



## Friends of the Limberlost

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### Updates regarding our status with the Indiana State Museum

In the previous "Fall 2019" newsletter we pointed out that our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites (ISMHS) had expired and the new MOU was unacceptable to the Board of the Friends of the Limberlost (FOL). At our FOL Annual Meeting held on September 28, the membership voted to support the following action recommended by the FOL Board of Directors:

*Since FOL is not signing the new Memorandum of Understanding with ISMHS, and in order to avoid legal entanglements, the FOL Board recommends changing the organizations name from "Friends of the Limberlost State Historic Site" to "Friends of the Limberlost."*

Although we tried to negotiate the terms of the MOU, we were told that nothing could be negotiated; furthermore, ISMHS informed us that we could not support both the DNR and the ISMHS unless we created another, additional non-profit group. The new non-profit would only support ISMHS and would still have to sign the same MOU without any changes being allowed. Since the FOL Board did not agree with the terms of the MOU in the first place, there was no point in going through the expense and effort to create and run two organizations, each requiring separate bookkeeping, insurance, and so on. So our only option was for FOL to disassociate itself as a support organization for ISMHS. When FOL took this position regarding the MOU, we were also told that ISMHS would work with FOL on a "transition plan" to turn over FOL assets to ISMHS, but so far no plan has been discussed.

Regardless of what is happening between the Friends of the Limberlost and ISMHS, FOL continues to be a support organization for DNR-Nature Preserves. The MOU between FOL and DNR-Nature Preserves remains in place, and doesn't expire until 2022.

When FOL decided not to sign the MOU with ISMHS, that decision triggered a number of actions. What follows is an update on those actions.

- FOL must turn over to ISMHS all funds that FOL raised for the benefit of Limberlost State Historic Site. *This hasn't happened yet. FOL is still paying some expenses for Limberlost SHS, such as supplies*

*for site maintenance, yard and garden expenses, and some program expenses, but the total monthly dollar amount spent has been declining, and it's expected to stop completely by the end of the year.*

- At the annual meeting, FOL Board members stated that ISMHS wants all money that has been raised for the benefit of Limberlost State Historic to be turned over to ISMHS. According to information the Treasurer presented at the Annual Meeting, on 8/31/19, there was close to \$50,000 in FOL accounts that was raised for the benefit of Limberlost State Historic Site, leaving just under \$100,000 for the wetlands and FOL properties, like the Pavilion.*
- ISMHS has taken over the operation and management of the Limberlost gift shop. The last gift shop transaction that took place using FOL's cash register was November 2. FOL is no longer purchasing items for the gift shop and no longer providing volunteers to work the gift shop. There is a small amount of sales tax collected in November that will have to be paid by FOL in December. By losing gift shop revenue, FOL, is losing revenue that helped pay for insurance, newsletter printing and postage, tax preparation, and many other expenses.*
- FOL cannot advertise any Limberlost State Historic Site events or programs in any media, including social media. Unless instructed otherwise by ISMHS personnel, FOL is no longer promoting any Limberlost SHS events or programs. We know this policy has decreased attendance at Limberlost events and programs, especially because we cannot promote Limberlost programs on the Friends of the Limberlost Facebook page.*
- FOL cannot have a membership category that supports Limberlost State Historic Site. The only membership FOL has offered since September 1, is one that benefits the Limberlost Swamp Remembered Committee—all membership dues and donations are being used to support DNR-Nature Preserves wetland management and maintenance plans, to help purchase more land for wetland restoration, to help fund wetland visitor enhancement projects like kiosks and interpretation signage, and also to pay FOL property expenses, like maintenance expenses at FOL's Loblolly Pavilion and Hart Barn. Go to the last page of this newsletter to find out how you can join the Friends of the Limberlost to make a donation to support these projects.*

## **More updates regarding our status with the Indiana State Museum**

We are not the only state historic site (SHS) Friends Group that is not comfortable with the MOU presented by ISMHS. There are 11 state historic sites under the umbrella of ISMHS. Seven of those 11 sites have a Friends group or a support group of some sort.

- *Friends of Angel Mounds decided to dissolve their organization rather than sign the MOU.*
- *The Culbertson Mansion Friends group signed the MOU right away.*
- *The Lanier Mansion Foundation and TC Steele SHS reluctantly signed the MOU, but they support efforts to improve the terms of the MOU.*
- *The Levi Coffin SHS support group of Quaker Friends doesn't sign legal documents like the ISMHS MOU.*
- *At this time both Gene Stratton-Porter SHS and Limberlost SHS don't plan to sign the MOU.*

Most Friends groups have asked members to write letters to state representatives, and some of us have met with our representatives. Some of you have written to the Indiana State Museum Board of Directors expressing concern over this effort to eliminate or marginalize Friends groups. The majority of state historic sites just don't see how signing the MOU improves the cooperation between the Museum and the local Friends groups or improves the Historic Sites themselves. It may benefit the museum itself, although only temporarily.

