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RED-TAILED HAWKS—Sunday, March 20

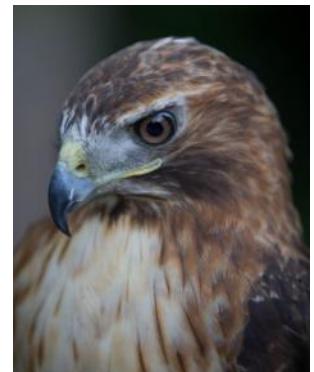
2-3pm at the Limberlost Visitor Center

Program is Free (donations are encouraged)

Presented by Teresa Brody of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services

A live red-tailed hawk is part of this program

Program is Sponsored by Jay County REMC



▲ Photo by Rhoda Gerig

LIMBERLOST GOLDEN EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26

The egg hunt begins "eggsactly" at 11am

Cost: \$2.00 per child (ages 12 & under)

Find a golden egg and win a special prize

- *Before the hunt....* Enjoy the petting Zoo provided by Roll Farms; check out Professor Curt's egg display; guess the answers to the questions on the Easter "Joke Board"; visit with the Easter Bunny.
- *After the hunt...* Attend Professor Curt's "Egg Class" and graduate as an official "Limberlost Egghead"; Participate in yard games and win more candy.



The Easter Bunny better watch out for the Hawk!

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR PROVIDING PRIZES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR EASTER EVENT

♥ Crossroads Pantry in Geneva

♥ Dreams on Wings in Geneva

♥ Optimist Club in Portland

♥ Wal-Mart in Portland

♥ CVS Pharmacy in Berne

♥ Friends of the Limberlost



MORE SPRINGTIME PROGRAMS AT LIMBERLOST STATE HISTORIC SITE

LIMBERLOST NATURE DAY, Saturday, April 2, \$10/person

Limited to 40 people due to space limitations in our classroom.

Advance registration is required. Call 260-368-7428 or email

rehman@indianamuseum.org to register.

- 8:00-9:30 am—Birding tour in the Limberlost Swamp Wetland Preserve. Meet at the parking lot of Limberlost State Historic Site at 8:00 am.
- 9:30 – 10:00 am—Registration for Nature Day at Limberlost Visitor Center: \$10 per person or \$20 maximum per family. Refreshments provided.
- 10:00 – 11:00 am—Tom Swinford, Assistant Director of Nature Preserves, Wildflowers
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm—Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm—Ken Brunswick, retired East Central Regional Ecologist presents, “The Limberlost Swamp Restoration Projects”.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm—Alex & Scott Forsythe—Birds of the Limberlost and the new Limberlost birding app.
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm—Randy Lehman, Limberlost Site Manager, presents: “Gene Stratton Porter – America’s Famous but Forgotten Naturalist”.
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm—Nature Day participants are welcome to take a guided tour of the Limberlost Cabin.

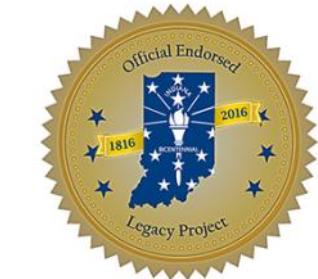
CREATURES OF THE NIGHT, Friday, April 22

At the Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve

Starts at 8:30 pm, COST \$4.00/ADULT & \$3.00/CHILD

Naturalists help you discover what creatures lurk around wetlands in the darkness. Meet at the Loblolly Pavilion. Three miles west of Bryant, IN on Hwy 18, turn north on County Road 250W. Program is designed for children and adults. No toddlers please. Moderate hiking required. Bring your flashlight!

- Campfire and marshmallows
- Enjoy “Glowing Eyes”—our critter ID game
- Hear frog calls. Put on the “BIONIC EARS”
- Listen for animal sounds as you walk moonlit paths
- Identify the sounds and calls of nocturnal animals
- Enjoy dip-netting for aquatic creatures



Nature Day has been endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as a Legacy Project



GUIDED TOUR OF RAINBOW BOTTOM PARK

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am to Noon

Starts at Limberlost Visitor Center

Cost \$3.00/Person

Follow Curt Burnette, Limberlost naturalist, to Rainbow Bend Park, a 270 acre park near the Ceylon Covered Bridge for a hike through the preserve to learn about the history & ecology of this area, how Gene Stratton-Porter used it for the setting of two of her novels, plus watch for local wildlife, wildflowers, and observe a heron rookery.

