

Native Americans in Glen Helen

How far back should we trace the history of Glen Helen?

From the perspective of a twelve-year-old spending a week in residence at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center, it may seem like the human history of the Glen stretches back about 50 years. After all, that is when a group of Antioch faculty set out to prove that kids learn more, and learn better, when they learn experientially in the outdoors.

Maybe the historical timeline should stretch back to 1929. That was the year Glen Helen acquired its name when Hugh Taylor Birch purchased the wooded glen to create a living memorial for his daughter Helen.

But then again, when we talk about the history of the Glen, we often trace it back a hundred years before Mr. Birch's gift, to when Elisha Mills started to build the first of several hotels that catered to travelers eager to drink from the yellow spring. As we know, the popularity of the yellow spring as a resort destination was what drove the development of the village that shares its name.

Yet, for all those inclined to take a longer view of history, we find evidence in the Glen of a rich cultural history that goes back not hundreds, but thousands of years.

It's a fascinating concept to consider... a hiker drinking from the yellow spring today is sharing in the same experience that people have sought out for millennia.

The earliest evidence of human inhabitants of the Glen was described by William Galloway in *The History of Glen Helen*. The skeletons of two Paleo-Indian people were discovered in a deposit of calcium carbonate near Grinnell Mill in 1924. Researchers determined that the two had drowned in a bog.

Paleo-Indians, it is worth reminding ourselves, were here a long, long time ago. The Paleo-Indian period stretched from 8000 to 12,000 years ago. Mastodons, mammoths, and other ice-age mammals still walked the Earth, and likely were a food source for these early Americans. Looking at the Glen today, it's hard to imagine the land as these Paleo-

Indians would have experienced it.

While the Glen was likely used steadily by native peoples throughout the years, the next time that we have firm evidence of Native Americans in the Glen was around 2000 years ago, when the mound-building Hopewell utilized the area around the yellow spring. A mound they left behind, first ex-

cavated in 1953, contained the remains of an adolescent male. Later digs produced other skeletons and stone artifacts including a spear point and sharpening stone. These artifacts are currently held in the state history museum in Columbus.

Around the same time that the yellow

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Grand Opening of the Baldwin Artifact Collection, March 12-13

Join us as we celebrate the completion of the newest display in Trailside Museum. The Baldwin Artifact Collection includes a remarkable diversity of Native American arrowheads, spear points, and stone hand tools, all collected in Southern Ohio during the early 20th Century.

We mark the occasion with two noted, uniquely qualified speakers. Please join us!

Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 pm, Glen Helen Building: The Baldwin Collection and Ohio Archaeology

Dr. Bob Riordan will speak about the Baldwin Artifact Collection of Native American stone artifacts owned by the Glen, and the archaeological periods they represent. He will focus on examples of local sites, including some located in Glen Helen such as rock shelters, the Orator Mound, and the Bell Works, and also his excavations at the Pollock earthwork in Indian Mound Reserve near Cedarville and his current project at the Fort Ancient earthwork.

Dr. Riordan is an archaeologist, and Chair of the Anthropology Department at Wright State University. He has conducted research at a variety of Native American sites in the area, including the Bell Works in Glen Helen.

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 pm, Glen Helen Building: Sacred Animals and the Scioto Civilization

Geoffrey Sea speaks about the sacred animals of the mound-building cultures of Ohio, and their role in the development of earthworks. He will focus on the sacred animals of most significance, including the passenger



Wright State archeologist Robert Riordan, who has researched earthworks in Glen Helen. Riordan is one of two speakers who will help us celebrate the opening of the Baldwin Artifact Collection.

pigeon, rattlesnake, panther, and black bear.

Mr. Sea is a writer and historian of science, whose forthcoming book (Penguin Press) addresses natural history and modern history of southern Ohio. He owns the historic Barnes Home in southern Ohio, on one of the principal earthworks sites. The home is also where the last wild passenger pigeon was taken, immediately after it was shot.

The creation of the Baldwin Artifact Collection has been made possible by a donation from the estate of Robert Baldwin, Sr.

Director's Report to the Community



Nick Boutis

Spring in the Glen!

