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Dear Friends,

Did you hear a rushing waterfall and the call of a pileated woodpecker, see rabbits, snakes and deer meander through a wildflower field, and watch a bald eagle soar over your head the last time you mowed your yard? Probably not, but that was my experience the last time I mowed at an ACRES preserve.

My family volunteers at Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run. Part of the duties include mowing portions of the trail that go through the meadows. Although I've never been a big fan of mowing, mowing a winding path through forests and meadows is much more appealing than mowing back and forth in a yard.

Most importantly though, ACRES volunteers are mowing for a greater purpose. At home, we mow to make the yard look neat and to provide a place for the kids to play. At a preserve, we mow to provide access to nature for everyone, not just a few. The rewards produced by this exposure to nature are countless, and some are life changing. An added bonus is that mowing grass can actually preserve land: Since ACRES doesn't have to send staff or contractors to mow a preserve taken care of by volunteers, the money saved is used to buy new nature preserves.

ACRES volunteers make new nature preserves possible not just by mowing, but also by constructing boardwalks, volunteering at the office and at events, and providing specialized services. Consider the many ways you can help ACRES preserve more land. Perhaps mowing grass is something you will look forward to next year!

Sincerely,



Jason Kissel



Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run by Jason Kissel

WELCOME 42new members!

Thomas Antisdell
Eric Baker
Leslie and Sharon Beam
James Bledsoe
Wally and Betsy Bonham
Amy Bredemeyer
Ed and Kristen Brower
Esther Campbell
John and Barb Clark
Gary Culp
Lorin Dotson
Dean and Kae Gifford
Bill and Linda Hambrick
Jeanne Harrell
Ray Hayes
Lorraine Heath
Anthony Jagger
Marc and Frances Lewis
Robert Macy
Glenn and Myrna Morgan
Jeff Ormiston
Keven Oswalt
Kim Probst
Beth Regedanz
Lee and Vic Rodenbeck
Louis and Lou Anne Sanchez
Tracy and Gretchen Shellabarger
Angie Leppek-Sikorski
John Martin Smith
Kregg Snyder
Chris Stauffer
Darl and Susan Steinman
Todd and Janet Stephenson
Mark and Kathie Swain
Larry and Lisa Thatcher
Robert Vegeler
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Deb Wolf

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Dedicated to preserving natural areas since 1960, ACRES manages and protects 79 nature preserves totaling over 4,850 acres.

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Art Eberhardt

by Terri Gorney

The year 1962 was significant for Art Eberhardt. His daughter Laura was born, he and Helen Skelton founded the Charles McClue Nature Reserve Board (which Art has since served on continuously), and he joined ACRES Land Trust. But Art did not just join ACRES: he passionately embraced this organization with his late wife, Marion. He has served ACRES in almost every capacity, and after almost 50 years, Art is still an enthusiastic supporter. Many have enjoyed Art's sing-alongs at Wing Haven every December, and his Adopt-A-Tree Festival. Both have become ACRES traditions.

In the early years, ACRES members became friends of the Eberhardts. Art has many fond memories of Tom and Jane Dustin, two of ACRES founders; of Helen Swenson who donated her property called Wing Haven; and of sisters Mildred and Garnette Foster who donated the land that became ACRES' second nature preserve, Beechwood. According to Marion Eberhardt's scrapbook, Garnette and the Eberhardts spent a day in 1964 planting trees at the McClue Reserve.

Serving in WWII allowed him to attend Purdue University on the G.I. Bill. At his sister's home, he met Marion Williams, a teacher and Lansing, Michigan, native. Art credits Marion with teaching the



Art Eberhardt and dog Josie by Shane Perfect

"city boy" to love nature. Art and Marion married June 26, 1949. A native of Indianapolis, Art moved to Angola in 1952 to teach at Tri-State College (now Trine University). He has resided in Angola ever since. When Art retired from Tri-State College in 1990, he became a full-time volunteer in conservation issues.