### **A PERSONAL RESPONSE TO WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING**

by Randy Lehman, retired Limberlost Site Manager (July 1, 2016), and current FOL Treasurer

There was a time, not so long ago, when the Friends of the Limberlost was considered a "model" Friends Group, signing MOU's with the Indiana State Museum every three years reinforcing a partnership that helped Limberlost State Historic Site. There would sometimes be negotiating and clarification of terms, but it was done in a spirit of cooperation and trust. The Friends operated in an open & transparent way, providing much needed financial and volunteer help to Limberlost so that the site could offer the best visitor experience possible.

Now it seems all that goodwill is gone, and the Friends are not allowed to do what was accepted in the past. The gift shop is now out of our hands resulting in a loss of revenue. We can't have memberships that support Limberlost State Historic Site. We will be required to give all the revenue we have raised for Limberlost State Historic Site "over the years" to ISMHS. Supposedly, those funds will be used for Limberlost, but there's little evidence, so far, that procedures are in place to confirm that pledge. My sources say that the staff and volunteers at most of the state historic sites are shocked and bewildered by what ISMHS is doing to the Friends Groups. It won't be an easy transition managing a site and putting on events without the help and financial support from Friends Groups.

When I managed Limberlost I worked with many people at the Indiana State Museum, most of whom are gone now because they were asked to leave or could no longer tolerate what has become a stressful workplace. Gone are the people I knew who saw volunteer support groups at state historic sites as organizations capable of raising donations and building community support. Gone are at least 60 employees who used to work for ISMHS. We all hear that morale at the Indiana State Museum & State Historic Sites is about as low as it can go, and everyone wonders if they'll be the next person standing in the unemployment line. Is this any way to run a business?

As a retired state employee, who didn't mind working a lot of unpaid overtime, in order to help Limberlost State Historic Site and Friends of the Limberlost succeed, it's been difficult to watch many of my co-workers at the museum and state historic sites be removed from their life's work. Equally surprising was seeing the new salary for the ISMHS CEO, she makes \$212,180/yr., and many others in management positions are making close to \$90,000/yr.—all a matter of public record. I'd be willing to bet that the previous ISMHS CEO was making a lot less than \$212,000/yr. Added together, nine of the top staff people at ISMHS make over one million dollars! Where is this money coming from to pay these fantastic salaries?

Since my retirement on July 1, 2016, two Limberlost site managers have come and gone, and currently there is no manager. When I was the site manager, museum management, workers at the site, and the Friends of the Limberlost were all on the same page. We knew that Limberlost could be something special. The on-going effort of Limberlost Swamp Remembered, a committee of the Friends of the Limberlost, with their mission of bringing back the Limberlost Swamp, has resulted in 1800 acres of restored habitat and great walking trails. They have rekindled the appeal of the place first memorialized by Gene Stratton-Porter.

It's easy to see that the way to bring back the Limberlost, to make it popular again, is to focus on nature, history, and the stories by Gene Stratton-Porter about the Limberlost. Everything could be reinforced by the restored wetlands, the 1895 Limberlost Cabin, the historic town of Geneva, the character of this rural/Amish area. The Friends of the Limberlost were well positioned to help make it happen; instead, the Friends are now out of the picture, as far as ISMHS is concerned, and the new marketing strategy at ISMHS is to make all the historic sites little ISMHS satellites, branding each one the same. Is this the best strategy in the long run for the sites? I hope so, because if it isn't, there's not much to fall back on—the Friends groups will be gone.



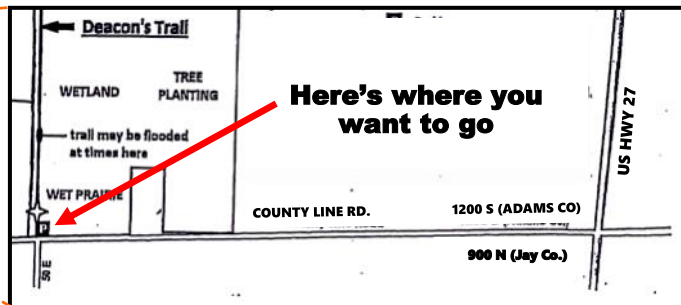
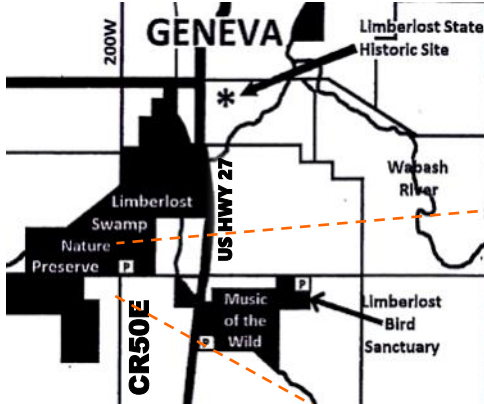
## Short-eared Owls are back at the Limberlost Swamp Nature Preserve