Through the miracle that is advance planning, I am able to write in contemplation of springtime, even if the Glen is dusted with snow, and the outside temperature hovers in the single digits.

Spring is a spectacular time to be in Glen Helen, and this particular spring portends to be especially interesting.

Once again this year, we will hold our spring birdwatching extravaganza, Make it Count for the Birds. Last year, our spotters located more than 80 species. Within that number, they even found four types of birds not previously reported in Glen Helen. Not only that, their efforts raised over \$10,000 for land management and restoration efforts in the preserve. How will we do this year? Well, with your help, even better!

Throughout the spring, we'll be in the midst of major upgrades at the Outdoor Education Center. After several years of planning, we are finally moving forward with our waterworks project — providing new potable water lines and wastewater lines to our educational facilities. This project illustrates one of the great challenges of managing facilities within a nature preserve. We have to ensure that we protect the ecology of the Glen, even while we provide programs for thousands of children

Meanwhile, over at the Raptor Center, many of the birds that have come in over the fall and winter are finally able to be released. If you've never experienced a Raptor Center release, you owe it to yourself to come to our Earth Day presentation. We'll get to send off a red-tailed hawk that came to us injured, and unable to survive in the wild. Now rehabilitated, we'll be giving it a second chance at life. There simply is nothing to compare to watching these powerful birds lift themselves out of a gloved hand, and fly off to freedom.

Spring is also the time when we see the fruits of our labor from habitat restoration work done over the fall and winter. This time last year, the triangle where the Yellow Springs Creek meets Birch Creek was infested with invasive honeysuckle and privet. Then,

in the fall, volunteers participating in Honeysuckle Daze cleared out these invading plants. Now, as the days grow longer, and the soil warms, we hope we'll see native wildflowers start to emerge there once again.

There's nothing like spring in the Glen. Come on out and see us!

— Nick Boutis (nboutis@antioch-college.edu)

2009 Calendar Photo Contest

Have you ever wanted to be a published photographer? The 2009 Glen Helen Wall Calendar Photo Search Contest runs February 1 through May 31, 2008. Entry forms are available in the Glen Helen Atrium, at www.glenhelen.org, or by calling 937-769-1911.

Calling All Friends of Glen Helen!

Would you like to spend more time in the Glen? Consider signing up as a new volunteer. We have multiple positions available in areas like trail maintenance, front desk/Nature Shop detail, and Trailside Museum docent. As one Glen volunteer put it: spending time in the Glen is like a fountain of youth. It keeps you vital!

Contact Jeff Robertson at 769-1907 or jerobertson@antioch-college.edu for more information!

Great Stuff Garage Sale, Coming Up!!

It's time to start thinking again about items to donate to the 2nd annual Glen Helen Great Stuff Garage Sale. Inspired by our success last spring, this year's sale will take place on May 17, 2008, from 9 am to 5 pm in the Glen Helen parking lot at 405 Corry St.

Again this year we will be accepting anything of value, *value* being the key word here, including furniture, tools, hiking and athletic equipment, toys and baby items, antiques, pictures and art work, kitchen stuff, working appliances, computers, garden stuff, knick-knacks, horses, cattle, trailers, working cars, trucks and tractors, working and not working cell phones (we have a plan!) and any other ideas you might have (except for clothes) that you think might help raise money.

We will be accepting donated items during our standard drop-off times on Friday, May 16, 2-7 pm, and 7-9 am, Saturday morning. Volunteers with pickup trucks will even be on

hand to transport larger items on Friday!

If you absolutely need that good useable furniture out of your way, and can't wait until May 16, call and volunteers will arrange to pick up and store your items starting April 1!

So start thinking now about how to take advantage of this once a year opportunity — to pass along those no-longer-used-items, make a meaningful donation to the Glen and even take a tax write-off in the process.

For more information call 937-769-1902.

Spring Wildlife Advice

Please be wildlife-wise this spring! Leave young animals in the wild so their parents can care for them, unless you know for certain that they are orphaned or injured.

Since birds have a poor sense of smell, they will not reject a baby that has been picked up and returned to its nest. If you can't find or reach the nest, attach a makeshift one to the tree, place the warmed nestling in it, then observe from a distance to see if the parents return. Young mammals that become separated from parents can be replaced where found so the parents can retrieve them.