About 50 years ago, Art and Marion purchased 150 acres of land in Kalkaska County, Michigan, as a hideaway spot where they and their children could enjoy nature. They built a cabin from logs they discovered in a nearby swamp and planted thousands of native pines they raised from seed. It is still a cherished spot for Art and the family, which now includes grandchildren. The property, Whip-poor-will Hill, lies within the state

forest boundary and is bordered both north and south by state land. In 2008, they generously donated a conservation easement to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

Some other nature-oriented organizations relying on Art's talents are the Stockbridge Audubon Board, the Angola Tree Board, and the Charles McClue Nature Reserve Board. He is also active in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola.

Art's efforts to conserve land are ongoing. Currently, Art is working to save 20 acres of wooded land inside the city limits of his adopted hometown of Angola.

It is a privilege to call Art "friend." If you want to spend time with Art, he pulls out his handy Day Planner full of meetings and events—the sign of a life well spent. He is humble and does not like to talk about himself but will often talk about others' accomplishments, including those of his late wife, Marion. Art's own achievements could fill a book. Lucky for us, the final chapter has not yet been written.

Join Art at the 17th Annual Christmas Sing-Along at 2 p.m. on December 4, at the Wing Haven Nature Preserve. See page 14 for details.



Marion Eberhardt
by Laura Eberhardt

memorials

Alfred Gutstein
from Phil Kaiser

Anne Ropchan
from Walter Ropchan and
Alice Ropchan

Ann Swaidner
from Rex Harris, Jon and Peggy
Garver, Judith Noe, Sarah
Howard, Don and Eleanor
Blanchflower, Kermit and
Joyce Jones, Rex and Norma
Jones, Jay and Pam Sagers,
Douglas Smith, Mr. and Mrs.
Merrill Swaidner, Lynn and Pat
Swaidner, Thomas Vagasky,
Jane Besten, and Dave and
Joan Weber

Eugene Winicker
from Margret Winicker

Joan Pichon
from Arthur Jasen

Vera Kindraka
from Alice Ropchan

Bob Frantz
from Eric and Pam Rogers, Joel
and Beverly Eikenberry, Joann
Martin, Dan Naragon, Wilson
and Mary Lutz, Mary Chrastil,
and Darci Zolman

tributes

Richard Kessens
from Ford and Sharon Phares



Sandhill Crane by Sarah Bielski



by Shane Perfect

The Color of Fall

by Trina Herber

I love hiking in autumn more than any other season. The crunch of fallen, dry leaves beneath my feet drives each step. The air is seasoned with the aroma of all things fall, and I cannot take a breath deep enough to satisfy my joy in it. As I look up, the various colors of the canopy put me in awe of the miracles of nature.

The interconnectivity of plants, animals and weather create forest harmony. How seasonal changes trigger a flurry of change and activity in all of nature is a mystery to many. Every forest inhabitant instinctively knows what to do to prepare for the next season and when to begin; it seems orchestrated—the mystique of nature.

For example, all summer long, photosynthesis, the most important

chemical process on earth, has taken place in plants: plants capture sunlight's energy in their leaves with the green pigment, chlorophyll, and convert it into usable energy. Plants then use that energy to build glucose sugars from simple compounds: water from the soil, and carbon dioxide from the air.

This process sustains life on earth as it provides not only nutrition for animals, but also the oxygen necessary for animals to break down the sugars and starches at the cellular level to release energy for their everyday activities. In animals this process is called respiration, photosynthesis's complement, returning carbon dioxide to the air and nutrients to the soil for the plants. What a simple, perfect system!

However, in the fall, we notice the system falters and some leaves change from green to various beautiful reds, yellows and oranges. This happens as chlorophyll slows down, stops and

then breaks down, revealing other plant pigments, carotenoids and anthocyanins. It may seem instinctual to us that this change is due to cooler temperatures, but it is not. Deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves seasonally) are preparing for dormancy, but the trigger is the length of night, not the drop in temperature.

