

## When an Eagle Came to Town...and Stayed

Step back 29 years to the winter of 1980, and a night Yellow Springs resident Scott Hammond remembers well:

*"It was a typical February evening. Outside the wind was blowing a dusting of snow about and the temperature was well down into the teens. Inside, Ralph Ramey and I were standing in the lower hall of the Glen Helen Building with a medium sized crate at our feet. Ralph was dressed in his everyday clothing, but I was done up in a garb that might remind one of a medieval knight going out for a friendly joust! I wore two heavy jackets, triple thick leather gloves that extended nearly up to my shoulders and a full-face motorcycle helmet with an eye shield. Why the strange stuff? Well, the crate at our feet just happened to contain a full grown American Bald Eagle, which I feared might hurl itself on me the moment light was let into the box!*

*Earlier in the month Ralph had arranged for us to acquire, on loan, this particular Bald Eagle from the University of Minnesota. It was to supplement a Smithsonian Institute traveling exhibit on the American Bald Eagle on display at Glen Helen for the month of February. The eagle was to be used in the educational program we had designed for school groups and the public viewing the exhibit. It was my responsibility to handle and care for this member of an endangered species during its stay.*

*Even though I'd been working with birds of prey at our clinic for more than a year and a half, I had never worked with one that could quite compare to the size and power of an eagle. Naturally I had some fears. As the last screw was taken out of the crate, something happened that made my tension melt away into a more relaxed, but respectful caution: The eagle 'quacked!' Yes, it 'quacked.' Just like a duck. Now how could I ever be afraid of anything that makes a noise like a fluffy, little yellow duck? I put my hands in*



**Scott Hammond and Solo in February 1980.**

*and we started to get to know one another."*

That was many years ago, but the eagle Ralph and Scott welcomed to the Glen that night still lives at the Raptor Center. He was injured on Oct. 18, 1979 on a farm along a river in South Carolina. At that time, all injured bald eagles in the eastern half of the United States were sent to the Veterinary School at the University of Minnesota for treatment. Radiographs showed a dislocation of the left elbow with tendon and muscle damage. He had probably injured it hitting a power line, and could no longer control the wing. He would never fly again.

At that time eagles were endangered, one of many species harmed by DDT. It would be exciting and unusual to have a live one in Yellow Springs, but Ralph's outreach to the University of Minnesota was successful. Now an eagle was here.

In addition to caring for the eagle, Scott gave him his name, choosing "Solo" since he was by himself, and because of the soothing sound of the name, which Scott would

use during training. Scott put the helmet aside, but stuck with the long gloves, and spent many hours with Solo. Solo did well on display, tethered to a perch behind the Glen Helen Building during the day, and safely inside at night. Busloads of school kids and other visitors came to see Solo during the month-long exhibit.

When the exhibit was over, no one wanted to see Solo leave, so Ralph secured the necessary permits to keep him at the Glen. Solo moved to the Outdoor Education Center where several hawks and owls were already on display. Since this was a more secure area, he was tethered outside all the time. Scott took him for walks in the Glen, and he and other staff even took him to Courthouse Square in Dayton for a Memorial Day celebration. Scott thought Solo seemed nervous with the traveling, though, and if he jumped off Scott's glove, he couldn't get back up. Once when Scott had him at a school for a large assembly, the bell rang behind them on

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## Director's Report: Major Gifts Bring Challenge to Match



**Nick Boutis**

My fingers trembled as I held the check in front of me – a gift to the Glen Helen Association for two hundred fifty thousand dollars. Every contribution to the

Glen helps us protect the preserve and operate our educational programs, but a gift of this magnitude allows a huge leap in what we can accomplish.

This gift is also wonderful news in that it enabled us to reach a proud milestone – from the time that I came on as director in 2006, Glen Helen has now received two million dollars in gifts, grants, and pledges! This generosity has enabled us to strengthen our programs, improve land management of the preserve, and start to address decades of deferred maintenance that had been crippling our ability to serve the community.

