

Glen Helen Turns 80

We've all heard the story: In 1929, Hugh Taylor Birch donated hundreds of acres to Antioch College to forever preserve the land as "Glen Helen."

Now, on the 80th anniversary of its creation, the story of how Glen Helen came to be deserves retelling.

Our story starts in 1853 when Horace Mann became the president of a brand new college in the resort town of Yellow Springs, Ohio. To take the post, Mann left behind his position as a Whig in the U.S. Congress. He represented the storied 8th district of Massachusetts, serving immediately after former U.S. President John Quincy Adams, and about a hundred years before longtime Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. However, Horace Mann is best known not for his work in Congress, but for his tenure as Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Education. A reformer who believed that an education was the right of all Americans, he worked to ensure that quality, non-sectarian schooling was available to all, with public support. For his work, Mann is widely considered to be the "Father of American Public Education."

Mann's quest to bring his vision for progressive education to Antioch College attracted the attention of Erastus Birch, an Indiana lawyer who followed and respected Mann's work. Birch, an early trustee of Antioch College, eventually decided to move his family to Yellow Springs to be closer to its vibrant intellectual atmosphere. So it was that his young son Hugh, around the age of ten, came to discover the wooded glen with the iron-rich yellow spring.

Hugh Taylor Birch enrolled at Antioch College in 1866 – just one year after the end of the Civil War. A highly ambitious young man, he sought to complete his degree in just three years. He might have succeeded in this quest, had he not become deeply involved in two extra-curricular efforts. One of these



Helen Birch Bartlett as a young woman

diversions was baseball – he was a talented athlete, and the Antioch College baseball team needed him. His other distraction from his studies was his passion for nature. He spent many hours walking through the glen, enjoying its beauty, and teaching himself natural history.

In 1869, one credit short of his graduation requirements, Hugh Taylor Birch left Yellow Springs for Chicago, with plans of practicing law. Perhaps it's a testament to a simpler time – when diplomas were less important, or perhaps his drive and intellect outweighed the fact that he was armed with

neither an undergraduate nor a law degree. Whichever it was, he passed the Illinois Bar Exam, and went on to a highly successful career as an attorney. He married Maria Root in 1876, and together they had three children – son Hugh Taylor, Jr., son Carlton, and daughter Helen.

Although Birch enjoyed great success and the wealth that accompanied it, he also confronted profound family tragedy. His son Carlton died in infancy. Son Hugh, Jr., died in 1907, and his wife Maria passed away in 1913.

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Director's Report



Nick Boutis

Recently, someone shared with me the text of an old study, entitled *Report of the Geological Survey of Ohio*. It's more interesting that it sounds. Honestly. The book, published in 1874 by the Ohio

Geological Board, surveyed every county in Ohio. I include mention of it here because the report's treatment of Greene County provides us with a window to what Glen Helen was like before it was Glen Helen.

Here is what the text had to say about the Yellow Spring:

"According to measurements made twenty years ago under the direction of William C. Mills, its volume of water is one hundred and seven and one-half gallons per minute. So generous a fountain could never fail to attract to itself the human occupants of the country.

For the last forty years the spring has been the most notable place of summer resort in south-western Ohio, and justly so, for there is no other location within this region that unites so many attractions and advantages as this immediate neighborhood. A large hotel, capable of accommodating several hundred summer guests, now occupies the grounds adjacent to it, and its waters seem certain to dispense health and happiness in an increasing ratio for the years to come."

Today we may view the old resort as ancient history, but it was going strong during Mr. Birch's years as a student at Antioch. Other sections of the report allude to farming and various social and wellness experiments. Glen Helen would likely be unrecognizable today had these past practices continued. Just consider what the book reports about perhaps the most intensive industry to visit the Glen:

"Lime is now burned in quantity at but two points in Greene County, Yellow Springs and Cedarville. The business at the two points named has attained quite important proportions, and is the source of a considerable income.

At Yellow Springs the business of lime-burning is extensively carried on by W. Sroufe, Esq. He gives the amount of lime produced at his kilns during 1874 as thirty thousand bushels. The cost of wood averages three dollars and twenty-five cents per cord, and one cord is required for the burning of fifty bushels of

lime. The lime is sold at fifty-five dollars per car load."