Some animals, such as rabbits, leave the nest for long periods, only returning at night to feed the young. Fawns, too, may be left for long periods, but this doesn't mean they have been abandoned. Remember, also, that most young birds and mammals leave their nests before they are able to care for themselves. Parents remain nearby to feed and protect them. It is important to keep dogs, cats, and people away from them to give the parents a chance!

If you do need help, call us for advice (937-767-7648). The Glen Helen Raptor Center accepts all birds of prey, and can help you find assistance for other animals. We will do our best to reunite the young with wild parents. You can help by letting us know the location of active raptor nests and young in case we need foster nest sites. Also, check before you mow, trim limbs, or cut down trees, so wildlife homes are not destroyed.

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Spring at a Glance – Upcoming Events

March 2008

Art in the Atrium: Paths Less Traveled

Watercolors by Timothy Ryan (3/1 to 4/15)

Peruse watercolors of scenes inspired by Ryan's hiking and kayaking trips throughout Ohio and Kentucky.

Opening Reception: Friday 3/21, 6-8 pm, Glen Building Atrium

Daily Open Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sat-Sun 10-4 pm

Planned Giving Seminar (Thursday, March 6)

Tom DeRoss, Senior VP with Fifth Third Bank, will provide an informal talk on Planned Giving. This is an opportunity to learn about the ways and the importance of leaving a legacy. Sponsored by the Glen Helen Association.

7 pm, Glen Helen Building

Reptile Feeding (Saturday, March 8)

Enjoy an interactive feeding program with our resident snake and turtles.

11 am, Trailside Museum

Featured Event: Native Americans in and around Glen Helen (Wednesday & Thursday, March 12-13)

Official opening for the new Glen Helen Display: Native American Stone Tools

Speaker: Wright State Archeologist Robert Riordan, Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 pm, Glen Helen Building

Speaker: Writer and researcher Geoffrey Sea, Thursday, March 13, 7:30 pm, Glen Helen Building

Ephemeral Wildflower Walk (Saturday, March 15)

See the first spring wildflowers with Alice McKinney. Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Glen Helen Association Board Meeting (Wednesday, March 19)

Interested in event & membership planning for the Glen Helen Association?

7 pm, Glen Helen Building

Full Moon Hike (Thursday, March 20)

Enjoy a guided stroll to the Pine Forest under the light of the full moon.

Departs 8 pm, Trailside Museum

Medallion Hike: Vernal Equinox (Saturday, March 22)

Celebrate the start of spring with a hike lasting three hours or five miles, whichever comes first. Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Saturday, March 22)

Enjoy an informative botanical stroll with resident plant expert Dave Jansen.

Departs 2 pm, Trailside Museum

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, March 29)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Bird Walk (Sunday, March 30)

Explore the exciting world of Glen Helen birding with executive director Nick Boutis.

Departs 9 am, Trailside Museum

April 2008

Art in the Atrium: Herbs & Lace (4/16 to 5/31)

Gifts from the Garden: Seasonal Inspirations.

Daily Open Hours Mon-Fri 9:30 am-4:30 pm &

Sat-Sun 10-4 pm, Glen Building Atrium

Garlic Mustard Pull (Saturday, April 5)

Come and be a part of Glen Helen's ongoing effort to eradicate unwanted botanical invaders from our beloved preserve. No experience necessary. Refreshments provided, bring gloves! Please RSVP with Jeff Robertson at 937-769-1907.

Beginning 9 am, Trailside Museum

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, April 5)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Reptile Feeding (Saturday, April 5)

11 am, Trailside Museum

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, April 12)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Glen Helen Association Board Meeting (Wednesday, April 16)

7 pm, Glen Helen Building

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, April 19)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Full Moon Hike (Saturday, April 19)

Departs 8 pm, SR 343 Parking Lot

Wildflower Class & Hike (Sunday, April 20)

Celebrate Earth Day with a class in wildflower identification followed by the opportunity to practice your new skills throughout the Glen! \$20 class fee covers cost of a new Newcomb Field Guide that you get to keep. For information and RSVP, leave a message at 937-769-1903 or glen-building@glenhelen.org. Class meets 12 noon, Glen Helen Building

Raptor Center Earth Day Program (Sunday, April 20)

2 pm, Raptor Center

Medallion Hike: Every Day is Earth Day (Saturday, April 26)

Appreciate nature with a hike lasting three hours or five miles, whichever comes first.

