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“Your support, as a friend, member, or volunteer makes all of this work possible”

– Nick Boutis, Executive Director



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Glen Helen Nature Preserve

Trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset. All wildlife, vegetation, and natural features are protected. For general information: 937-769-1902

Administrative Offices

405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
937-769-1902

Vernet Ecological Center

405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Daily 10am-4pm (except holidays)

Nature Shop

Located in the Vernet Ecological Center
405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Thurs-Sun, 10am-4pm | Fri-Sun, 10am-4pm (Jan-Mar)

Trailside Museum

505 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Currently closed.

Outdoor Education Center

Residential environmental education center for school groups and summer Ecocamps. 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
937-767-7648

Raptor Center

Raptor education and rehabilitation. Visitors are welcome to visit and see the resident birds.
Daily Winter hours: 9am-5pm
1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
937-767-6656

Mission

The mission of the Glen Helen Association is to steward and strengthen Glen Helen nature preserve for present and future generations, safeguard the ecological, historical, and geological resources within its bounds, and utilize the preserve to offer life-shaping environmental learning to our students and visitors.

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— Annual Report —

Dear Friends of the Glen

Hello from Glen Helen, and welcome to your annual report, for the period from July 2022 through June 2023. We are pleased to share that this has been a time of significant growth and accomplishments, all made possible by everyone who supported, or undertook the work of the organization during the year.

This was the third year of our Campaign to Secure the Future of Glen Helen. This \$4.25M campaign was designed to attend to urgent needs, including raising funds to cover the purchase of the preserve so that it could continue to exist, restarting programs shuttered during the Covid pandemic, and attending to public safety, code compliance, and accessibility in our buildings and trails. We are extraordinarily grateful to note that, by the end of our fiscal year on June 30th, we were less than \$100K shy of our campaign goal!

Changes made possible by the campaign are evident around the Glen. Perhaps none were more dramatic than the teardown of the former Antioch College power plant, inside the borders of the preserve. We knew the power plant sat on the site of a spring-fed wetland, but we didn't anticipate how quickly nature would respond once the structure was gone. As soon as the plant was removed, clear spring water bubbled up from the site. In spring, native sedges began to grow around the water's edge. Amphibians flocked to the new wetland, attracting sandpipers, foxes, and other wildlife. There is more work to do at the site, and it is not yet ready to be opened to the public, but it is a remarkable transformation in progress.

At the Raptor Center, we added a second staff person, which both allows us to better care for the eagles, hawks, and owls that depend on us, and also expand our public educational opportunities. It has allowed us—for the first time ever to regularly invite the public into our newly renovated classroom to learn, explore, or participate in a program.

The pandemic was the first time in 64 years that we had to stop our operations at our Outdoor Education

Center. Restarting these programs has been a mammoth and multifaceted undertaking. We've needed to make significant facility improvements, bring on multiple staff, secure and train interns, reestablish relationships with schools, and a host of other details. Thanks to those efforts, we are up and running once again. We offered day and overnight Ecocamp programs in summer, plus Outdoor School and naturalist training in the winter and spring. Rebuilding continues, so that we can also provide programs in the fall in future years.

We've also brought back public programs, which were largely on hold during the pandemic. The Vernet Ecological Center is now open daily, and the beloved Nature Shop, staffed by volunteers, keeps regular hours four days a week.

We've made steady progress on the trail system as well—with much more to come. We have so far completed six new bridges or boardwalks, in addition to raising the boardwalk that traverses the new beaver pond, to maintain peaceful coexistence with our furry dam-building friends.

Your support, as a friend, member, or volunteer makes all of this work possible. We are deeply grateful for all that you enable us to accomplish.



Nick Boutis
Nick Boutis, Executive Director



Scott Geisel
Scott Geisel, President (through June, 2023)
Glen Helen Association Board of Trustees

— The Glen Helen Team — Activities and Updates

Staff

This has been a year of organizational growth and change for Glen Helen, made possible by every individual and organization who supports our work. Over the fiscal year, we...

- Added eight new positions to our team, including four at the Outdoor Education Center (two lead naturalists, a kitchen assistant, and a business manager), as well as a Raptor Center assistant director, a development director, a deputy director, and an manager of administration.
- Increased stipends for our naturalist interns, which allows Glen Helen to be competitive in attracting great trainees from across the country.
- With support from the Yellow Springs Community Foundation, were able to engage Miller Fellows for part-time work at the Glen.