While carotenoid pigments were present all summer in the chloroplasts of the leaf along with the chlorophyll, they were overpowered by the chlorophyll. In the fall, they become unmasked as the chlorophyll disappears. The carotenoids too worked all summer absorbing light energy and assisting in photosynthesis, but did so at a lower absorption rate and for different wavelengths of visible light, making them less efficient for energy transfer than chlorophyll. In fall, the carotenoids can stick around a little longer since they are not as dependent on light as is chlorophyll. This also means that carotenoids will not necessarily fade if fall is cloudy rather than sunny.

As the trees shut down for the season, another family of pigments enters the mix in the final stage of the process. As leaf veins close up, water to the leaf is shut

off, but sugars remain trapped in the leaf. These sugars trigger in the sap of the leaf the production of anthocyanins, the source of deep reds, blues and purples. Because anthocyanins require light, sunny fall days will yield more vibrant colors.

Leaves with primarily anthocyanins will appear red. Look for red maple, sugar maple, red oak, pin oak, sweetgum, dogwood, sumac, sassafras and persimmon. Leaves with carotenoids only will appear yellow while leaves with both carotenoids and anthocyanins are often orange. Beech, birch, ash, hickory and poplars have carotenoids. Leaves without carotenoids or anthocyanins, like some oak species, will turn brown from tannins in the leaf.

As photosynthesis closes shop for the year, the veins in the leaf that carried the sugar food to the rest of the plant begin to dissolve and the cells die at the base of the leaf, where it connects to the stem. The leaf barely hangs on until the wind encourages it to detach completely and fall to the forest floor. If you look closely at the leaf scar that remains on the twig, you can see the remains of the water and sugar "pipelines" that were active all summer.

The browning of the fallen leaf is the result of waste products from its dying cells. Overwintering of the leaves on the forest floor begins the process of decomposition and the nutrients return to the soil for future plants to harvest.

Although weather is not the factor that triggers leaf change, it does influence it. The amount of soil moisture, as well as air and soil temperature, have some impact on how quickly the color transition will occur and how long it will last. A late spring or a dry summer may give rise to a late and short fall color change; while a warm, wet spring with a mild summer and warm, sunny fall days with cool nights will produce the most brilliant autumn colors. What are your predictions for this year's fall color display?



by Claire Cook

ACRES' Wish List

by Jason Kissel, Executive Director

My kids start circling items in catalogues this time of year. They have learned that ensuring Mom and Dad know exactly what they want is an effective way to increase their chances of getting that item.

ACRES has needs, desires and dream gifts just as my children do. So on behalf of ACRES, I'm providing you its wish list. And just like my children, ACRES has some outrageous suggestions. You never know—this may be the year ACRES receives the proverbial pony it's always wanted!

Members

ACRES loves new (and current) members. More members mean more people supporting the organization through their time, money, talents and influence. An increasing number of memberships also make it clear to funding sources that ACRES provides a relevant service that is increasingly important to the community we serve. Join, renew or give gift memberships.

\$1,322,000

This is the amount of money required to purchase six properties of high importance to ACRES that are currently on the market or soon will be. These are high quality forests and wetlands that will change hands soon, potentially resulting in the loss of their natural resource value forever. If ACRES receives \$1,322,000, the future of these properties could be secured. Then there are about 30 other properties that ACRES is watching that will become available in the next several years ...



Meeting Room Tables

ACRES' office is home to many programs and meetings. These meetings are held around donated lab tables. The tables are nice and sturdy, but their height makes participants feel like kids at an adult table. Ideally, new boardroom-style tables would be donated and the lab tables moved downstairs and arranged together, thus providing a much-needed space for projects.

Endowment Growth

My young children aren't begging me to fund their college account, but I know that as a parent, I need to be thinking ahead for their benefit. As members and caretakers

of ACRES, we need to show the same responsibility. ACRES is in the business of preserving land forever. That's a long time. As the appeal of land preservation waxes and wanes over the next decades and centuries, one of the best ways to ensure ACRES' stability and sustainability is to fund a strong endowment. Putting money aside for the future is as much an act of land preservation as purchasing a new nature preserve.