Departs 1 pm, Trailside Museum

Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Saturday, April 26)

Enjoy an informative botanical stroll with resident plant expert Dave Jansen.

Departs 2 pm, Trailside Museum

Bird Walk (Sunday, April 27)

With director Nick Boutis.

Departs 8 am, Trailside Museum

May 2008

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, May 3)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 9 am, Trailside Museum

Reptile Feeding (Saturday, May 3)

11 am, Trailside Museum

Bird Walk (Sunday, May 4)

Enjoy a birding extravaganza near the peak of spring migration with Glen director Nick Boutis.

Departs 8:00 am, Trailside Museum

Glen Helen Association Annual Meeting (Sunday, May 4)

6 pm, Glen Helen Building

Make it Count for the Birds (Saturday, May 10)

Support Glen Helen through our annual 24 hours birdwatching marathon. Last year 84 different species were found – can we top that record? Guided walks will depart throughout the day. Visit www.glenhelen.org for complete details.

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, May 10)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 9 am, Trailside Museum

Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Saturday, May 17)

Enjoy an informative botanical stroll with resident plant expert Dave Jansen.

Departs 2 pm, Trailside Museum

Glen Helen Association Great Stuff Garage Sale (Saturday, May 17)

Find treasures during this one-day-only megasale.

Drop off donations: Friday, May 16, 2-7 pm, or 7-9 am Saturday.

Sale: 9 am-5 pm, Corry St. parking lot (Glen Helen Building in case of rain)

Full Moon Hike (Monday, May 19)

With Edwin Lainhart.

Departs 9 pm, SR 343 Parking Lot

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, May 24)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 9 am, Trailside Museum

Medallion Hike: May Flowers (Saturday, May 24)

Three hours or five miles, whichever comes first.

Departs 10 am, Trailside Museum

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, May 31)

With Alice McKinney.

Departs 9 am, Trailside Museum

Native Plants for Home Landscapes (Saturday, May 31)

With Dave Jansen.

Departs 2 pm, Trailside Museum

Check glenhelen.org for the latest information!

In Appreciation

Gifts to the Glen

We are profoundly thankful for the following contributions received between October 1 and December 31, 2007. We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list. Please bring any errors or omissions to our attention. Thank you for your continued support of Glen Helen.

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The Glen Helen Legacy Society

The Glen Helen Association is very pleased to announce the formation of the Glen Helen Legacy Society. This new society is our way of honoring and recognizing supporters who commit to providing Glen Helen with a planned gift. Notes Suzanne Patterson, one of the Association board members spearheading this effort, Planned giving is for all of us! Every contribution helps build a strong and sustainable Glen.

On March 6, 2008, at 7 pm the Association will sponsor an informal talk on Planned Giving, with guest speaker Tom DeRoss. Tom is Senior Vice President of Charitable Management Services with the Fifth Third Bank of Dayton, and also a Fund Manager for The Dayton Foundation. This is an opportunity for the community to learn about the ways and the importance of leaving a legacy for the future.

Planned gifts offer us our best hope for growing a healthy endowment to sustain Glen Helen for the long run. Currently, endowed funds provide about 6 percent of the Ecology Institute's annual budget. The country's leading nature centers and preserves have endowments that provide closer to 50 percent of their annual budgets. Glen Helen, with its legions of supporters and unparalleled natural assets, can surely rise to this level.

In December alone, more than one hundred thousand dollars were added to Glen Helen Association's endowments, thanks to several generous gifts.

We are very pleased to announce a bequest from Dr. George W. Comstock of Maryland. This gift is the first to be deposited into the new Glen Helen Association Fund at The Dayton Foundation. Learn more about Dr. Comstock and his remarkable life and career in the article at right.

