received exciting news that our Summer Honors Institute grant from the Ohio Department of Education will be renewed for Summer 2006. This grant was originally submitted in November of 2004 by Susan Kamins, OEC Residential Director and Dr. Cheryl Keen, then Antioch's Dean of Students. Following a resounding success last summer, we resubmitted for 2006 and will again host gifted rising 10th- and 11th-grade scholars.

When contacted for comments, Eric Calvert, Ohio Department of Education's Consultant for Gifted Services, called the program "One of the highest rated programs in the state," and said "the Glen Helen Summer Honors Institute is one of the finest in the state for providing an in-depth, authentic experience. Glen Helen does a great job integrating different perspectives where kids are immersed in the scientific, social, and

philosophical points of view and it all happens in a setting that is really unique. That doesn't happen anywhere else in the state."

In a highly competitive process, grants are submitted to the Ohio Department of Education where gifted teachers and professional readers select proposals for 14 sites across the state of Ohio. "We have far more applicants than we can ever serve," said Calvert.

Student evaluations at the end of this experience, where they live and work 24/7 in the unique setting of Glen Helen, rate the program as exceptional. "Kids love the program and express it in their evaluations," Calvert added.

In our evaluations of impact at the end of the program, students overwhelmingly rated the program highly effective at increasing their knowledge of environmental concerns, increasing their interest in studying environmental issues and increasing their interest in acting on their concerns.

The grant award this year will be for more than \$45,000. Need-based scholarships are available. This program is intended to serve 25-36 students for two weeks. Last year the Institute drew students from all over the state.

Glen Helen staff, joined by Antioch College faculty members and community professionals, cover topics such as environmental leadership,

environmental restoration and conservation, stream studies, Glen history, ecology, geology and wildlife rehabilitation, as well as environmental philosophy, ecoart and media. One highlight of last year's Institute brought representatives from area environmental organizations together in a round table discussion of current environmental issues.

Dates this year for our Summer Honors Institute will be July 31-August 11. Initial application deadline is April 14th.

Visit our website for more details at <http://www.antioch-college.edu/Academics/SummerHonors/>, email us at summerhonors@antioch-college.edu or contact Program Coordinator Jessica Bilecki at (937) 769-1159.

Naturalists Ready for the Trail

Winter/Spring term Naturalist Interns celebrated graduation from training on January 27 and are officially ready to lead groups of Schoolcampers on the trails of the Glen. Our first school group arrived February 1 and we are all enjoying having the kids back in camp!

Internships are offered twice each year, Fall and Winter/Spring. Interns receive training and academic credit through Antioch College in outdoor education methods and natural history, as well as room, board, a



Back Row (L to R): Lauren Van Arsdale (Columbus, Ohio), Meg Muenich (Brooklyn, New York), Maddy Rees (Ash Vale, United Kingdom), Debbie Paniagua (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), Aaron Friend (Wooster, Ohio), Maribeth "MBK" Kambitsch (Kettering, Ohio), Adrienne "AD" Kurtz (Hampstead, Maryland), Emily Vollmer (Corvallis, Oregon), Nicole Reid (Jacksonville, Florida)
Front Row (L to R): Laura Garcia-Cuerva (Madrid, Spain), Jaime Johnson (Columbus, Ohio), Matt Pieknik (Detroit, Michigan), Katie Jensen (Kansas City, Kansas)

small stipend and a unique opportunity to work with elementary and middle school students on the trails of the Glen.

If you, or someone you know might like to participate in our naturalist internship program call the OEC, email us at oeccinterninfo@antioch-college.edu or visit our website, www.glenhelen.org.

If you would like information about bringing your students to the OEC, please call (937) 767-7648, email us at oeccprograminfo@antioch-college.edu or go to www.glenhelen.org/oecc/oecc.htm for an overview of our programs and curriculum.

Thanks to Plants and People

We'd like to thank volunteers from Antioch Professor Tom Arysman's Plants & People class for their work constructing a new, more authentic wigwam for our living history lessons. We're enjoying closer ties with campus, from service hours donated to the OEC by campus students to professors giving classes for our interns, to greater use of student support services and campus facilities as well as more Antioch students taking advantage of OEC internship opportunities.

Many thanks to all the other people who support us on a regular basis.

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Our Wish List

- DVD player(s)
- TV(s), with RCA jacks (call first)
- Candle-making supplies
- Craft supplies
- Sports equipment
- Jerseys or T-shirts
- Firewood
- Dressers & nightstands in good condition
- Lamps in good condition
- Living history supplies

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Arthur and Lucy Morgan Society

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The Raptor Center



A Year-End Review of 2005

The main focus of the Raptor Center continues to be education. Our birds played a part in more than 500 programs this past year reaching more than 12,000 people. Raptor Center Staff presented 50 programs and tours at the Center and another 150 programs through outreach efforts. Our off-site programs were in classrooms, assemblies, for scout groups, summer library programs, childcare centers, adult groups, public releases, open houses, and wildlife-related festivals.

The Outdoor Education Center extension naturalist used an owl in classroom visits and the naturalist interns gave talks with owls to their school camp and EcoCamp trail groups. In addition, thousands of people visited the Raptor Center on their own to learn about Ohio's birds of prey from the interpretive signs and the Center's permanent residents.