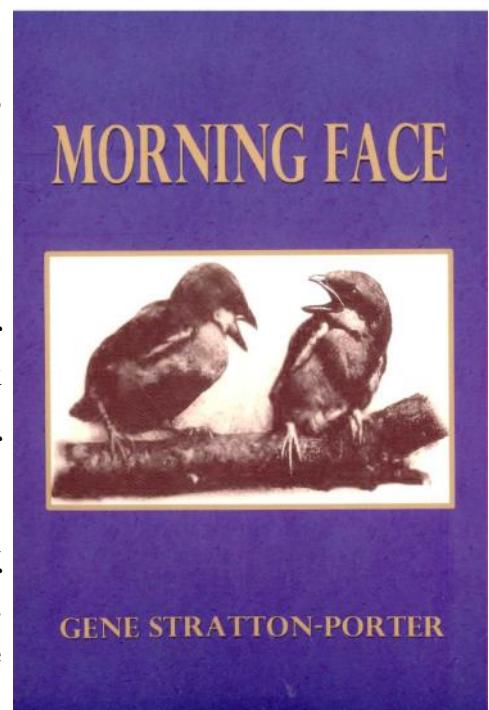
► Last year's participants gathered around "one" of the giant sycamore trees found in the park.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of “Morning Face”

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Gene Stratton-Porter’s book, *Morning Face*, the book she wrote for her oldest little granddaughter, Jeannette Helen Monroe, who had been nicknamed, “Morning Face” as an infant. It contains much of the poetry she wrote for children. The poems are best described as light verse, and they are charming and humorous verses designed to teach nature study to the very young.

When first published by Doubleday, Page & Company in October of 1916, the book contained eighty of Gene Stratton-Porter’s original black & white photographs and included a generous number of photographs of the granddaughter. Today book collectors consider first editions of *Morning Face* rare finds.

You can find many reprints of *Morning Face* online, but finding a version that does a good job of including her photographs can be a bit of a challenge. In the Limberlost gift shop we sell a paperback reprint for only \$9.95. It is smaller than the original book—only about half the size, but it includes all the photographs and text. The quality is not up to the first edition, but it’s not bad for an economical reprint.



REMINDER OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Members of the Friends of the Limberlost still get the following benefits:

- Free guided tours or access to the Limberlost Cabin any time during OPEN HOURS (perhaps you just want to see what’s happening with the Kitchen restoration or maybe there’s just that one thing you want to show to a friend or a member of your family).
- 10% discount on all purchases in the Limberlost Gift Shop.
- Discounted admission to a select list of Limberlost programs.
- Receive newsletters by email or by regular mail, or receive both a paper newsletter and an electronic newsletter—it’s your choice.
- Tell us where you want your membership donation to go—to Limberlost State Historic Site to help support events and nature related programs and to help pay expenses OR give to the Limberlost Swamp Remembered Committee to help pay for wetland restoration projects OR share your donation equally between the two parts of the organization. 51% of members do this “combination” membership.
- You help this organization do good work. See the membership form on Page 11 of this newsletter.

Please remember that Limberlost is part of the Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites, and ISMHS has its own membership program with an impressive benefit package:

- Free admission to 10 of 11 state historic sites (Levi Coffin SHS not included)
- Admission to more than 300 other museums and science centers world-wide
- Free unlimited admission to the Indiana State Museum
- Parking passes to the White River State Park parking garage
- Free IMAX Vouchers & discounts on ticket purchases. Yes, there’s an IMAX theater located at ISMHS.
- Invitations to special programs and members-only events
- 10% discount at the Indiana State Museum Gift Shop
- Support free school field trips to all of the Indiana State Historic Sites
- Members of SHS Friends Groups get 30% off ISMHS membership
- To see membership levels, for more details, and to join ISMHS visit www.indianamuseum.org

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COLLECTABLE BICENTENNIAL PIN-BACK BUTTONS

Visit the Indiana State Museum & 11 Indiana State Historic Sites to collect the entire set of 12 round pin-back buttons.