In addition, the Association received an IRA gift from David A. Case of Yellow Springs. Dave and his wife, Barbara, are long-time residents and active community members of Yellow Springs. In 1948 Dave became one of the founders of Yellow Springs Instruments Inc. and retired in 1987 as Vice President and General Manager. He is an Antioch alum, a devoted friend of the Glen and served as a trustee of the Glen Helen Association during the nineties. Barbara coordinated an important and extensive project, a vascular plant survey of the Glen. Their gift was added to the Association's Glen Helen Fund at the Yellow Springs Community Foundation.

GHA graciously appreciates Dr. Comstock's family and David and Barbara Case for remembering the Glen.

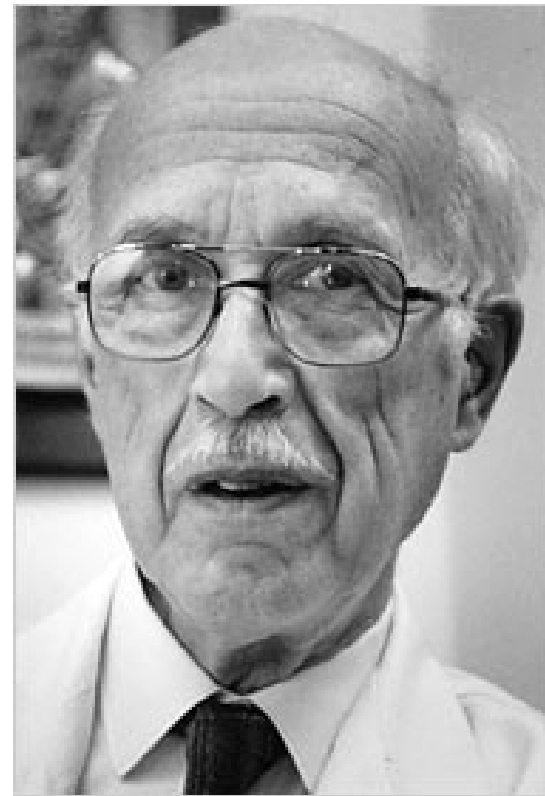
—Suzanne Patterson

Remembering Dr. George W. Comstock

Epidemiologist, 1937 graduate of Antioch College, Glen Helen Benefactor
January 7, 1915 – July 15, 2007

A native of Niagara Falls, George W. Comstock arrived at Antioch College with intentions of studying metallurgy. Partially through his experiences as a student co-op intern with Eli Lilly, his interest shifted to epidemiology and public health. After obtaining a medical degree from Harvard University, a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate, also in public health, from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Comstock went on to a highly distinguished career. He continued his work as physician and professor emeritus at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health up through the last week of his 92 years.

He is remembered as an epidemiologist who made major contributions to the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. His studies in Georgia and Alabama led the U.S. government to abandon its plans to give an early TB vaccine to American children, after he proved that the vaccine was not effective. His later research in Alaska, in the midst of a tuberculosis epidemic there, led to treatment



George W. Comstock

protocols that are still in place fifty years later.

Throughout his adult life, Dr. Comstock maintained fond memories of Glen Helen from his days at Antioch. This was true despite the fact that he contracted the lung disease histoplasmosis during one of his youthful romps in the Glen. Perhaps this bout with lung disease (contracted from close contact with birds or bats) was one of the factors that motivated his interest in tuberculosis?

Dr. Comstock drew deep inspiration and motivation from Horace Mann's parting words to the Antioch College class of 1854 I beseech you to treasure up in your hearts these my parting words: Be ashamed to die until you've won some victory for humanity. Said Dr. Comstock, That sort of struck me as the main purpose of living. Most of us aren't going to win any big victories, but we can win little ones every day, and they mount up.

With his bequest to the Glen Helen Association, Dr. Comstock has ensured one more victory for humanity.

— Nick Boutis (nboutis@antioch-college.edu)

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Outdoor Education Center

Introducing the Winter-Spring 2008 Naturalist Staff

The New Year brings a new Naturalist staff to the Outdoor Education Center. Full of energy and excitement, the new staff also brings a diversity of experiences and knowledge that will benefit the hundreds of students scheduled to visit Glen Helen this winter and spring.