Many visitors to the Glen are familiar with the quarries along Corry St, but few realize that wood — lots of wood — was used in the associated lime kilns. By my calculation, Mr. Sroufe was using 600 cords of wood per year. (A "cord" represents a volume of wood measuring four feet by four feet by eight feet. Also, a bushel equals eight gallons.) We don't know whether all the limestone or all the timber was coming from the Glen, but we can be sure that the forest we see today is profoundly different because of this industry 125 years ago. More to the point, the fact that extractive industry was flourishing here serves to remind us that the Glen exists today as a refuge only because Hugh Taylor Birch had the vision to save it.

— Nick Boutis (nboutis@glenhelen.org)

Announcements

New Hours for Trailside Museum and the Raptor Center

So many people enjoyed visiting Trailside Museum last summer when it was open seven days a week, we've decided to institute longer hours once again this summer. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Trailside will be open:

Monday-Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm

Friday: 10 am to 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 9 am to 8 pm

Stop in anytime during open hours! A volunteer or Glen Helen interpretive staffperson will be on hand to answer your questions. Check out our resident snake and turtle, the Baldwin Artifact Collection of Native American stone hand tools, our display on the mammals of Ohio, or any of the other exhibits.

New hours for the Raptor Center, to afford the maximum possible viewing opportunities for visitors are:

Spring and Fall: 9 am to 6 pm

Summer 9 am to 7 pm

Winter: 9 am to 5 pm

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 from now through the end of June, 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!

Glen Helen Comes to Facebook and MySpace

Friends of the Glen can now learn about Glen Helen events and activities, share pictures or video, or connect with other fans of the Glen. It's a great way to keep up on what's happening in the Glen. Hundreds of others already signed up — what are you waiting for!

On MySpace, find us at www.myspace.com/glenhelennaturepreserve

On Facebook, find us at www.facebook.com/pages/Glen-Helen/69211330698, or simply search for "Glen Helen."

Atrium Makeover

The atrium of the Glen Helen Building is glowing from its new "face-lift." Our art exhibit panels were recovered and painted a neutral color to blend with the stone walls. Lots of desk clutter was removed and a handsome vintage craft table replaced an ordinary table. Plants were rearranged to free up the extraordinary window views. And the final touch was to wash all the windows inside and out and clean light fixtures.

Debbie Henderson and Jon Hudson donated all materials, vintage table, lots of expertise and three days of labor. Naysan McIlhargey of Miami Valley Pottery responded to our call for community potters to help with planters by donating four new planter pots for the large open terrarium.

Other volunteers were: Evelyn Sikes, Patsy Perry, Mary Lamborg, Tom and Evelyn LaMers, Jennie Lebold, Bette Kelly, Rick Donahoe, Linda Parsons, Brian Maughan, John Klyce, Bob Ellis, and Suzanne Patterson.

Nature-themed art exhibitions are displayed in the Atrium throughout the year. Information can be found at www.glenhelen.org.

Volunteers Save the Day

Most volunteering comes with very little fanfare mostly because it is a personal, family-type commitment but on a wider scale. Often

the connection between a person's desire to help and a job that needs to be done happens in a casual way. A friend may be involved or you may read of a volunteer story in a newspaper or see something first-hand that catches your attention.

The Glen has the largest volunteer organization in Yellow Springs. Picture the Glen as your backyard, which in many ways it is. Then, add a few thousand friends who are constantly coming over every day from sunrise to sundown – throw in a renown environmental educational facility, a rehabilitation facility for raptors, a small natural history museum, a nature shop, 25 miles of trails, 35 buildings. You are probably getting the picture. Volunteers are involved with every aspect of the Glen's operation. Our volunteers are essential – critical to the Glen's existence.

Want to learn more? We hope you are inspired to contact us, to explore ways that you can help and give us a try. You can help enhance your environment for yourselves, for others, and for future generations. Satisfaction guaranteed!!