This contribution alone would allow us to welcome more than 2000 economically disadvantaged children for a week at the Outdoor Education Center;

OR, make high efficiency improvements to eight of our program buildings;

OR, finish the work of clearing honeysuckle and other invasive plants from the 250 acres in the Glen that comprise the Federally-designated National Natural Landmark;

OR, staff Trailside Museum seven days a week with an interpretive fellow.

In the end, and in keeping with the donors' wishes, the bulk of this contribution was added to our endowment funds, where it will strengthen all of the programs of the Glen for years to come.

The donors, who modestly sought no personal recognition for their gift, believe deeply in the importance of our work in environmental education. As a couple with strong connections to Glen Helen, they made this contribution with an acute awareness that this is the kind of investment the Glen needs in order to thrive as a place for education and inspiration.

And so, with this gift, we have embraced a challenge – to match this quarter million

dollar gift within the next year! To meet this challenge, Glen Helen is going to need the support of everyone who cares about the Glen, contributing at whatever level they are able. If we succeed, it will represent a giant step towards the financial sustainability of the preserve and its vital programs.

With deep gratitude to the anonymous donors who made this gift, and to everyone poised to rise to the challenge ahead – we could not do this without you.

– Nick Boutis (nboutis@glenhelen.org)

## Annual Report Available

Annual Reports for 2007-2008, our most recently completed fiscal year, are now available. PDF copies can be downloaded from [www.glenhelen.org](http://www.glenhelen.org). Hard copies are available upon request at the Glen Helen Building.

## Thanks, Dorothy!



**Dorothy Scott**

Dorothy Scott worked as a Glen Helen volunteer, mostly in the Nature Shop, for about 20 years. She decided recently that, with her 90th birthday coming up, it was time to retire.

Dorothy says that she first began to volunteer at the Glen because there was a need and she thought she could help. She has stayed all these years because she not only felt useful, but she liked the Glen, the Nature Shop, the staff and the other volunteers, "It's a beautiful building to work in, and I like the people. It has always been

an enjoyable place to be," she says.

"We wish we had ten more just like her," is how the Nature Shop managers sum up their feelings about Dorothy. "She has been reliable, prompt, always helpful and pleasant with the public, and always prepared to take on more hours when needed. She worked extensively with the computer inventory system, a tedious but essential component of Shop life. And she's always been a pleasure to work with."

–Ruth Bent

## Spotlight Events

### Seniors Day

**Monday, April 20, 1:30 to 4:30 pm.**

**Yellow Springs Parking Lot, 1075 SR 343**

For safety reasons, the Yellow Springs Parking Lot is ordinarily kept closed. For one special day, the lot, which provides the best access to the Yellow Spring, Hopewell Mound, Cascades Waterfall, and Helen's Memorial Stone will be opened.

The Glen Helen Association has invited Friends Care Community and the Yellow Springs Senior Center and their residents and members to take advantage of the easy access and enjoy springtime in the Glen. Anyone of any age who is physically disabled or challenged is invited to use this parking lot during this one-day event.

Please note that the designated trails are a little bumpy with mild inclines. For those who need personal assistance, please let us know. You may contact us at 937-769-1904 or email at [GHA@glenhelen.org](mailto:GHA@glenhelen.org). We sincerely hope that you join us!

### Glen Helen Association Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 pm**

**Glen Helen Building, 405 Corry St.**

It was 80 years ago, in May of 1929, that Hugh Taylor Birch presented Antioch College with the deed to Glen Helen, forever preserving these woods, meadows, and streams as a living memorial to his daughter Helen. Join us as we commemorate the occasion with a special presentation from Antiochiana Historian Scott Sanders. His talk "What a guy, what a life!" will tell the story of the man who made Glen Helen a reality. Dessert provided, in celebration of the 80th "birthday" of the Glen.

## Make it Count for the Birds

**Saturday, May 9**

Once again this year, we will hold our spring birdwatching extravaganza, "Make it Count for the Birds." Last year, birdwatchers and civilian scientists located over 88 species. All within 24 hours, all within the 1000 acres of Glen Helen. Within that number, they even found one – prothonotary warbler – that had not been previously reported in Glen Helen. Not only that, their efforts raised over \$15,000 for land management and restoration efforts in the preserve. How will we do this year? Well, with your help, even better!