Zoe Anable, Naturalist

Oakwood, Ohio; Degree in progress, McGill University

Christine Annarino, Naturalist

Yellow Springs, Ohio; B.A. English, Ohio State University

Tate Bushell, Raptor Center Assistant

Allendale, New Jersey; B.S. Biology, Ramapo College

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Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center from the Naturalist Perspective

We start our school week with breakfast at 8:00 in the Lodge. Immediately following our fill, we mobilize to set up the chairs and tables, sometimes pushing the limit of the dining hall's capacity. After a brisk wipe with a sanitizing cloth, the tables are set with plates, bowls, and forks. When the set-up is complete, we convene by the lounge round-table to map out the coming day and the coming week.

With the meeting adjourned, we head to the Raptor Center to feed the respective birds of prey under our care, taking away partially-finished food, or refilling their water dishes. We return back to the Lodge, reviewing our lessons, gathering our teaching materials, and making any other final adjustments, before heading outside along the dirt road leading to the Lodge.

And then we wait...

An engine rumbles from the distance. Our nerves tense as the yellow of a bus looms from behind the foliage. It's not until we catch sight of the first student by the bus window that we activate the zany lobe of our brain and prepare to welcome our guests.

As a Naturalist, the essence of our service lies in bringing students into an intimate encounter with the natural environment.

The young faces vary in their reaction to us. Sometimes they reciprocate our enthusiasm. Sometimes they tentatively smile and wave. Sometimes they gawk in bewilderment at the strange species that appear to be re-enacting the behavior of some exotic bird featured on the Discovery Channel.

So go our ceremonial salutations to the students, which usher forth a week filled with learning and fun, with experiences that profoundly impact both student and teacher alike. The aforementioned strange species is known as a Naturalist. During this past term, a green Glen Helen t-shirt and a nametag identified me and eight others as part of this peculiar species.

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Kneeling (from left to right): Shweta, Sara, Meredith, Jessica, Ann. Standing: Juli, Kyle, Zoe, Christine, Reed, Tate, Gabriel, Samuel



Sam Chee, Fall 2007 Naturalist

counter with the natural environment. Most of the hard work is done for us, as nature provides a generous offering of its handiwork through the thousand-acre Glen. As naturalists, we merely add an extra zest to the appreciation of nature's craft, through educational hikes, outdoor games, and numerous other nature activities.

Some of the most memorable moments come during the evening. During the warmer seasons, the first night of each week heralds the Glen Olympics, where we oversee student teams who compete in adrenaline-pumping – and occasionally vertigo inducing – relay races. As the season goes by, we switch gears and hold the Glen Auction, a variation of the Dutch auction, but with a nature motif. We wrap up the night with skits and songs, which often have an educational edge to complement the wild energy. In some of these performances, students sometimes take a role themselves, earning a spotlight of stardom.

On our final evening with the students, we have a very special activity in store. With the Glen closed to the public by sundown, we take the students on a tour to experience nature at night. Acclimating ourselves to a world draped in sable, we hike onwards while interspersing our tentative steps with activities designed to stimulate senses beyond sight. We eventually come to a spot where we have everyone form a circle before sitting. A candle is lit, and from there we

invite our students to take the candle and share something about their time in the Glen, perhaps a favorite moment, or something learned. When all that can be said is said, we commemorate the night by standing together and blowing the candle out.

For a city slicker from Vancouver, Canada, with little experience working with middle school students, I'd be lying if I said that I didn't find the Naturalist internship initially daunting. A desk potato by trade and hobby, I wasn't too sure how I would adapt to working in an environment less tame, and with youths more wild. But interesting things can happen when you heat a potato, and in my case, the results exploded past hope and expectation. From working with an outstanding crew of Naturalists and administrators, to exploring the wonders of a nature preserve, to having my unbridled exuberance unlocked through teaching, games and acting, and being sincerely congratulated and thanked by the students whom I worked with. I can only skim the rich pool of knowledge and experience I gained through this blessed opportunity. It was truly one of the most rewarding and profound experiences of my life.

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Native Americans in Glen Helen

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spring mound was built, people of the Hopewell Culture constructed a much larger earthwork enclosing about 6 acres in the South Glen, plus two small earthen mounds nearby. The enclosure has been named the Bell Works after the 1850s landowner Dr. William Bell.