Suzanne Patterson (GHA@glenhelen.org)

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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Summer at a Glance – Upcoming Events

June 2009

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

Human Nature: an interactive print & paper show on human responses to nature.

Glen Building Atrium

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

Full Moon Hike (Friday, June 5)

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion! Departs from the Yellow Spring parking lot off SR 343 at 9 pm.

Bird Walk (Saturday, June 6)

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis as we search Glen Helen for breeding birds. Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 am.

Plants that Attract Wildlife Hike (Saturday, June 6)

Join Dave Jansen for an informative botanical stroll!. Departs from Trailside Museum at 6 pm.

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, June 13)

Join our Glen Guide as we look for buds and blooms. Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

Raptor Camp Program (Thursday, June 18)

Tour the Raptor Center with summer Raptor Campers serving as your guides. Bring a blanket or lawn chair – we may be able to release rehabilitated kestrels. 1:30 pm at the Raptor Center, 1075 State Route 343.

Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Saturday, June 20)

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an informative botanical stroll! Departs from Trailside Museum at 6 pm.

Wildflower Walk (Sunday, June 21)

Join our Glen Guide as we look for buds and blooms. Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

Reptile Feeding (Saturday, June 27)

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

July 2009

Art in the Atrium: John Pyles (July 1-August 31)

Area natural and rural landscape photographs by John Pyles.

Glen Building Atrium

Daily Open Hours: Mon-Fri (9:30-4:30) & Sat-Sun (10-4).

Bird Walk (Sunday, July 5)

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis as we search Glen Helen for summer resident birds. Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 am.

Full Moon Hike (Sunday, July 5)

Enjoy the Glen during our only nighttime excursion! Departs from the Yellow Spring parking lot off SR 343 at 9 pm.

Owl Program and Release (Wednesday, July 8)

A program on owls of the area featuring the release of young screech-owls. 8 pm, at C.J. Brown Reservoir Visitor Center in Springfield (937-325-2411 for directions).

Owl Program and Release (Thursday, July 9)

A program on owls of the area featuring the release of young screech-owls. 8 pm in the Glen Helen School Forest on Bryan Park Road near John Bryan State Park. Parking is available in the meadow across the road. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, July 11)

Join our Glen Guide as we look for buds and blooms. Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

Everything Edible & Useful Plant Walk (Saturday, July 18)

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an informative botanical stroll! Departs from Trailside Museum at 6 pm.

Wildflower Walk (Sunday, July 19)

Join our Glen Guide as we look for buds and blooms. Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

Reptile Feeding (Saturday, July 25)

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

August 2009

Full Moon Hike (Tuesday, August 4)

Experience the Glen during our only nighttime excursion! Departs from Trailside Museum at 9 pm.

Wildflower Walk (Saturday, August 8)

Join our Glen Guide as we look for buds and blooms. Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

Wildflower Walk (Sunday, August 16)

Join our Glen Guide for an informative botanical stroll! Departs from Trailside Museum at 10 am.

Reptile Feeding (Saturday, August 22)

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

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

Join Glen plant expert Dave Jansen for an informative botanical stroll! Departs from Trailside Museum at 6 pm.

Bird Walk (Sunday, August 23)

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis as we search Glen Helen for early fall migrants. Departs from Trailside Museum, 8 am.

Check glenhelen.org for the latest information!

In Appreciation

Gifts to the Glen

We are profoundly grateful to every member and contributor. To conserve resources, only donors who contributed \$100 or more between January 1 and March 31, 2009 are listed below. 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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Glen Helen Is 80 (continued from page 1)

Birch was particularly close to his daughter Helen. She was a constant companion to him, and she shared his love of nature. When she died in 1925 at the age of 42, Birch was obviously devastated. He retreated to Florida where he owned land in what was growing to become the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Meanwhile back in Yellow Springs, a new president had taken over Antioch College. Arthur Morgan was a civil engineer who had come to Ohio to direct the re-plumbing of Dayton-area rivers in the aftermath of devastating floods in 1913. Morgan, like Horace Mann decades before him, was a visionary who believed that Antioch College could be a laboratory for experimenting with new approaches to education.