Socks and Underwear

Well ... a land trust's equivalent to socks and underwear. Did you know that it takes \$10,000 a year just to purchase the gravel needed for the parking lots and drives to the preserves? Then there are the boardwalks, bridges, liability insurance, etc. ACRES is delighted to receive gift cards or donated items that are necessary but

often overlooked such as gravel, lumber and office supplies. ACRES won't be disappointed with socks and underwear!

People to Say Nice Things

Just like anyone else, ACRES greatly appreciates nice things being said about it. Telling others about ACRES is a wonderful gift to the organization. Perhaps you can also offer your time to become a docent at the preserve closest to your home, prepare a program or introduce ACRES to someone who can.

Thank you for looking over ACRES' wish list. For 51 years, ACRES has relied on people like you to supply its needs. As a result, land has been preserved. That is the best gift ACRES could ask for. For you, for nature, forever.

Photos by Shane Perfect





fieldtrips & SPECIAL EVENTS

For information on all programs, contact the ACRES office at 260.637.2273 or visit acreslandtrust.org
ACRES programs are held rain or shine. Call the ACRES office for carpooling information.

MAKING SENSE OF NATURE

Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m.

Presented by: Michael Gobert – Allen County Parks Naturalist

Through our senses we can open our mind and become more aware of the natural environment around us. Join Michael for a hike and various activities that will heighten our sensory awareness. See you there; it only makes sense.

WHERE: Wing Haven Nature Preserve, Steuben County
180 W. 400 N., Angola, IN 46703

WHOOOO AND WHAT'S OUT THERE?

Thursday, October 13, 5 p.m.

Presented by: David Homan and Ethel McClelland

Fall fruits, nuts and colors, and bats, birds, bugs and owls. Let's see what we can discover and catalog our interesting treasures. Hike at 5 p.m.; hot dogs, cider and donuts at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Wildwood Nature Preserve, Kosciusko County
409 E. SR 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982



by John Raub

A LONGER HIKE

Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m.

Presented by: Jason Kissel

Do short hikes leave you wanting more? Then this trip is for you. We will begin hiking within Kokiwanee and extend the trip into the neighboring Salamonie State Forest before returning to Kokiwanee. The length of the hike will be approximately five miles. Come prepared to carry all the food, drink and supplies that you will need.

WHERE: Kokiwanee Nature Preserve, Wabash County
5825 E. 50 S. Largo, IN 46941



by Shane Perfect

LEAVES

Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m.

Presented by: Amy Kissel

Enjoy the beauty of fall with your family as we take a short hike through the preserve. We will compare all kinds of leaves and learn about their colors, shapes, patterns and sizes. Afterwards we'll enjoy some leaf stories, create leaf art and have a snack. This program is geared toward families with young children.

WHERE: Mary Thornton Nature Preserve, Wabash County
1541 E. 300 N., Wabash, IN 46992

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7th ANNUAL NATURE-BASED ART EXHIBIT

Opening Reception - Thursday, October 20, 4 - 7 p.m.

Exhibit on display: Friday, October 21 - 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Presented by: ACRES

WHERE: ACRES Office, Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve, Allen County
1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

AUTUMN SHOWS ITS COLORS

Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m.

Presented by: Paul Rothrock, Taylor University

Walk with Paul to see autumn flowers, with an emphasis on the aster family. Also see how the forest continues to prepare for winter.

WHERE: Fogwell Forest, Allen County
9630 Whippoorwill Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46809



by Becky Ford

POPP OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 23, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Presented by: Larry Biggerstaff

Hike the old-growth woods in this state-dedicated nature preserve, open only once a year. Enjoy an afternoon eating hot dogs by a bonfire or hiking in the woods.

WHERE: Emanuel M. Popp Nature Preserve, Allen County
12129 Tonkel Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

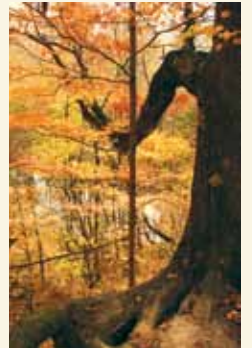
BIG TREES OF WILDWOOD

Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m.