Volunteers

We could not do the work that we do, without the significant and tireless contributions of volunteers, in every area of the organization.

- Glen Helen had over 60 dedicated volunteers helping in land management, programs, the raptor center, the nature shop, special events, education and administrative projects.



- During this time period, there were 4,769 volunteer hours given to the Glen. This is valued at \$152,529 worth of time according to national statistics.
- We were delighted to host a volunteer appreciation party in February 2023. All areas were represented and we all enjoyed good food, a slide show, recognition and a raffle.

Raptor Center

Renovations to our classroom facilities, and the addition of an assistant director allowed us to expand our educational outreach. This work of the Raptor Center was made possible in large part by several successful fundraisers, including Rosé and Raptors, Take Flight for the Birds, and Whoo Cooks for You. We are profoundly grateful to the restaurants, food and beverage vendors, and donors who made these events magical.



Over the year, we...

- Cared for 120 raptors in the rehabilitation clinic from over 20 counties in Ohio, including 4 bald eagles.
- Conducted 123 scheduled educational programs with live ambassador birds of prey for almost 7,000 individuals.
- Added 3 non-releasable avian ambassadors, making a commitment to provide care for their lifetime.
- Provided over 4,000 hours of hands-on rehabilitation, animal training, and education experience for Raptor Center trainees.
- Hosted 25 children for raptor-focused summer camp experiences.
- Partnered with the Cincinnati Nature Center to develop a raptor educational program at their site, and trained two avian ambassadors for their use.

Outdoor Education Center

When reflecting on the last year at the Outdoor Education Center, one word comes to mind... community. Our immersive programming fosters relationships as youth, interns, and staff come together, fueled by curiosity and compassion, in a learning community. We are successful because people leave the Glen with a better understanding of and appreciation for nature, one another, and themselves. To our supporters, families, partners, campers, naturalists, and the dedicated staff team—thank you for being part of this community! We are looking forward to another amazing year of learning together. This year, we...

- Welcomed 1,887 campers, from 22 school partners and the regional community.
- Trained 28 interns and seasonal staff.
- Most impactfully, we welcomed four individuals to our permanent staff team! These folks are working hard in support of our active programming and providing critical capacity for the long-term health of our operations.



Grinnell Mill

Starting this year, the Glen Helen Association has taken over operations of the historic, and beautifully renovated grist mill, located in the Glen in the flood-plain of the Little Miami River. Rooms there are available for overnight lodging, and we now host regular public programs at the mill.

Nature Shop

This was the first full year of Nature Shop operations since the Covid shutdown. New volunteers were trained, the layout was reconfigured and sales software was updated. Favorites, as well as new merchandise, are continually being stocked.

Land Management

Across the Glen, we have been busy attending to the ecological health of the preserve, public safety, and accessibility. Over the year, we...

- Demolished the derelict Antioch College Power plant, and have begun site restoration at the wetland where it was located.
- Processed over 38 acres of woody invasives including bush honeysuckle, common privet, multiflora rose, autumn olive, and Asian bittersweet.
- Managed non-woody herbaceous invasives including lesser celandine, garlic mustard, dame's rocket, reed canary grass, and stiltgrass.
- Cleared 148 trail obstructions



- Removed 31 hazard trees around trails, buildings, parking areas, and driveways.
- Installed two new bridges and two new boardwalks on the Inman, Lower Birch Creek, and Upper Birch Creek Trails, as part of an ongoing project to improve preserve trails.
- Raised the Inman Trail boardwalk at the site of the Yellow Springs Creek beaver dam, so that beavers and Glen Visitors could continue to happily coexist.
- Interacted with visitors regarding rules 650 times.



Programs and Events

Throughout the year, we offered a wide range of education programs for all ages and physical abilities. These included...

- Each month, our Full Moon Hikes have been booked to capacity. Other popular hikes included a spring wildflower saunter, Glen history hike, Rim 2 Rim hike, scavenger hunts, winter exploration, Pride Hike, National Trails Day.