So it was that Arthur and his wife Lucy reconnected with Hugh Taylor Birch, who was now in his eighties. Meeting the Morgans and learning the new vision for Antioch rekindled Birch's feelings toward the college and the wooded glen on its eastern border. He determined that preservation of the glen would be a fitting memorial to his beloved daughter.

Skilled in real estate transactions from his experiences in Chicago and Florida, Birch set about acquiring individual parcels along the Yellow Springs Creek and Little Miami

River. Some were native woodlands, others were actively being farmed or grazed. In the northern section, a pond remained from a 19th century resort; along the river, a hundred year old mill continued to grind grains; old homesteads were scattered throughout the parcels. Birch saw them as one coherent whole. He purchased these lands, grouped them into one deed, and, on May 10, 1929, Antioch College graciously accepted this gift, and committed to preserving the land into perpetuity.

The next time that you walk in Glen Helen, take a moment to consider that its full name, as established 80 years ago, is actually the "Glen Helen Memorial." Find the dedication boulder beneath the great white oak, not far from the Cascades on what now call Birch Creek. You'll see one of Helen's poems excerpted there. It begins "the earth smells old and warm and mellow, and all things lie at peace..."

As we celebrate the "birthday" of this special place, let us remember that it is not just a place for education and recreation. It is also a sanctuary – a living memorial to Helen Birch Bartlett, donated by her loving father.

– Nick Boutis (nboutis@glenhelen.org)



Lucy and Arthur Morgan with Hugh Taylor Birch, circa 1929, at the Glen Helen Memorial plaque.

Outdoor Education Center

Self-discovery at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center

Each Tuesday, a school bus or two brings another group of children down our long path to the Outdoor Education Center. As the bus slows to a stop outside our Lodge, we can see the faces of children excitedly clamoring to



Ecocampers trying to untie a human knot

get out. We haven't met them, and don't yet know their names, but we have high ambitions for how we hope the next week will change their lives.

One great hope for Glen Helen Schoolcamp is that students walk away from their experience with a new or renewed respect for the natural world and a willingness to help in preserving the planet for future generations. We also hope that students discover new skills, new passions or interests, and make new friends. Teachers who have visited Schoolcamp know that a week at Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center is not only about discovering nature and learning science, it is also about students discovering and learning about themselves.

Week after week, we are excited to see changes in students: One student who was afraid to leave his mom to come to camp discovers independence. At the end of the week he exclaims to his Naturalist that he does not want to leave. Another student who was



Ecocampers mount the Glen Helen climbing wall

negative about hiking and sleeping in cabins when he got off the bus turned into one of our best nature detectives by the week's end. A student who barely speaks in class is filled with questions for his Glen Helen Naturalist. A girl who was squeamish at the thought of touching a worm now has confidence to hold a snake. A couple girls who acted "too cool for school" emerge as leaders in their group as they gently encourage others to not waste the food on their plates.

Time and time again, teachers are surprised at how some of their students transform from introvert to extrovert, from bully to teammate, from disinterested to enlightened. We attribute these changes to the often once-in-a-lifetime outdoor immersion experience created exclusively for them. When students are removed from their normal lives, abandoning TV, cell phone, problems at school or home, they are afforded the opportunity to show their true, authentic selves. A week immersed in nature, in a safe, friendly, and supportive environment provides fertile ground for each student to shine in his or her own way.

Ecocamps Coming Up... Are You Registered?

Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center's Ecocamp is truly a one-of-a-kind summer camp experience for five to fifteen year olds. At Ecocamp, children have fun in nature, while learning about the natural world. Exploration and discovery are the focus as campers hike Glen Helen trails, visit the famous Yellow Spring, explore the Pine Forest, and discover the wildness and joy of nature.

A variety of camps are offered each summer by our qualified Naturalist staff. From Aqua Explorers to Ecoart to Frontier Ohio, Ecocamps covers a wide variety of topics and offer a diversity of experiences. One of our most popular camps is Night Camp, where children explore and hike through the nocturnal world and sleep during the day... just like the owls. Visit www.glenhelen.org to learn more or to register.