In the 1840s, Ephraim Squier and Edwin Davis scoured southern Ohio, searching for and documenting all of the mounds that they could find. Their research culminated with *Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley*, published by the Smithsonian Institution in 1848. To this day, it is considered to be a monumental accomplishment in the history of archeology. Naturally, the Glen Helen Bell Works were one of the earthen works that they found, mapped, and documented. This earthwork, studied by Wright State archaeologist Robert Riordan and his colleagues in 1986-1987, is believed to have been a ceremonial site used by local Hopewell families.

Relatively little is known about the Hopewell people, primarily because they did not leave written records for us. Most of what we do know about their origins, their beliefs, and their accomplishments, we know from archeological evidence left in their earthworks, or from artifacts found in the areas of their villages and hunting grounds. This evidence suggests both that Glen Helen was an important area for these early cultures, and also that the center of the mound-building cultures was actually east of the Miami Valley, along the Scioto Valley.

It was along the Scioto Valley that an amateur archeologist named Frank Knox, Jr. developed an interest in searching for Native American artifacts. Over the years, Knox found several hundred arrowheads, spear points, stone hand tools, and other artifacts from the Adena and Hopewell cultures. Knox eventually passed his collection on to his brother-in-law, local resident Robert Baldwin, Sr. The elder Mr. Baldwin, in turn, passed them on to Glen Helen shortly before his death in 1983.

So it is, that thousands of years after these spear points and other stone tools were used in the hunt, and 80 years after they were found in the ground, that we announce the

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Grand Opening of the Baldwin Artifact Collection. To celebrate the opening of our display, two very special speakers will be joining us on March 12 and 13 to share their unique perspectives on the Native American cultures who made these tools, and lived in the Glen.

Native American use of Glen Helen didn't end with the Hopewell. Through the 1700s, Miami Indians used the yellow spring as a watering point on the route to Old Piqua, an important trading center on the Mad River near Springfield. Apparently, they greatly appreciated the Golden Waters temperature of 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

Then, in 1763, at the conclusion of the French and Indian War, the Miami Indians were driven out of Ohio by the Shawnee. An important Shawnee settlement just south of Glen Helen called Old Chillicothe (now Oldtown) became a central point in pioneer history as the birthplace (or thereabouts) of

Tecumseh, as the site of the gauntlet run by frontiersman Simon Kenton, and as the place where the Shawnee adopted Daniel Boone.

Perhaps the last chapter in the Native American use of Glen Helen closed when The Bullskin Trace, a Shawnee migration route running right by the yellow spring on its way from the Ohio River to Detroit, became a State Road. The year was 1907.

The next time you are in the Glen, take a moment to close your eyes and picture how the land might have looked to the mound-builders. Can you picture the Glen without honeysuckle, garlic mustard, or even Osage orange trees? What if 400-year-old trees were more the rule than the exception? If you can see these images, now try to picture the Glen with a resident population of bear and cougar, or flocks of a billion passenger pigeons flying overhead. Even if we've lost a lot of our wildlife and wildness, the Glen may offer us one of the best examples of what Ohio looked like before Europeans arrived.

— Nick Boutis (nboutis@antioch-college.edu), with thanks and acknowledgements to Scott Sanders of Antiochiana

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

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The Raptor Center



Looking Back: A Rehabilitation Review

The goal of wildlife rehabilitation is to release healthy individuals back to the wild, and we do that with almost half the birds we accept. It's also an important way to give assistance to people who find the birds, and a way to help offset the human impact on wildlife. Most of the birds came in because of human-related causes or interference: collisions with vehicles or windows, caught in barbed wire or netting, trapped in buildings, or forced from homes when trees were cut down.

During 2007, there were 181 raptors of 13 species admitted for rehabilitation,

but five species accounted for 83 percent of the arrivals. The breakdown was 41 Eastern screech-owls, 37 red-tailed hawks, 35 Cooper's hawks, 20 great horned owls, 18 American kestrels, 10 barred owls, 7 turkey vultures, 5 red-shouldered hawks, 3 peregrine falcons, 2 saw-whet owls, 1 sharp-shinned hawk, 1 short-eared owl, and 1 barn owl. Usually, almost half are first-year birds, but this year only a third were, which meant more injured adults than normal. Assisting with their care through the whole year was Jaime Shepherd, our very capable intern from Belmont, Ohio.