**Last year's big find – the prothonotary warbler!**

This year, as in the past, we'll offer a wide assortment of walks, sits, and tallies for bird watchers of every level of age, skill, and sanity. The day will start under cover of darkness with the famed "dawn chorus" and end that night after the last remaining owls have been found.

Visit [www.glenhelen.org](http://www.glenhelen.org) for a complete list of all of the activities of the day, and to offer your support as a sponsor.

## Great Stuff Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 16, 9 am to 5 pm**

**Glen Helen Parking Lot, 405 Corry St.**

For the third straight year, the Glen Helen Parking Lot will turn into the area's largest tag sale. Drop off items to donate on Friday, May 15, 2-7 pm or 7-9 am Saturday May 16. Come back Saturday to shop Shop SHOP! We expect to have a wide variety of Great Stuff available, including furniture, tools, hiking and athletic equipment, toys, baby items, antiques, art, kitchen stuff, appliances, computers, garden implements, etc.

## Spring at a Glance – Upcoming Events

### March 2009

#### **Art in the Atrium: Deb Simon (March 1-April 30)**

Nature Photography by Deb Simon.  
Glen Building Atrium, Daily Open Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sat-Sun 10 am-4 pm.

#### **Skunk Cabbage Walk (Sat., March 7)**

Join our guide as we search for skunk cabbage. Departs from the East Jacoby Road boat launch at 10 am.

#### **Reptile Feeding (Sat., March 7)**

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

#### **Full Moon Hike (Tue., March 10)**

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion! Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 pm.

#### **Ephemerals Walk (Sat., March 21)**

Join our guide as we search for spring ephemerals. Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

#### **Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Sat., March 21)**

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

#### **Early Wildflowers Walk (Sat., March 28)**

Join our guide as we search for spring wildflowers. Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

#### **Early Spring Birding (Sun., March 29)**

Join Glen Helen Director Nick Boutis as we search the Glen for winter residents and early spring migrant birds. Departs from Trailside Museum, 9 am.

### April 2009

#### **Reptile Feeding (Sat., April 4)**

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

#### **Plants that Attract Wildlife Walk (Sat., April 4)**

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an enlightening wildlife experience! Departs from Trailside Museum, 2 pm.

#### **Full Moon Hike (Wednesday, April 8)**

Enjoy the Glen during our only nighttime excursion! Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 pm.

#### **Spring Wildflower Walk (Sat., April 11)**

Join our guide as we search for spring wildflowers. Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

#### **Jacoby Road Wildflower Walk (Sat., April 18)**

Join our guide as we search for river wildflowers. Departs from the East Jacoby Road boat launch, 10 am.

#### **Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Sat., April 18)**

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

#### **Raptor Center Earth Day Program (Sun., April 19)**

Tour the Center, meet our staff, and enjoy a special program with our raptors. Glen Helen Raptor Center 1075 SR 343, 2 pm.

#### **Senior Day (Mon., April 20)**

The Yellow Springs Parking Lot will be open to allow visitors with limited mobility to see the Yellow Spring, Hopewell Mound, and Birch Creek Cascades. Yellow Springs Parking Lot 1075 SR 343, 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

#### **Spring Birding (Sun., April 26)**

Join Glen Helen Director Nick Boutis as we search the Glen for birds during pre-peak spring migration. Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 am.

### May 2009

#### **Art in the Atrium: Sarah Strong (May 1-June 30)**

Human Nature: An interactive print & paper show on human response to nature. Glen Building Atrium, Daily Open Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sat-Sun 10 am to 4 pm.

#### **Spring Wildflower Walk (Sat., May 2)**

Join our Glen guide as we search for spring wildflowers. Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

#### **Reptile Feeding (Sat., May 2)**

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

#### **Spring Birding (Sun., May 3)**

Join Glen Helen Director Nick Boutis as we search the Glen for birds during peak spring migration. Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 am.