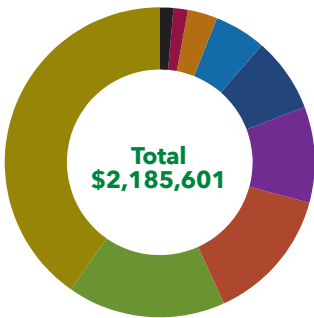
- In partnership with YS Pride, we hosted a Pride hike and participated in the local Pride Parade.

- We offered a monthly bird walk, coordinated the Greene County region's participation in the Christmas Bird Count, and held Make it Count for the Birds, an annual fundraiser which aims to see how many species can be found in Glen Helen on one day. This year, we found 82 species, and raised over \$15,000 for our land stewardship work.
- Additional programs included nature photography, trending nature webinars, coyote Q&A, Arbor Day tree planting, Earth Day activities, Honeysuckle Daze, and an Honoring the Glen concert.
- In partnership with the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Luke 5 Adventures, and the Ohio River Road Runners Club, we hosted an adaptive 5K walk/run/roll.
- In partnership with the Tecumseh Land Trust, we hosted a native plant sale and swap, as well as a winter solstice poetry reading.
- We partnered with Greene County Sanitary Engineering, as part of their Water for Life initiative.

Financial Snapshot

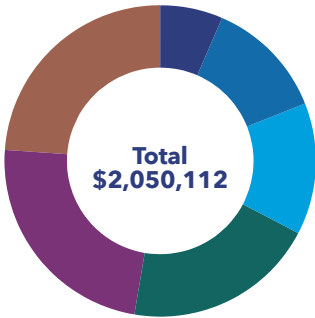
Funds Secured

Gifts	\$881,789	(40.3%)
Grants	\$361,023	(16.5%)
Programs	\$307,007	(14.0%)
Rentals	\$217,530	(10.0%)
Endowment Distributions	\$171,140	(7.8%)
Visitor Fees	\$116,969	(5.4%)
Sales	\$68,466	(3.1%)
Miscellaneous	\$31,832	(1.5%)
Events	\$29,845	(1.4%)



Funds Expended

Administration	\$488,993	(23.9%)
Land Management	\$481,444	(23.5%)
Environmental Education	\$409,237	(20.0%)
Facilities	\$281,255	(13.7%)
Capital Projects	\$255,719	(12.5%)
Raptor Center	\$133,465	(6.5%)



Snapshot July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Non-audited cash inflows and outflows are shown above. Glen Helen's finances are audited annually by a professional accounting firm. Our audits are available for review on www.glenhelen.org.

Rent The Glen

Did you know that Glen Helen has many unique rental facilities for hosting a variety of functions such as weddings, graduation parties, reunions, celebrations of life and business retreats?



Vernet Ecological Center

Amenities: Spacious auditorium, stage with lighting, projector and large screen, PA system with speakers and wireless microphones, restrooms, atrium, two-tiered natural stone patio, parking.

Capacity: 140 seated theatre-style or 80 seated at tables
Rental Season: Year-round

Camp Greene

Amenities: Lodge with screened in porch, two lofts, two fireplaces, heating, and air conditioning, premier restroom trailer, private meeting/prep area in the bunk house, two pavilions with picnic tables and fireplaces, open-air overlook of the Little Miami River, parking.

Capacity: 200
Rental Season: April 1 - November 14

Birch Manor

Amenities: 1930s mansion with three rooms downstairs (great room, dining room, library) and four bedrooms upstairs, restrooms, prep area for caterers, large brick patio, flat lawn area for outdoor tent, lawn space for wedding ceremonies under the natural arch of a large tree, and ample parking.

Capacity: 110 indoors or 150 outdoors
Rental Season: Year-round

Please visit glenhelen.org/rentals for photos and information. For rates, questions, or to schedule a tour of any of our facilities, contact Ashley Mason at rentals@glenhelenassociation.org or 937-769-1902 ext. 1101.



Pull Out Program Calendar >

Photo by Scott Stolsenberg



Glen Helen Announcements

Bird Seed Sale and Local Delivery

Did you know you can purchase bird seed at the Nature Shop? We stock locally-grown high quality black oil sunflower seed, plus hot pepper suet and other suet cakes. Yellow Springs residents (45387) may order seed or suet and have it delivered for just \$3.