We are happy to announce that during this bicentennial year when you visit a state historic, you can collect a button made specifically for each site. It's a small token of our appreciation for your interest in the history of Indiana, and it's a memorable way for you and your family to participate in this special year.

At Limberlost we are doing many special events to celebrate this landmark year. The following have all received the Bicentennial Commission's endorsement:

- Nature Day on April 2 (see page 2)
- The Bicentennial Torch Relay kicks off in Adams County at the Limberlost Visitor Center on September 30 and features the poet laureate of Indiana, Shari Wagner, and also, Vickie Kibellus will be bringing Gene Stratton-Porter back to Limberlost as she portrays Mrs. Porter, poet and one of Indiana's best known authors.
- On October 8, the Indiana Humanities Council is sponsoring a special nature hike and campfire outing at the Loblolly Marsh. Details about this "registration-required" event will be rolled out on the IHC website in March: www.indianahumanities.org
- For birders or nature enthusiasts with smart phones, the Android app "Birding with Gene Stratton-Porter at Limberlost" is now available at your app store. The same information is available for your iBook. We thank Scott & Alex Forsythe for their excellent work on this Bicentennial project.
- Beginning in July, we roll-out a special exhibit, *The Limberlost Lives Again*, which will feature photography, paintings, poetry, and other media from the past and from talented people today who want to participate in this multi-media exhibit (see the next page for more information).



ATTENTION RUNNERS: COMING THIS SUMMER

THE LOBLOLLY MARSH 5k—This annual 5k Cross-Country event takes place on August 13, 2016. It's part of the Run Jay Co. 5k circuit, and pre-registration has begun (deadline August 1): \$20 includes shirt; or \$15 no shirt. Race Day registration: \$20 no shirt. For more information contact race director, Bill Hubbard, at LoblollyBill@yahoo.com or call 260-368-7428. To register online go to: www.runjaycounty.com .

The race includes a Kids Fun Run, which costs \$5 and no shirt is included; All children participating in the Fun Run win a prize. Kids Fun Run is stop watch timed.

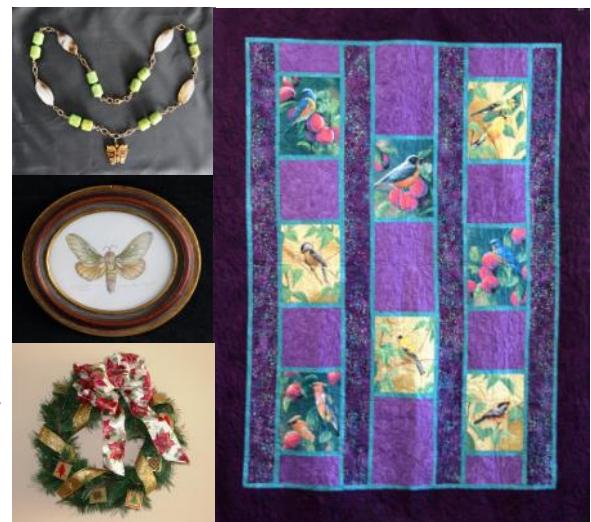
Race day registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Kids Fun Run begins at 9a.m. and the Loblolly 5K begins at 9:30 a.m. The Loblolly 5K is a cross-country course through the gently rolling Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve located at 8323N 250W, Bryant, IN 47326. Water, snacks, and restrooms are available. Race is electronically timed. A first place medal is awarded for male and female in each division (as per Circuit divisions). A plaque is awarded for first place overall male and female. Proceeds from the Loblolly 5K help fund costs of maintenance and improvements to the Loblolly Pavilion and the nature trails at the Loblolly Marsh.



RESULTS OF THE FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR THE KITCHEN RESTORATION:

- The quilt was won by Sue Jeffries of Westfield, IN.
- The two antique framed moth drawings were won by Sarah McKillip of Muncie, IN.
- The necklace made by Gene Stratton-Porter's great-granddaughter was won by Katherine Stone of Montpelier, IN.
- The Christmas wreath was won by Nancy Dedert of Geneva, IN.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in this raffle. Not everyone could win, but everyone contributed to a worthwhile project. The raffle raised \$200 for the kitchen project. At the end of January 2016, there was \$8,613.00 in the kitchen fund, which will be matched 100% by the Indiana State Museum. The goal of the Friends is to have \$10,000 in this fund because \$20,000 is estimated to be what is needed to restore the kitchen. We still need to raise \$1,387.00.



BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT “THE LIMBERLOST LIVES AGAIN” ATTENTION: ARTISTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, POETS, BIRDERS

The exhibit puts a focus on the Limberlost Wetland Restoration projects that started in 1997. The exhibit will feature a poem that Gene Stratton-Porter wrote for the Indiana Centennial and some of her photographs of the Limberlost Swamp.

The other component of this exhibit is that the public can submit photographs that have been taken recently in the Limberlost Territory featuring the way that the Limberlost looks today. The public can also submit poetry, paintings and sculpture that reflect the theme of the exhibit “The Limberlost Then & Now”.



The goal is to show the general public that the Limberlost Swamp lives again. The Limberlost was the primary focus of Gene Stratton-Porter's nature studies, and although it was totally ditched & drained during the early 20th century, it is today once again a dominant feature of the local landscape.

Today visitors to the Limberlost can enjoy the natural world much like Gene Stratton-Porter did when she lived in Geneva for 24 years photographing the flora and fauna of the Limberlost Swamp.



Hoosiers are not generally aware of the scale of habitat restoration & protection that is going on in the Limberlost Territory. If public & private wetland restoration projects and protected upland habitat is added together there are more than 4,000 acres of protected habitat in southern Adams County and northern Jay County, which makes it one of the largest protected habitat efforts in the state of Indiana. The successful restoration of wetland habitat has turned the area into a birding “hot-spot” which means more visitors to the area, which has an economic impact when birders spend money on food, gas, and lodging.

For more information on how you can participate in this exhibit, be watching the Friends of the Limberlost Facebook page, and the Friends website: www.limberlost.weebly.com. A brochure detailing rules and guidelines will be issued to the public sometime soon. We plan to start accepting artwork by June and plan to let the exhibit stay up through December. We hope many people of all ages and talents will help us celebrate what has been accomplished in the “Land of the Limberlost”.



THE LIMBERLOST SWAMPER

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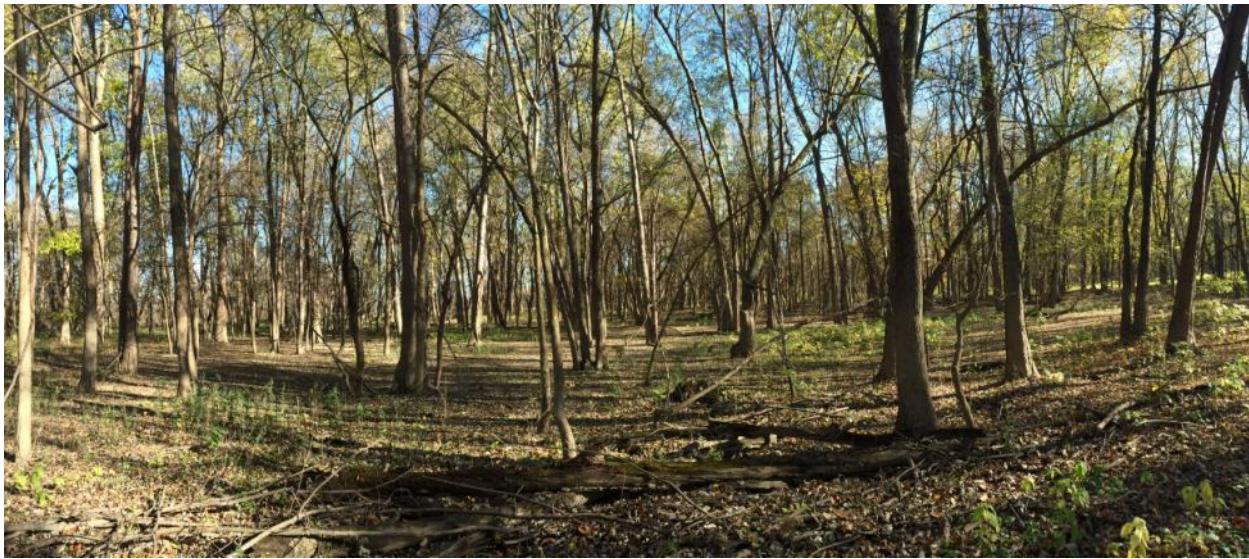
Limberlost Swamp Remembered
P.O. Box 571 (Please note new PO Box)
Geneva, Indiana 46740