#### **Glen Helen Association Annual Meeting (Wed., May 6)**

Join Antiochiana historian Scott Sanders for a presentation on the life of Glen Helen benefactor Hugh Taylor Birch on the 80th anniversary of his gift. "Birthday" dessert provided! Glen Helen Building, 7 pm.

#### **Make it Count for the Birds (Sat., May 9)**

Our 3rd annual 24-hour bird count. How many species will we see in Glen Helen this year? Hikes, sits, and tallies throughout the day. Check [www.glenhelen.org](http://www.glenhelen.org) for complete details!

#### **Full Moon Hike (Thu., May 7)**

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion! Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 pm.

#### **Glen Helen Association Great Stuff Garage Sale (Sat., May 16)**

Support the Glen while you pick up needed household items. Glen Helen Parking Lot, 9 am to 4 pm.

#### **Spring Wildflower Walk (Sat., May 23)**

Join our Glen guide as we search for spring wildflowers. Departs from Trailside Museum, 10 am.

#### **Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Sat., May 23)**

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

#### **Reptile Feeding (Sat., May 30)**

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

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

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- Robin Zimmerman

## Outdoor Education Center

### Meet the Winter-Spring Glen Helen Naturalists

#### Administrative Interns

Program Coordinator: Samuel McCabe, Greenville, OH

Extension Naturalist: Megan Pelc, San Pedro, CA

Raptor Center Assistant: Lorianne Goris Rios, Severna Park, MD

#### Naturalist Interns

Amanda Chrisholm, Plainville, MA

Jessica Hoyer, San Jose, CA

Alyson Lasko, Milanville, PA

Allison Manker, Harbor Springs, MI

Eric Metz, Milford, OH

Hong Nguyen, Delaware, OH

Eve Smallwood, Springfield, IL

Jesse Varga, Plymouth, MI

Dea Westfall, Canal Fulton, OH

**Winter naturalists: Back row: Eric, Jess, Eve, Allison, Samuel. Middle: Dia, Jessica, Lori, Alyson. Front: Megan, Hong, Amanda**



## Honors Institute

This summer, we will offer the fifth Antioch Honors Institute at Glen Helen, a program for gifted high school students from throughout Ohio. The program offers an Environmental Studies curriculum that allows students entering their sophomore or junior years of high school a unique opportunity to explore real-world environmental challenges, gain exposure to environmental careers, and learn hands-on about environmentally sustainable practices.

Students live and learn in the Glen. Home base is the Outdoor Education Center, where students are completely immersed in the wilderness, yet have close access to town for academic and social field trips. The camp setting offers fertile ground for student bonding, and the surrounding forest offers an inspiring backdrop in which students explore the urgent and exciting subject matter of Environmental Studies.

Students receive academic instruction and mentorship from environmental experts working actively in their respective fields to make a difference for the environment. Individuals from Antioch and the greater community comprise the experienced faculty of professors, environmental professionals, and civic leaders that are excited to engage students and explore environmental topics

from many points of view.

Students leave the Glen with an understanding of the complexity of environmental problems, a solution-oriented outlook on the environment, exposure to a variety of environmental career options, and an understanding about how individuals can act in their own communities to make a difference for a better world and a healthy planet.

If you know any Ohio gifted students entering sophomore or junior year, please tell him or her about our program, which runs July 27-August 7. For more information, visit [www.summerhonors.net](http://www.summerhonors.net). Funding for the Antioch Honors Institute at Glen Helen is provided by the Ohio Department of Education.

## Glen Helen Ecocamp Registration is Open!



### Ecocampers explore Birch Creek

We are looking forward to another great summer of Ecocamp, where children ages 5-15 can have a fun summer camp experience while learning about science and the natural world. Camps run Monday-Friday between June 15 and July 24, 2009.

The high rate of campers returning for their 2nd, 3rd, or 5th years is proof of the positive experience the Outdoor Education Center provides children. We enthusiastically welcome returning campers for another summer at the Glen, and are excited to have new faces join the Ecocamp family. Whether it is water, art, raptors, history, or reptiles, the variety of camps offered will appeal to all interests, and might even inspire new curiosities!