Hot Pepper Suet-\$4, Reg. Suet Cake: \$3
Black Oil Sunflower Seed (25 lbs.): \$20

GHA members receive a 25% discount. Products are only available for delivery to persons within the 45387 zip code.

GHA volunteers will deliver within 48-72 hours. Order online at glenhelen.org/birdseedsale or purchase at the Nature Shop.

Donate to the Raptor Center Wishlist

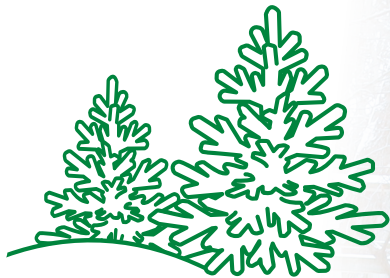
The daily work of caring for live hawks and owls requires a continuous supply of items for feeding and cleaning. Any time we're able to receive donations of these items, it means that more of our operating funds can go directly to our rehabilitation and education work. See our current wish list by clicking the Raptor Center tab at glenhelen.org.



Support the Glen with a License Plate

Plus, as a bonus, it comes with a Charley Harper sapsucker. Any Ohio car owner can acquire the tag, either from your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, or by visiting oplates.com.

Through your purchase, the Glen Helen Association receives \$15/year.



GO GREEN with Glen Helen

We want to stay in touch with you. We also want to save trees, and save costs that can support our mission. Will you help us decrease our paper usage?

By opting in for digital mail, you'll receive an average of four email messages monthly, including In the Glen magazine, our quarterly calendars, and current news, events, and invitations. To receive these mailings in a digital format, simply send an email to: lfreeman@glenhelenassociation.org. Put "Go Green" in the subject field, and put your name in the message body.

The Nature Shop

Remember us for your holiday shopping! Located in the Vernet Ecological Center. Shop hundreds of nature related items for friends and family including Charley Harper items, hiking supplies, t-shirts, mugs, wind chimes, books, nature toys, and much more!

Remember as a perk of your membership, members receive a 10% discount on items.



The Glen Helen Legacy Society

Long term financial planning is key to maintaining Glen Helen into perpetuity. Through the Glen Helen Legacy Society, we recognize individuals who provide a planned gift to Glen Helen. Glen Helen itself is the legacy of Hugh Taylor Birch, who cared so deeply for this wooded glen that he sought to preserve it forever as a memorial to his daughter Helen. Members of the Legacy Society share this passion for ensuring a vibrant future for Glen Helen. Through their planned gifts, the members of the Glen Helen Legacy Society ensure the preservation of our unique, beautiful, and diverse Glen, and secure the chance for future generations to also gain life-shaping experiences through their immersion in the preserve and its programs.

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Anonymous (1)*
Anonymous (2)
George Asakawa*
Robert Baldwin, Sr.*
Ruth and Tony Bent
Hugh Taylor Birch*
Sylvia Carter Denny*
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Robert Van Lehn*
Beverly Viemeister*
Deann Ward and Neil*
Dawson

Mary White
Jill Wilson*
* Deceased

Lucy and Arthur Morgan Society

Arthur and Lucy Morgan were singularly instrumental in the preservation of Glen Helen. Through the Lucy and Arthur Morgan Society, we recognize and honor donors whose leadership, through gifts of \$1000 or more, ensures the fiscal health of Glen Helen.

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We are profoundly grateful to every member and contributor, and 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 —

Stories of Stewardship



Lt. Col. Robert Edward Rae, USAF Retired lived an extraordinary life of adventure, service, and stewardship. Born in Sparks, NV, he served as a flight engineer on over thirty B-29 missions during World

War II. In 1962, he served as Launch Controller for Astronaut John Glenn's first American orbit of earth, overseeing all phases of preparation and launch. Robert eventually made his way to Ohio, where he was deeply engaged in his community, serving the Fairborn United Methodist Church, supporting Native American youth as well as several colleges. He loved his family, golfing, beekeeping, and square dancing. He also loved Glen Helen.

“Robert was a member of the Glen Helen Association for nearly 40 years!”

Robert passed away at age 99, and his memorial service honored his 100th birthday. By directing a portion of his estate to the Glen Helen endowment, he has ensured that his annual support will continue in perpetuity. We are grateful to Robert and the legacy that carries on.