Rainbow Bend

The Friends of the Limberlost have been protecting a 200 acre floodplain along the eastern edge of the Wabash River just to the south of the covered bridge in Ceylon. This area contains the old oxbows of the Wabash River before it was straightened. At last count by Curt Burnette, the heron rookery that resides on Smith Island contained 50 nests. This 200 acre area in the past has been used for tillable agriculture, firewood, hunting, and off-road vehicle use.

The area has some issues with unwanted deer hunting along the undefined borders of the property but with the financial support of the Friends of the Limberlost members, the Limberlost Swamp Committee has purchased posts, hardware, and custom Friends of the Limberlost signs to put along the eastern and southern border. This will help to clearly define the property line and help enforce the rules of no hunting, horses, or ATV use within the protected area. DNR conservation officers are aware of what the Friends are trying to accomplish by creating a sanctuary for wildlife to thrive and an area that visitors can safely view wildlife.



We would like to send a special thanks to you the members of the Friends of the Limberlost who made it possible to make these purchases and to Willy De Smet, Ken Brunswick, Curt Burnette, and Nature Preserve staff who braved the weather, mud, and a very heavy post pounder to make this happen. Once the ice and flood waters recede we will be able to finish the few remaining posts and signs.

Augsburger Property

The Friends of the Limberlost have a property located along county line road and at the end of Jay County road 50 east.

This somewhat newly purchased land has started the restoration process. It began with drainage tiles being plugged, and grading to help create an emergent wetland area to the west side of the property along the county drainage ditch.



Then beginning late last fall a parking area was installed by the Friends to allow the many birders an area to safely park. You can see the location of this parking lot on the map below—just look for the **P**

This property has opened an opportunity for visitors to hike north along the newly named “Deacon’s Trail” towards Loblolly Creek. Once a hiker reaches the “bridge out” sign and begins to head east they are now walking along the newly named “Little Chicken Trail” that takes you along the banks of the Loblolly Creek and over to the mature floodplains that border the Limberlost Creek. What’s the origin of the trail names? “The Deacon” was Gene Stratton-Porter’s term of endearment for her husband, Charles Porter. “Little Chicken” is the name Gene gave to the vulture chick that she & Charles found and photographed in this area of the Limberlost Swamp. She wrote about this experience in her novel, *Freckles*, but she also published her photographs of the vulture and wrote about this challenging nature study in several of her books including *What I Have Done With Birds* (1907) and *Wings* (1923).



The small area along the county line road has been recently seeded with short grass prairie and a sedge meadow seed mix (in Jay Co this road is 900N & in Adams County this road is 1200S). The seed mixes will start our transition from old pasture land to a highly diverse short grass prairie and additional wetland for all of our wildlife. This area will later be enhanced by increasing plant diversity with the financial support of the Limberlost Swamp Remembered Committee which

would like to add plant plugs in 2017 to further the plant diversity on this site. All of this effort will benefit many of our local pollinators and birds, as well as migratory species using this beautiful location as a resting area to re-energize.

2015-2016 Management updates

In 2015 Nature Preserve staff was very aggressive on invasive species control throughout Loblolly Marsh and the Limberlost Swamp along county line road. Management done was based on a long term goal to not only remove these undesirable species but to fill the niche with native plants.

Our year started out normally; then was interrupted by the early summer record flooding. Most of our wetland area was inundated with six to eight feet of water for over 6 weeks. Once the flood waters receded and some plants began to grow again the staff marched forward on their management goals. Over the course of the growing season we were able to spray approximately 466 acres of invasive species. Most of this was selective herbicide applications to specifically target those non-desirable species while leaving the native plants unharmed.