Presented by: David Homan and Ethel McClelland

Join David and Ethel in measuring 12 big trees to see how much they've grown since 1984 when Bob Frantz (former landowner) started measuring them. We'll also look for signs of animals getting ready for winter.

WHERE: Wildwood Nature Preserve, Kosciusko County
409 E. SR 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982



by Claire Cook

Center Spread: by Shane Perfect

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TRAILBLAZER OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.

Presented by: Heather Baker

Enjoy a hike in the crisp fall air and earn a trail credit toward your Allen County Trailblazers hiking program. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit www.allencountytrailblazers.org

WHERE: Bicentennial Woods Nature Preserve, Allen County
340 E. Shoaff Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

BRAMMALL HIKE

Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.

Presented by: Shane Perfect

Winter has not set in quite yet, so enjoy a brisk hike to explore the Brammall Nature Preserve.

WHERE: Brammall Nature Preserve, Steuben County
2630 E. US Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703



by Shane Perfect

BOOK REVIEW

Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m.

Presented by: The Kissel Family

Share your thoughts and insights gained from *A Conservationist Manifesto* by Scott Russell Sanders. Sanders is this year's annual dinner guest speaker.

WHERE: Mary Thornton Nature Preserve, Wabash County
1541 E. 300 N., Wabash, IN 46992

ACRES ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, December 3

Presented by: ACRES' Board of Directors and Staff

Guest Speaker: Scott Russell Sanders. Please see page 17 for more details.

WHERE: University of Saint Francis – North Campus
2702 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

17th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.

Presented by: Art Eberhardt, Jim Shearer, Jeanine Samuelson and Steve Eyrieh

You're invited to join us for an old-fashioned sing-along around a wood-burning stove. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the holiday season at the Wing Haven Studio, complete with festive refreshments.

WHERE: Wing Haven Nature Preserve, Steuben County
180 W. 400 N., Angola, IN 46703



by Claire Cook

acres' wish list

Copy paper
Blank DVDs
Birdseed
Bottled water
Compact fluorescent bulbs

NATURE'S CALENDAR

by Fred Wooley, Park Interpreter,
Pokagon State Park

Mid October... Junco time!

- Fall colors peak in northeast Indiana, and for many this is the perfect time to visit an ACRES preserve. I suggest a search of another kind for one of nature's subtle displays of black and white and many shades of gray in between – found in the beauty of a dark-eyed junco. This bird from the north is a signal of the quieter, slower-paced world of nature in the winter months to come.

November 10 – Full Moon

- Algonquin people refer to this full moon of November as the Beaver Moon. Set out just after sunset or seek



by Steve Hague

a spot where a lake or wetland is home to beaver. Sit quietly at dusk and then make a sound. The loud slap of the beavers broad tail will warn of danger, abruptly breaking the surface of the moonlit mirrored water.

December 21

- Celebrate the solstice in an ACRES preserve. In late December, bundle up and stretch out next to a wetland's edge and watch for slowly moving caddis fly larva. With a small minnow net or your ungloved hand, reach in and scoop one up. Place it in a small container and watch this fascinating worm of an adult fly move about in its specially made home of bits of sticks, stones or plant material.

SAVE THE DATE

2012 ACRES Land Trust BLUE JEAN GALA

Thursday, June 7 2012
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Wildwalkers

F A L L S C H E D U L E

Hikes are 9 - 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

October 14

Merry Lea Environmental
Nature Center,
Noble County
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

October 28

Cypress Meadow Nature Preserve,
Allen County

November 11

Tel-Hy Nature Preserve,
Huntington County

December 9

(Lloyd W.) Bender Memorial Forest,
Noble County

Contact Renee Baines with questions:
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by Ruth Sanders

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, December 3
University of Saint Francis – North Campus
2702 Spring Street, Fort Wayne 46808

Guest Speaker:

Scott Russell Sanders

Author and Distinguished Professor Emeritus
of English at Indiana University

Scott Sanders has written more than 20 books including *Staying Put*, *Writing from the Center* and *Hunting for Hope*. His latest books are *A Private History of Awe*, a coming-of-age memoir, love story and spiritual testament; and *A Conservationist Manifesto*, his vision of a shift from a culture of consumption to a culture of caretaking.