Becky Jo Eschliman, known as Rebecca, professed passion and purpose in service to her community. She graduated from Yellow Springs High School and then studied at Kalamazoo College. She

taught English and French at Yellow Springs Schools, then went on to work as marketing specialist for the Antioch Bookplate Company.

Rebecca loved Yellow Springs. She worked for decades to preserve the history, culture, and values of this community. She engaged with the Yellow Springs Shakespeare Study Group, the YS Senior Center, the YS Historical Society, and the Village Library Commission. She participated in the theater and was the angel in the Oberufer Christmas plays at the Presbyterian Church for many years.

Rebecca also loved Glen Helen. She was a member of the Glen Helen Association for over a decade. She was one of the first to give to the Campaign to Secure the Future of Glen Helen in 2020.

Rebecca passed away in 2022. Her celebration of life was held at the Glen Helen Vernet Ecological Center. She once shared the sentiment,

“When it comes down to it, all people really want is to matter.”

Rebecca mattered to many people and places, including Glen Helen. We are honored that she chose to include the Glen in her estate plan.

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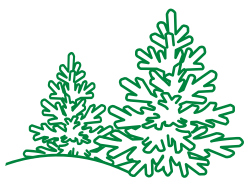
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“Look Ma, no honeysuckle!”

This woodland scene was captured on the east side of the Yellow Springs Creek during the winter of 1948. Hard to believe how different it looked. We see a young forest, with few understory trees, and no noticeable invasive plants. This is an area that had

been logged, and maybe farmed, at some point. Most of the trees seen here probably didn't even start growing until the land became part of Glen Helen in 1929. 🍁



DECEMBER- FEBRUARY 2023-24

Glen Helen Program Calendar

Group sizes are limited. Register early to ensure your participation at www.glenhelen.org. Many programs are free or discounted for Glen Helen members. Contact: programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code.



DECEMBER

2 SAT

School Forest Festival
9am-3pm
Visit Ohio's oldest educational forest to take part in a longstanding Yellow Springs tradition! Tour the fields of Christmas trees grown by the School Forest Club of Yellow Springs High School. Funds raised support the club's efforts at Glen Helen. Hayrides, a bonfire, hot cocoa, and homemade treats are available. School Forest, 3777 Bryan Park Rd.

DEC- JAN

Golden Morning Walkers Club
Thursdays Dec 7-Jan 25, 2024
10-11am *weather permitting*
Gather in the Glen for a slow-paced walk on an easy wooded trail and portion of the bike path to make a pleasant loop. Geared toward older adults, but all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet outside the Vernet Center at the north end of the parking lot. 405 Corry St. Registration suggested, walk-ins welcome. Weather permitting. Cost: Free. Parking: Free for program participants.

Co-sponsored by the Yellow Springs Senior Center. For registration, through Yellow Springs Senior Center, visit MyActiveCenter.com.

8 FRI

Winter Solstice Poetry Reading
7-9pm
Tecumseh Land Trust and Glen Helen are sponsoring the 12th annual Solstice Poetry Reading. Readers from southwest Ohio and beyond, including Myrna Stone, Ellen Austin-Li, and Felicia Chappelle among others, will be interpreting the theme of "Grounded". There will be 11 scheduled poets to begin the evening, then a wine-cheese reception, followed by an exciting open mic session. Vernet Ecological Center, 405 Corry St. Wine, cheese and light refreshments. Suggested donation \$10. Parking: Free

10 SUN

Winter Bird Ornaments
12-4pm
Enjoy the holiday season with some warm drinks, a hot fire, and craft time! Drop in any time from 12-4pm to visit with birds from the Raptor Center and make some take home ornaments to fill your house and yard with feathered cheer. Program held at the Outdoor Education Center Lodge: 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs. No registration necessary. Suggested donation of \$10/child.

16 SAT

Christmas Bird Count
8am-2pm
One of the world's longest-running community science efforts. In addition to Glen Helen, our 15-mile count circle includes John Bryan State Park, Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve, and many Greene County parks. Each year observers spot over 2,500 individual birds! RSVP to nboutis@glenhelen.org.

26 TUES

Full Cold Moon Hike
7-8:30pm
Join naturalist Paul Sampson for a full moon hike on the Inman Trail and work off some of those holiday calories (moderate 1 mile hike). \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Trailside Museum parking lot. 505 Corry St.