Learn more about the Ecocamp experience or register a child for Ecocamp by visiting our web site at [www.glenhelen.org](http://www.glenhelen.org). Also, word of mouth is the best advertising... please spread the word about Ecocamp!



## The 2008 Year In Review

It was another busy year at the Raptor Center. We made close to 100 presentations with our education birds, reaching more than 5,000 people. The Outdoor Education Center naturalists also used the birds each week for presentations for Schoolcampers and Eco-campers, reaching another 3,000 people.

The Raptor Center continued its partnership with the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Boonshoft Museum for the falcon cam, website, naming contest, and monitoring of the Dayton peregrine falcons. A new pair, Daniel and Dayton, raised two young, Miami and Kickapoo. We also continued our work with the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and the national rehabilitation group as well.

159 raptors were admitted for rehabilitation, down considerably from our numbers for the past ten years. Since we are not trying to increase numbers, the only concern was with the reason for the decline. 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 nests when trees were cut down. The goal of wildlife rehabilitation is to release healthy individuals back to the wild, and we did that with almost half the birds we accepted.

Some of the most rewarding cases were those of birds not expected to recover, or ones that took extraordinary efforts on our part, or long periods of time to recuperate.

### You Can Help

A big step forward for the Raptor Center's future was the establishment of an endowment fund at the Yellow Springs Community Foundation. With your support, we hope to see this fund grow substantially. In time, it will be the backbone of support for the Raptor Center.

To make a contribution that will offer immediate help for the Raptor Center birds and programs, consider a bird "adoption." The adoption fee is \$100 per year; a photo

and certificate will be sent, and a sign will be placed at the bird's cage. You may also request a visit with your bird to a school, scout pack, club, office, or home. The money helps to support not only the adopted bird, but all the birds that come into the Raptor Center needing help.

#### Thank you for these renewals:

- Connor and Megan Betts, and Heather and Eric Jensen
- In memory of Gladys Byars
- Mark and Barb Christel
- Debbie Cushman and Bob Kozmar
- In Memory of Stephen Dam
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- Stevens Family
- In memory of James and Hazel Story
- Urbana North Elementary
- Urbana South Elementary
- Mary White

#### Welcome to our adoption family:

- Mrs. Austin's Class at Shaw Elementary
- Mrs. Heinkel's Class at Shaw Elementary
- Harper Mesure
- Windom Mesure
- Alice Miller
- Rick and Jo Ann Moran
- Ford and Catherine Ross
- Mrs. Simmons' Class at Shaw Elementary
- Thayer Simmons
- Mrs. Sizemore's Class at Bellcreek
- Peter Torvik, Jr.

— Betty Ross (bross@glenhelen.org)

### Upcoming Events

#### Earth Day Program, Sunday, April 19, 2 PM at the Raptor Center

Tour the Center and meet our staff, and enjoy a special program with our raptors. There is the possibility of a red-tailed hawk release, so check www.glenhelen.org for updates.

#### Bald Eagle (continued from page 1)

the stage, and Solo hurled himself off Scott's fist and whirled out over the kids. After that, Scott decided there would be no more traveling for Solo.

After Scott left, two other staff members, M. J. Dodson and Roger Beatty, both handled Solo sometimes, but decided it was just too stressful for him. Also, his damaged wing was getting banged up, so he was taken to the Ohio State University Veterinary School for surgery in the fall of 1982, and the wing was amputated.

There were already several cages built around the Roost for resident and rehabilitating birds, so Roger, now the clinic director, thought a cage was in order for Solo, too. He enlisted a friend in town, Jerry Papania, to design it and help him build it. When it was complete in the spring of 1983 the staff held a cage warming party and public dedication, complete with champagne, eagle-shaped cookies, and construction paper beaks!

Solo soon acclimated to the cage, and enjoyed staying as high as possible on the perches. Over the years there were still times when he forgot he couldn't fly, and would hurl himself off the top, or lose his balance and fall, but the cage has served him well. He's had a few health issues over the years, such as a mild case of West Nile virus, and now a cataract in one eye. And with a wing missing, he has balance issues and difficulty righting himself when he falls over. For his safety, we removed the perches to the top several years ago. We also don't handle him unless it is absolutely necessary.