Beth Krisko (bkrisko@glenhelen.org)



The Ups and Downs of Wildlife Rehabilitation

Sometimes when a bird comes in, it's obvious that we won't be able to rehabilitate it, and can help it only by ending its suffering. (We recall the sad occasion when a man brought us a great horned owl in a box, with the wing in a separate bag.) Other times bones heal out of alignment and the bird can't stand or extend a wing to fly. However, we give any bird a chance, if it has even the slightest possibility of recovery and release, because sometimes they surprise us.

We had four such surprises this year. Late last fall, we took in a turkey vulture and three red-tailed hawks which were badly injured. It was doubtful any of them would recover, so we were very excited that they made it. The vulture, with healed multiple fractures of its leg and wing, was fortunate that it does not need strong feet to feed. If it had been a hawk needing to catch prey with its talons, it could not have been released, since one leg was crooked at the ankle. Vultures are scavengers, however, so we didn't think a limp would hinder it.

The vulture had shared our large flight cage with the red-tails. Two of them were hit by cars, suffering head and spinal injuries. Neither was able to stand or use its legs or feet. Care for birds in this condition is very labor-intensive, but some of them do recover when they have supportive care, good food, a safe environment, and plenty of time. Both birds returned to their territories in time for the breeding season.

The fourth red-tail went back to its mate with a slight head tilt after hitting the side of a house and suffering head trauma. He had a healed wing fracture from an earlier accident, with one wing shorter than the other, but his weight was good, so his mate probably fed him until the wing healed and he regained flight. Although his head remained tilted, he flew straight and landed perfectly, so we sent him to rejoin his loyal mate.

We also have our share of disappointments; the worst being when recuperation is going well, then the bird deteriorates.



Our first youngster of the season, a great horned owl, before it returned to its owl family.

This was the case with a red-shouldered hawk with an eye injury and badly swollen leg and foot. Her eye opened after several days, and with soaking and massaging, the swelling went down in her leg, but she still couldn't use her foot. After two weeks, she moved her toes and stood more steadily. We were thrilled with her progress. Then she suddenly stopped eating, and her breathing became labored. In spite of another vet visit and antibiotics, she went downhill quickly. Nothing showed up to indicate the cause of her death, so we will never know what happened.

She was one of thirty-four birds admitted so far this year. Most of the birds were hit by cars and too badly injured to save. Besides collision injuries, one red-tail came in with burns on its feet, one was blinded by gunshot, and one died of wounds from another hawk, probably in a territorial battle. A barred owl was caught raiding a chicken coop, but appears to have stayed out of

trouble since then. One screech-owl was in a tree when it was cut down, one was caught in netting, and one was trapped in a barn.

We have been able to release seven birds so far this year: two red-tails, two kestrels, one Cooper's hawk, one barred owl, and one screech-owl, with five others soon to go.

Spring and summer is "baby season." Our first youngster of the season was a great horned owl, which is not surprising, since they are the first to lay eggs each year. Owls don't build nests, and often choose old hawk nests, tree cavities, or snags to use. The snag this owl family chose only had room for one youngster, and this one fell out. We hope to find a foster nest for it, or raise it until it is old enough to climb and perch, then return it to that site or another one with an active family. Great horned owls take a long time to become proficient hunters, so it is best for them to have parents to feed them through the summer until they can catch enough food on their own.

In other news, all is going well for Dayton's peregrine falcons, Daniel and Dayton, who are tending four eggs in a box on the Liberty Tower. You can check out the FalconCam fixed camera or streaming video on the Raptor Center page at www.glenhelen.org.

About 10 miles away from Glen Helen, bald eagles have built a nest near Eastwood Metropark. This is the first eagle's nest in the area in many years, and a potent sign that our efforts to restore wildlife populations can succeed.