This winter season the staff has been working hard to remove autumn olive, honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and callery pear from most of our sites. Callery pear is a fairly new invasive species to most, and is more commonly known as a Bradford Pear, a white flowering tree in the spring. Although this tree looks amazing in early spring with its bright white flowers, this tree has become invasive in our natural areas around the state. Nature Preserve staff have been walking the area looking for this tree and treating them to prevent their spread around Limberlost. Even inundated with six feet of water for over six weeks this tree still continues to grow (*see picture above-note flood debris in tree!*).

Nature Preserves is currently working with the USDA-NRCS on funding for seed mixes to be planted in these areas to increase plant species diversity that have been aggressively managed. DNR and NRCS are working toward an end goal of having needed repairs and seeding done by fall of 2017 at Loblolly Marsh and the Limberlost Swamp area along county line road.

This spring Nature Preserve staff plans on doing prescribed burning on approximately 153 acres. Prescribed burning will help maintain and restore our prairie and wetland plant communities.

The fire will remove the previous year's herbaceous growth to improve herbicide applications this coming growing season of invasive species. This fire will also aid in stopping the encroachment of woody vegetation into these habitats, reduce thatch, release nutrients to soils, and will stimulate prairie and wetland seed germination.



To aid in year round management Nature Preserve staff has recently replaced our old Polaris Ranger with a new model that will allow for staff to continue herbicide management and prescribed burning with fewer mechanical problems. The staff was able to get the needed accessories to make management safer and more efficient. This purchase was funded by the Indiana Heritage Trust stewardship fund.





Celebrate the Centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty with Limberlost

By Alex Forsythe

The year 2016 is going to be historic on two fronts: Indiana's Bicentennial and the Centennial for the

Migratory Bird Treaty. For the state bicentennial, the Limberlost State Historic Site is one of the most active locations in Indiana with several special events planned throughout the year.

Fittingly, Limberlost is also celebrating the Migratory Bird Treaty. It is no secret that Gene Stratton-Porter was "the Bird Woman". Her love of birds is well documented, from the studies she conducted in "What I Have Done With Birds" to her fictional works like "Song of the Cardinal". In the years leading up to the Migratory Bird Treaty, Gene consistently sounded the alarm, telling her readers that we must be good stewards of the land. She felt it was our duty to protect the habitats and appreciate the birds.

In 1916, the conservation movement was finally gaining momentum. The Progressive Era was led by those who believed in social progress through the restorative powers of nature. The Indiana centennial brought about the establishment of state parks with McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run leading the way.

At the federal level, the Progressive Era brought about the passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty. The treaty, signed on August 16, 1916, was between the United States and Great Britain (on behalf of Canada; three additional treaties with Japan, Russia and Mexico followed). The mission was to protect migratory birds and their habitats. Many bird species travel hundreds or thousands of miles every year during migration, and damage to their stopover areas, winter homes, or nesting areas can bring about the demise of the species.

The following year, the State of Indiana slipped away from the conservation movement in one regard: the passage of a law allowing for the

drainage of swampland and lakes. Gene passionately fought against the law, and it was repealed, but the Limberlost swamp was eventually drained despite her short-term victory.

Gene would be pleased to know that today we are much more aware of the importance of birds and their habitats. Birds serve as ambassadors for all wildlife since they are quite visible and can be found everywhere, including the most urban locations. They add beauty to our world; not only through their own regalia, but also through the flowers they pollinate and the seeds they disperse. They contribute to our economy by being the cause of hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in ecotourism. Every year, people travel hundreds of miles just to see the beautiful birds of the Limberlost.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DNR, state parks and local organizations like Audubon Societies, will be joining Limberlost in celebration of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This year, please pledge to improve the habitat in your yard by planting native plants, keeping your cats indoors, and providing a fresh water source. Participate in citizen science programs. Install bird feeders and birdhouses. Take a young person outside to explore and admire the natural world. Attend the programs at Limberlost to learn more about birds and their habitats. Join Limberlost in helping to preserve Gene's legacy – let's help the birds!



Alex took this picture of a male summer tanager at the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary. The Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary is owned and operated by the Indiana Audubon Society and is located south of Connersville in Fayette County,

Glaucous Gull Lands at Limberlost

by Terri Gorney

Limberlost continues to attract rare bird visits. This winter the birds continue to amaze and delight bird-watchers. On February 6, three bird-watchers from the Indianapolis area came to bird at the Limberlost Swamp Wetland Preserve. They were: Cyndi Wagner, Jackie Powers and Bonnie Mack. At the time there were a large number of ring-billed gulls and herring gulls at the wetlands. Among them was one special gull: a glaucous gull that is rarely seen at Lake Michigan let alone in Geneva, Indiana.