Scott Sanders' writing examines the human place in nature, the pursuit of social justice, the relation between culture and geography, and the search for

a spiritual path. Sanders has received numerous awards. Most recently he was the National winner of the 2010 Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award based on lifetime achievement, and he received the 2011 Cecil Woods Award for Nonfiction.

He and his wife, Ruth, a biochemist, have reared two children in their hometown of Bloomington, in the hardwood hill country of Indiana's White River Valley.

Members:

- 4 p.m. Annual Meeting and Public Lecture
Reception and book signing immediately following lecture
- 6 p.m. Dinner, \$25/person

Dinner Menu

Hazelnut Crusted Chicken or Baked Vegetarian Lasagna,
Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Freshly Baked Rolls,
Green Beans Amandine, Roasted Red Peppers,
Warm Apple Dumplings with Ice Cream
Beverages: Water, Iced Tea and Coffee

Non Members:

- 4 p.m. Public Lecture
\$10/seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, so reserve your place early.

To RSVP for the lecture and/or dinner, call the ACRES office at 260.637.2272, order online at www.acreslandtrust.org, or stop by the office at 1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748, by November 23.

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Pier Place

Wing Haven dock reconstruction

by Shane Perfect

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building preserve benches

Terri Gorney, Pam George and David Brumm

assisting with collating the Summer Quarterly

To our summer interns for their hard work

Matthew Jehl and Chris Liechty and the Cole Foundation, which sponsored their internship

Dustin Barn Volunteers and Contributors

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Taylor Puitz

helping with the Summer Quarterly mailing

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helping with projects at the office and painting corn hole game boards

Brad Greenlee

mapping and GIS applications

Larry Yoder, Bill Smith and Trina Herber

assisting with maple sugar bush programming

Greg Lake

donation of straw bales

Bob Walton

donation of bird books

Bill Smith

donation of binders and puppets for education programs

Upland Brewery

donation of beer for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Squaw Root by Shane Perfect

Field

- Dustin Nature Preserve event barn renovations
- Invasive species control at Barrett and Wing Haven Nature Preserves
- Construction of critter-proof storage shed at ACRES office
- Construction of benches, sign-in boxes and boardwalk sections

ACRES office

- Electrical wiring
- Office cleaning
- Paint hallway and hang agency service area maps
- Collating and/or distributing the Quarterly - January, April, July, October



2010 First Place by Becky Ford

Join us for the 7th Annual Nature-Based Art Exhibit

Friday, October 21 - 28

Opening Reception

Thursday, October 20 4 - 7 p.m.

at the

Tom and Jane Dustin
Nature Preserve (ACRES office)

1802 Chapman Road,
Huntertown, IN 46748

Area artists will display artwork celebrating nature.

Artwork will be judged by People's Choice the night of the reception and prizes will be awarded.

For more information,
please contact the ACRES
office at
260.637.2273

the**BACK**page

by Bob Frantz

If you stand very still ...

Often, while walking a woodland trail here at Wildwood, Alice and I have thought about and even spoken aloud a verse from a poem by Patience Strong:

If you stand very still in the heart of a wood,
You will hear many wonderful things –
The snap of a twig and the wind in the trees,
And the whirl of invisible wings.

How true. It is impossible to really get the feel of the woods while walking and talking. It is amazing—the things that we can hear, see, smell or feel by simply stopping to silently absorb whatever is there. Sometimes we hike with other people, sometimes it is just Alice and me, and sometimes each one goes alone. And while we love to walk with friends and with each other, there is nothing quite like walking alone, with frequent stops to look and listen.



Bob Frantz by Shane Perfect

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