It's not unusual to get a sharp-shinned hawk, an occasional short-eared owl, and a few peregrines every year, as well as saw-whet owls every two to three years. The big surprise of this year, however, was the young barn owl found in Fairborn, not out in farm fields, but on a downtown street. There have been only two barn owls admitted from the Miami Valley area in recent years, one from

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Clark County ten years ago, and this one from Greene County. Since it was a first-year bird, a recent fledgling from its nest, it's unlikely that it had traveled far, so there must be some barn owls living in the area. Unfortunately, this one died that same night, either from exhaustion, stress, or trauma, and its nesting location remains a mystery.

Although it is exciting to admit birds we don't get very often, it's the outcome of each individual case, not the species itself, which matter. Some cases this past year were especially rewarding: birds not expected to recover, or ones that took extraordinary efforts on our part, or long periods of time to recuperate. Some cases were very straightforward: a peregrine falcon arrived missing a wing, a turkey vulture missing a foot. At least we could end their suffering. The youngsters

After its release, this adult red-tailed hawk re-joined its mate.



we admitted were returned to nest sites, whenever possible, or given the opportunity to mature and practice hunting before we sent them out again.

Other cases meant difficult decisions and longer struggles. Sometimes birds arrived with fresh injuries and could be helped immediately, but often they had been down awhile, so came in weak and starving, with dried out bones, or fractures which had healed out of alignment. Fortunately, there were no food or space constraints, so as long as we saw some progress and thought there was a chance for a recovery, we kept going with the bird. A kestrel released in April had been with us more than a year!

For a number of birds, it meant getting them back to a good weight, allowing wounds and injuries to heal, then letting them start to move around again. After that we pushed them to fly, often setting up a schedule for them, if they weren't inclined to do their own physical therapy. It took awhile for a great horned owl from Shawnee State Forest in Scioto County to compensate for the crooked bones in his leg, but he did, and was eventually released. We are hoping for the same end result for a great horned owl from Germantown whose bones had already healed out of alignment in both wings before he got to us. He didn't move for weeks, but is now flying, and we'll keep pushing him.

Three adult red-tailed hawks stood out, perhaps because they were recent releases,



This was one of the many youngsters admitted for care last year.

but also because all three were known to the people who found them, had territories and mates in the area, and suffered severe injuries. One lost the feathers on his damaged wing, and even after his broken bones healed, he couldn't fly. We thought it would take almost a year for new feathers to grow in, but they came in right away, and he left after a two-month stay. When released, he flew straight across a field to his favorite perch, and his mate flew across to join him, probably wondering where he had been all that time.

A hawk from Beaver Creek took two and

a half month to recuperate from wing fractures, head trauma, and numerous scrapes and cuts after a run-in with a truck. Only one red-tail had been seen along that stretch of road for the few months he was with us. Then two days after his release, a pair was seen flying together again. The third red-tail returned to his Clifton farm territory just before the end of the year, after recuperating from a very swollen, double-fractured wing injury, and re-joined his mate.

Adults, such as those three, fought their confinement constantly and were not cooperative patients, but that was to be expected, and made it all the more satisfying when they left!

It would have been wonderful if we had saved all the birds we admitted, but of course, that wouldn't be realistic. So we look at the half-full glass and figure that for every one we lost, there was one we saved, one that wouldn't have had a second chance without us.

— Betty Ross (bross@antioch-college.edu)

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Program and Release, Sunday, April 20, 2 pm at the Raptor Center.

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

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.

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

Thank you for these renewals:

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In memory of Stephen Dam
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In memory of Kathy Menchhofer
Elizabeth Ross Family
Springfield Kiwanis Club
In memory of James and Hazel Story

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Mary White

Welcome to our adoption family:

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In memory of Gladys Byars
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In memory of Dan Gray
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Our Wish List

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

- Vacuum cleaner with hose attachments
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- Standing lamps, table lamps, or desk lamps
- One box twin box spring
- Digital camera memory card (call for details)
- Heavy-duty work gloves
- Ecological cleaning supplies
- Metal pitchforks
- Lightweight folding rectangular tables
- Microscope
- Coffeemaker
- Loppers

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

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