Rare bird alerts at Limberlost have become a common occurrence since last April when the yellow-headed blackbird made his appearance. The glaucous gull has the distinction of being our first rare bird of 2016.

Don Gorney, one of the top birders in the state, identified the gull, via a Facebook photo (shown above), as a second year bird. Glaucous gulls take four years to reach adult plumage, so this bird that was ghostly white with a pink bill with a black tip is still considered an immature. Jim Haw, who has kept bird records for northeastern Indiana since 1969, noted that this was only the second glaucous gull in our area and a first for Adams County.

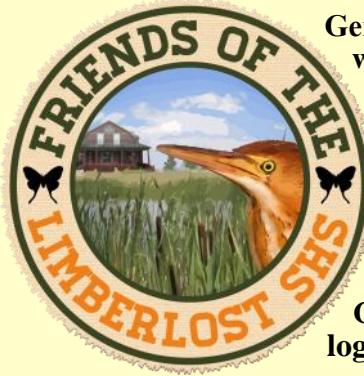
The glaucous gull is the second largest gull in the world and breeds in the Arctic region of the Northern Hemisphere. The gull was seen the next day in the same location. A number of birders came from Fort Wayne to Indianapolis to see it.

With the mild winter, there were some unusual birds that spent some of the winter at Limberlost. A woodcock was heard at the Loblolly Marsh by Don Gorney on the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) which was held on January 1. On that day 52 bird species & a total of 3,526 birds were reported by 29 counters who participated in the Limberlost CBC.

Flocks of Sandhill cranes between 75 and 400 were seen here in January and February. We had flocks of snow geese that spent part of their winter here. Becca James found four killdeers (common in the summer but not the winter) on January 1 at the Red Gold wetlands. There are several bald eagles that live close to Geneva and are now a common sight at the wetlands.

The Friends of the Limberlost would like to thank all those who support our efforts to restore the wetlands. Judging by the number of the sightings of rare birds, the Limberlost wetlands have created great habitat for the birds. Gene Stratton-Porter would be pleased that "Limberlost Lives Again"! If you're birding in the "Land of the Limberlost" be sure to stop at the Limberlost Visitor Center in Geneva and let the staff know what birds are being seen.

FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST HAVE A NEW LOGO!



The new logo features the American bittern in the foreground and Gene Stratton Porter's home, the Limberlost Cabin, in the background with a wetland between. In Gene's book, *Music of the Wild* (1910), she writes about the bittern, and today the bittern is on Indiana's "State Endangered" list, but it's making a come back in the Limberlost wetlands. The logo was designed by John Lindsey, the editor of the Indiana Audubon Society's, *Cardinal*, the bi-monthly newsletter of that organization. He is also the administrator of the Facebook page, "Birding in Indiana", where many birders go to post info, pictures, and questions about birding in Indiana. The logo also includes the silhouette of the Luna moth, one of Gene's favorites, and a moth that is highlighted in Limberlost State Historic Site's logo, as shown in the photo above of the sign welcoming visitors to the site.



FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST NEW MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Friends of the Limberlost, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, supports both Limberlost State Historic Site and the Indiana Division of Nature Preserves. Nature Preserves manages the restored wetlands in the Limberlost Territories. Your membership dues and extra donations are vital and contribute to the many projects honoring the memory and legacy of Gene Stratton-Porter.

You decide how your annual dues will be spent. You direct your donation to one of the following:

- Limberlost State Historic Site to support projects & public programs at the site and at the restored wetlands.
- Limberlost Swamp Remembered, a committee of the Friends of the Limberlost, primarily focused on the Limberlost Swamp restoration projects.
- Or donate to both groups.

Your annual dues to Limberlost Historic Site Friends or Limberlost Swamp Remembered include admission to Limberlost State Historic Site, a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, and a 10% discount on purchases at the Limberlost Gift Shop. A description of additional membership benefits will be mailed to you with your membership card. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please fill out the form below to renew your membership or to sign up as a new member. If you have any questions regarding your membership in the Friends Group, call Limberlost State Historic Site. (260)368-7428.