Roger Beatty with Solo in his new cage



Solo's portrait by Ron Austing

Although he has spent almost all of his life in this cage, it seems to suit him, because he is set in his ways and doesn't like change. When volunteers installed a shelter box for him, it was two years before he would go in it. When we tried different perches and enrichment items in the cage, he either ignored them or got upset with them. When we put him in a large flight cage with another eagle in the adjoining cage, he spent three days standing in the corner, and never saw the other bird. Equipment noises have always made him nervous, but he is comfortable with visitors walking by, especially when they talk to him. He loves to vocalize with that quacking sound Scott first heard, and with high-pitched squeals. Visitors are thrilled if he decides to join their conversations. He always gets the choicest food items, such as mice, rats, and fish, and may be the only bald eagle in the country whose favorite food is guinea pigs!

Over his 29 years here, Solo has helped thousands of visitors learn and be inspired by wildlife. In return, we've worked hard to give him a good home in the Glen. He eats well, has comfortable surroundings, and gets lots of attention. During this same time, the bald eagles have come back from the brink of extinction. When Solo arrived, Ohio held only five nesting pairs of bald eagles; last year there were 184 nests! Although no nests are close by, sightings of eagles flying over or stopping to feed in the area have become much more common. Perhaps Solo, from the comfort of his cage, sees them as well.

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## GHA Notes

### Members as Ambassadors

The Glen Helen Association is always looking for more ways to help sustain the Glen. With this in mind, we are calling upon our members to help us partner with businesses – from service companies, to retail stores, to medical associations, to help bolster our revenues. We depend on corporate support – from businesses as large as a giant pharmaceutical corporation, or as small as a neighborhood dentist. Whether it's volunteer labor from Lexis Nexis, or sponsorship of a Glen Helen event from YSI, Inc., corporate support makes a world of difference for Glen Helen programs.

From a business perspective, support for Glen Helen is a way to give back to the community. In exchange, the Glen is able to provide public recognition of this support, plus a non-profit tax deduction.

Every person, every Glen Helen Association member, is connected to a potential corporate supporter. Maybe you are such a person yourself? Here are four simple steps that you can take to help grow support for the Glen within the business community

1. Have a conversation about Glen Helen as a community resource that serves southwest Ohio 365 days a year.
2. Invite all to visit and experience the healthful benefits of hiking in a peaceful, renewing setting.
3. Hand out Glen Helen Association membership brochures and tell all how important the Glen is to you.
4. Send the Glen Helen Association names and addresses of potential corporate supporters and we will contact them.

If you are a potential corporate sponsor, please, let us know: Glen Helen Association, PO Box 146, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387.

### Garage Sale Coming Up

It's time to start thinking again about items to donate to the 3rd annual Glen Helen Great Stuff Garage Sale. Of course, this year's

sale will be bigger and better than last. This sale will take place May 16, from 9 am to 5 pm in the Glen Helen parking lot.

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, horses, cattle, trailers, working cars, trucks and tractors and any other ideas you might have (except for clothes) that you think might help raise money for the Glen.

We will be accepting donated items during drop-off times on Friday, May 15, 2-7 pm and 7-9 am Saturday morning, May 16th. If you absolutely need help delivering your items, please call 937-769-1904 or email at GHA@glenhelen.org.

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.

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#### GHEI Mission Statement

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

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## Visit The Greene, Help the Glen

Most Dayton area residents are familiar with The Greene – the town center development off I-675 in Beavercreek. However, many people may not be aware of their “Change for Charity” program. Each year, six area charities are selected to receive the proceeds from the parking meters at The Greene. It sounds simple, but a quarter at a time, it adds up to meaningful support for local nonprofits.

We are thrilled to announce that Glen Helen is one of the organizations that will benefit from this fund in 2009. Every time someone feeds a parking meter at The Greene during May and June of this year, those funds directly support the Glen.

The more people that park at The Greene during May and June, the more Glen Helen will earn – so spread the word!

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## Glen Helen Nature Preserve

Trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset. All wildlife, vegetation, and natural features are protected.  
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