Wildlife rehabilitation, specifically of birds of prey, is another important role of the Raptor Center. There were 180 raptors of 11 species admitted for rehabilitation, with over half released back to the wild. American kestrels, Eastern screech-owls, red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, and Cooper's hawks accounted for almost 90 percent of the arrivals. Anything different from these common five was an oddity. Over half the arrivals were first-year birds, nestlings or fledglings in unsafe circumstances, or those that got into trouble shortly after getting on their own. Almost half were injured in some kind of collision, usually with vehicles or windows.

The big surprise was the large number of Cooper's hawks admitted, 44, almost one-fourth the total admissions. Fifteen years ago the arrival of a Cooper's hawk, known as a deep-woodland bird, was a rare occasion. That has certainly changed, perhaps due to the increase in backyard birdfeeders. The hawks have found it advantageous to live and hunt where large numbers of songbirds and small rodents gather for food. The disadvantage to

this urban and suburban lifestyle appears when the birds collide with vehicles and windows, and are left with broken bones and head trauma. Only 14 recovered for release.

The number of admissions of red-tails, commonly seen soaring over roads and fields, was also high, most having been hit by cars, and one by a plane. The 11 that were released had gone through long recuperative periods before returning to their home territories. Our numbers for kestrels, the small falcons common in the area, were lower than normal, but 25 of the 27 admitted were released. Most were healthy, but found in parking lots, roads, and buildings, or threatened by roaming cats and dogs.



This juvenile red-shouldered hawk and adult turkey vulture were two of the 180 raptor admissions last year.

Seven turkey vultures came in, most with old wing fractures. One, however, that had been attacked by the peregrine falcons in Downtown Dayton, recovered. It was released close enough to see the downtown area, but not so close that it would be attacked again! A juvenile vulture, cut down from a Yellow Springs tree where its foot was caught in nylon rope, is still a possible release.

Young screech-owls ran into problems when their nest trees were cut down, or cars, crows, dogs, and cats were nearby. Most adults collided with cars, while one was caught in batting cage netting and one in a fireplace. Of the 29 admitted, 18 were released. Unfortunately, great horned owls didn't fare as well. Only 7 of the 24 were released. Ten of them were in collisions suffering fractures, head trauma, and blindness, and several showed symptoms of West Nile virus. A very satisfying release was one that recovered from major wing damage after tangling with kite string and hanging overnight in a tree. Two upcoming spring releases will be very rewarding, also, as the juveniles were not expected to survive,



Call for advice before rescuing any young wildlife. These great horned owls needed help. Others may not.

much less be released. One was so weak from starvation it could no longer stand or move; it is now scheduled for release at the Earth Day Program. The other had both wings ripped apart when it got caught in a barbed wire fence. It is still recovering, but is a definite release for later in the spring. It's amazing how resilient some of the birds are after such traumas.

Less common arrivals were 6 red-shouldered hawks, 3 peregrine falcons, 3 barred owls, and 1 sharp-shinned hawk. Two of the peregrines were from Downtown Dayton; one left the nest box a bit early, and one hit a window while chasing a bird. The third was a peregrine from Columbus, which seemed to take a very long time to figure out what it was supposed to do when it grew up. The sharpie was released, a juvenile barn owl went to suitable grassland habitat in Holmes County for release, and two of the red-shouldered hawks are still recovering. An adult barred owl that had been hit by a car was released, and one, a nestling that was kidnapped by mushroom hunters, was relocated to a foster nest site.

Our rehabilitation efforts provided a significant service to the public as well as to wildlife. Although we can anticipate trends and timing of youngsters, there are always surprises, disappointments of birds we can't save, and the pleasure and satisfaction of releasing the ones we can.

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:

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- Blake Ross
- Elizabeth Ross Family
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- *In Memory of James and Hazel Story*
- Watts Middle School

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- Dan Chovan
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- Drew Fount
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- Jamie, Donna, and Caleb Jones
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- Megan Tinsley

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Program and Release—Sunday, April 23, 2pm at the Raptor Center

Tour the Center and meet our staff and education birds, and watch a red-tailed hawk and great horned owl released for a second chance at life in the wild.

Raptor Camp, June 19-23 at the OEC

This is a summer EcoCamp offering for kids 11-13 years old who are especially interested in wildlife. Campers will help care for the permanent resident raptors and learn about wildlife rehabilitation.

Falcon Program and Release—Thursday, June 22, 1:30 PM at the OEC Meadow

Young American kestrels will be released for EcoCampers. You are invited to join us and to visit the Raptor Center afterwards with Raptor Campers as your tour guides. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Owl Program and Release—Thursday, July 13, 8pm at the Horace Mann Meadow off Bryan Park Road near John Bryan State Park.

This program will feature owls of the area and conclude with the release of young screech-owls. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Parking is available in the meadow.

Trailside Museum & Visitor Center

Spring at Trailside

Photo to come

Sam Henson

When looking for signs of spring, visitors to the Glen often search for emerging skunk cabbages, and listen for the return of red-winged black birds. Another sure sign of relief from winter is the arrival of the spring term 2006 student manager at the Trailside Museum.

Please welcome Sam Henson, a second year student at Antioch College. He is majoring in education, and looking forward to helping visitors better understand the diverse plants and animals in the Glen. There are several kid-oriented programs that Sam will be presenting at Trailside this term, including reptile feedings on select Saturday mornings at 11, and the nature story hour for preschoolers at 1 in the afternoon on Wednesdays.

From January to April, Trailside Museum will be open to the public Saturday through Wednesday, 10-5, and Friday 10-4:30. Programs and hikes are available. Call the Trailside Museum at (937) 767-7798 for more information, or to make a reservation.

And a big Trailside thanks to volunteers Daniel Taylor and Robert Partida.