Please make checks payable to: **FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST** and mail both your check and completed Membership form to **PO Box 571, Geneva, IN 46740**.

Step One:

Select your desired
Friends membership by
checking the appropriate
box on the right.

Limberlost Historic Site Friends — dues and any additional donation support Limberlost State Historic Site, and associated events, projects and programs.

Limberlost Swamp Remembered Friends — dues and any additional donation supports the Limberlost wetland restoration projects managed by the Indiana Division of Nature Preserves.

Step Two:

Choose your specific type
of membership by checking
the appropriate box below.

Combination Limberlost Historic Site and Swamp Remembered Friends — dues and any additional donations are equally shared by both groups.

Senior Citizen/Limited Income — \$ 10.00 **Business — \$50.00 (please enter a contact name)**

Individual — \$20.00 **Family — \$35.00** **Lifetime — \$1000.00**

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COMMENTS: _____



Kroger has a program called "KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS", designed to let their customers use their Kroger's "PLUS CARD" to help not-for-profit organizations like "Friends of the Limberlost" earn cash rewards from Kroger. If you'd like to help the Friends earn these rewards, here's what you need to do:

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Have your Kroger Plus card handy & register your card with Friends of the Limberlost after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- If you are a new online customer, you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on "My Account" and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on "Edit Kroger Community Rewards information" and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number, which is **70650**, or "Friends of the Limberlost State Historic Site" and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the name "Friends of the Limberlost" on the right side of your information page.
- Purchases will not count for Friends of the Limberlost until after you register your card(s).
- You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping in order for each purchase to count.
- The Friends have been receiving a monthly check from Kroger thanks to those who have registered their card. It's been averaging about \$40 to \$60 a month. If more of you register, we could do even better! It doesn't cost you anything. The Friends receive a rebate based on how much you purchase from Kroger.

**We hope to see you soon
In the Land of the Limberlost.**

**We are open all year
Tuesday through Saturday from
9am to 5pm**

**Beginning On April 3 we will also
be open on Sundays from 1-5 pm**

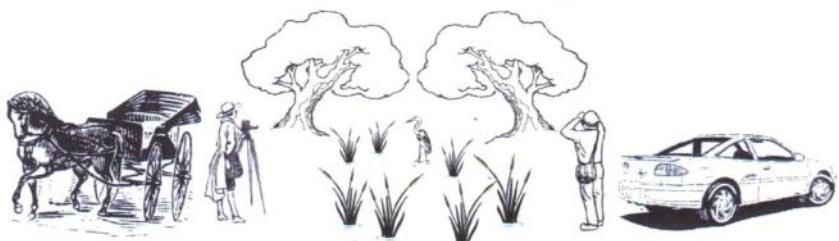
Closed on Mondays

The Friends of the Limberlost would like to thank the Katherine P. Mondor estate for the recently received bequest. The proceeds were split equally between two Friends of the Limberlost endowment funds. One is managed by the Adams County Community Foundation for the good of the historic site, and the other is managed by the Portland Foundation in Jay County for the good of the wetlands. For more information about how you can contribute to these funds contact:

**Doug Inman, email: tpf@portlandfoundation.org
Or call: 260-726-4260**

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email: ACCF@AdamsCountyFoundation.org
Or call: 260-724-3939**

**Explore
Gene STRATTON-PORTER's World!
The Land of the Limberlost**



Rent - A - Naturalist Program

Cost: \$20/hour for a group of up to 8 people
\$2 for each additional person

You drive your own vehicle and

follow the naturalist to get to the preserve(s).

Tours begin at the Limberlost State Historic Site Visitor Center.

These are personalized tours. The desires, interests, and physical abilities

of the group and the time of year determine the areas visited and details of each tour.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) trails are available at two of the locations to accommodate the elderly and handicapped.

To Rent-a-Naturalist, call or email Curt Burnette in advance of your visit . By pre-registering, you can make sure Curt will be available, and you can talk about what you want to see and do while you are at the Limberlost. You can contact Curt by email: cburnette@indianamuseum.org or call Curt at 260-368-7428.