JANUARY

JAN- FEB

Winter Bird Explorers
Wednesday After School Program
January 10-February 21

Are your kiddos tired of being inside during the winter and ready for a new kind of after school fun? Join the Raptor Center for a once weekly deep dive into the wonderful world of birds and learn about their incredible winter adaptations. Our staff will meet your child at Mills Lawn at 2:30pm for a walk to Glen Helen or parents can drop off their child at the Trailside Museum at 3:00pm. Students will explore avian adaptations, meet live birds, crafts and eat a healthy snack during the program. Students will need to be picked up from 405 Corry Street, promptly at 5pm. Program for ages 9-12 years. 10 students maximum. **All participants must register.** Registration is \$150 per student (\$130 for children of GHA members) and covers the full seven week program. Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code.

17 WED

Glen Helen Eco-Book Club: Sense of Wonder
6-7:30pm
Join Glen Helen staff, Kat Christen, for a book discussion of *Sense of Wonder: A Celebration of Nature for Parents and Children* by Rachel Carson. "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder," writes Carson, "he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." Held fireside inside the Grinnell Mill. Tea & light refreshments will be available. Geared toward adults. \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Space is limited. Grinnell Mill, 3536 Bryan Park Rd, Yellow Springs.

20 SAT

Winter Birds
9-11am
We'll search the north Glen for hardy birds of winter. \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Trailside Museum parking lot. 505 Corry St.

26 FRI

Full Wolf Moon Hike
7-8:30pm
Take a winter hike on the Inman Trail with Pan Reich and listen for Barred Owl calls (moderate 1 mile hike). \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Trailside Museum parking lot. 505 Corry St.

FEBRUARY

6 TUES

The Ecology of Beavers
5:30-7pm
Learn about the Ecology of Beavers with Marne Titchenell, Ohio State University Extension Wildlife Program Director. The program will include a short hike to the beaver pond and dam (weather permitting) followed by a presentation in the Vernet Auditorium about the ecology of these fascinating creatures. All ages welcome. Program Cost: Free. Parking: members free/non-members \$10. **All participants must register.** Space limited. Meet at the Vernet Center, 405 Corry St.

10 SAT

Winter Birds
9-11am
We'll search the north Glen for elusive winter finches. \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Trailside Museum. 505 Corry St.

17 SAT

Raptor Valentines
12-4pm
Come to the Raptor Center to celebrate your love of all things feathered! Make a valentine for your favorite birdy bachelor and have a chance to see some of our ambassadors up close. Learn how birds welcome in spring and get ready for nesting season. Want to bring a gift for your avian amore? Check out our wish list before you come! Free, drop in event. Glen Helen Raptor Center: 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs.



21 WED

Glen Helen Eco-Book Club: Gathering Moss
6-7:30pm
Join Glen Helen staff, Kat Christen, for a book discussion of *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses* by Robin Wall Kimmerer (author of Braiding Sweet Grass). In her book, Kimmerer "explains the stories of mosses in scientific terms as well as in the framework of indigenous ways of knowing." Held fireside inside the Grinnell Mill. Tea & light refreshments will be available. \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Space is limited. Grinnell Mill, 3536 Bryan Park Rd, Yellow Springs.



24 SAT

Pine Forest and Full Snow Moon Hike
7- 9:30pm
Join Tom Sabin, Pan Reich and naturalist Paul Sampson for a full moon hike to the Pine Forest and nearby School Forest, Ohio's oldest educational forest (moderately strenuous 3-mile hike). \$5, members free. **All participants must register.** Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Trailside Museum parking lot. 505 Corry St.

MAR thru MAY 2024

Save the Date: Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Training
Glen Helen is hosting the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) Program this spring! Stay tuned for details and registration info available January 2024. Join our cohort of participants to complete 40 hours of engaging classroom and field training from state and local experts in Forest Ecology, Aquatics, Geology, Ornithology, Mammals and much more.

NOW AVAILABLE! 2024 Glen Helen Calendar

The beautiful 2024 calendar featuring twelve months of breathtaking photos of Glen Helen is now available. Calendars may be purchased in person at the Nature Shop open Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Calendars may also be purchased online at www.glenhelen.org. At just \$15, it's a great gift for the holidays!