— Betty Ross (bross@glenhelen.org)

Our Adoption Program

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

Thank you for these renewals:

Rod Barnes

Joan Barton

Brecha/Seidl Family

In memory of Elizabeth, Jessie, and Grayce Licking Heights North (5 birds)

Elizabeth Ross Family

Watts Middle School

Brad and Kat Whaley

Pete and Emily Whitby

Upcoming Events

Raptor Camp Program and Possible Falcon Release

Thursday, June 18, 1:30 pm at the Raptor Center
There will be a short program with our birds on the lawn for kids attending our summer Ecocamps. You are invited to join us to tour the Center with Raptor Campers as your guides. We hope to release rehabilitated American kestrels. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair and meet at the Outdoor Education Center meadow, 1075 State Route 343. Check glenhelen.org for updates.

Owl Programs and Releases

Two programs on owls of the area will feature the release of young screech-owls: Wednesday, July 8, 8 pm, Corps of Engineers Visitor Center at C.J. Brown Reservoir and Dam near Springfield (937-325-2411 for directions), and Thursday, July 9, 8 pm across from the Horace Mann Meadow on Bryan Park Road near John Bryan State Park. Parking is available in the meadow; bring a blanket or lawn chair.

GHA Notes

The Three Managers

The Glen Helen Nature Shop was not always the bright, inviting store we have today. Years ago, the space was partly used by former Glen Helen Director Ralph Ramey and other photography enthusiasts as a darkroom -- with just a section of the space reserved for a small, dimly lit shop. Fifteen years ago, we finally had a chance to give the Nature Shop a major face-lift. All merchandise was moved out into the atrium, and workers enlarged the retail space, covered the walls with white shelving panels, and installed adequate lighting.

Rita Colbert was the sole manager at the time of this renovation, but about seven years ago, she began to hand over responsibility to three of her volunteers, Elaine Brown, Marv Lamborg and Ruth Bent. By the time Rita left, Elaine was the purchaser of Charley Harper work, the Folkmanis puppets, plus toys and note cards. Marv was in charge of bird supplies, seed, feeders, houses, etc. and running the annual Seed Sale, and Ruth Bent, a professional librarian, was in her element ordering books. She also took on the purchase of clothing.

In the years since, these three managers

have made small but important changes. For example, Ruth Bent has narrowed the focus of book purchases at the same time expanding the number of new titles. Field guides to seashells and cacti are gone, but the overall result is the best collection of Eastern woodland and Ohio nature books in the Dayton area. Elaine, on the other hand, has widened the selection of Folkmanis puppets. Originally, the focus was on animals of the eastern United States, but then penguins "marched" in and polar bears arrived. For his part, Marv started a successful search for a more diverse array of bird feeders and supplies, and occasionally moved his focus away from birds to include items like hand-carved walking sticks.

All three say they still find working in the Nature Shop interesting and fun. They enjoy working with local artists and craftsmen to develop new products, they like talking to old friends and new arrivals in town, helping them choose the right hummingbird feeder or the perfect Charley Harper card, and above all, they enjoy helping to support the Glen and our environment. Elaine, Marv and Ruth grew up with the timeless belief that volunteering was important work. For them, for all of us, it is hard to imagine a more pleasant and rewarding way to contribute to our community than by heading down the stone steps and into the Glen to purchase a gift in the Nature Shop or perhaps, to volunteer.

— Mary Lamborg



Elaine, Marv, and Ruth at home in the Nature Shop



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- Ecological cleaning supplies for staff houses
- Lanterns
- Wheelbarrow
- Metal pitchforks
- Hammer
- Drill with bits
- Fresh batteries (all sizes)
- Petsmart gift card
- Home Depot or Lowe's gift card
- Paraffin wax
- Refrigerator
- Joann Fabrics gift card
- Photo printing paper
- VCR
- Free-standing water hose holder

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

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- Jerry Sutton and Sandra McHugh
- Kate and John Vassallo

Glen Helen Nature Preserve

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For facility rentals: 937-769-1903

Trailside Science Museum

505 Corry Street, Yellow Springs
Summer hours: Mon-Thu 10-7; Fri 10-8; Sat-Sun 10-8
937-767-7648

Outdoor Education Center

Residential environmental education center for school groups and summer Ecocamps.
1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs
937-767-7648

Raptor Center

Raptor education and rehabilitation center
Visitors are welcome to visit the center and see the resident birds. Summer hours: 9-7.
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