Photo by Kimberley Roll

One of the Limberlost Swamp's most popular annual winter residents have returned for another season. Top of the menu for this critter are the many small mammals, especially mice and voles in the Limberlost. According to many sources, they also eat shrews, moles, rabbits, bats, rats, weasels, and muskrats. They also have been known to eat birds. They decapitate and disembowel small mammals before swallowing them whole.

Owls can be difficult to see. They fly at night when binoculars aren't much help, but the short-eared can be one of the easiest owls to see. Your best chance to see one is to arrive at the Deacon's Trail parking lot just before dark (at this time of year that would be around 5 PM). *See the maps below for location information.* You can sit in your vehicle looking out over the wetlands, and as the sunset starts you might see one or more of them flying around after they leave their roosting area. Once air-borne they fly close to the ground searching for prey, often flying close to the parking lot. If more of them arrive to spend the winter in the Limberlost Swamp Nature Preserve, it becomes possible to see these owls flying by at different locations along the entire length of county line road that goes through this preserve. For more information about short-eared owls (*Asio flammeus*) visit the Cornell Lab website: [https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Short-eared Owl/overview](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Short-eared%20Owl/overview)

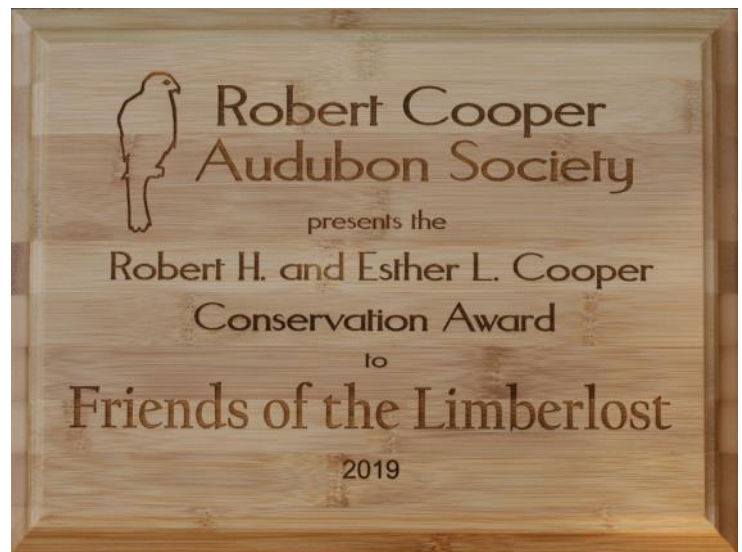


## FRIENDS OF THE LIBERLOST HONORED FOR THEIR CONSERVATION WORK



PHOTO BY ROBERT WILLIAMS

Representatives of Friends of the Limberlost (L-R): Ken Brunswick (chair of Limberlost Swamp Remembered Committee), Randy Lehman (treasurer), Curt Burnette, Connie Ronald, Terri Gorney (VP), and Willy DeSmet (president), receiving the Cooper Award from our chapter president, Annette Rose



On Sunday, October 27, five Friends of the Limberlost board members attended an awards luncheon in Albany, IN, sponsored by the Robert Cooper Audubon Society of Muncie, IN, to receive the chapter's highest honor – the *Robert H. and Esther L. Cooper Conservation Award*. Incorporated in 1994, the Friends have worked tirelessly to help finance Limberlost wetland restoration projects and to promote interest in the legacy of Indiana writer Gene Stratton-Porter. Over the decades, the organization has helped purchase and restore more than 1,800 acres of the Limberlost wetlands, which now provides habitat for breeding, overwintering, and migrating birds, including nesting Bald Eagles and Blue Grosbeaks, overwintering Short-eared Owls, and migrating Whooping Cranes, to name just a few. The Friends have also been instrumental in writing grants and securing funding for the Visitor Center at Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva. Lately they have funded new information signage at the Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve and Rainbow Bend Park, and will soon be erecting a Chimney Swift tower.



## **Discovering a Passion for Dragonflies by Adeline Imel**

Nature never ceases to amaze me. This summer, I had the unique opportunity to observe some of the most beautiful creatures of the Limberlost—dragonflies. I spent nearly twenty hours exploring Rainbow Bend and Loblolly Marsh in search of dragonflies. My goal was to photograph and document every species that I saw.

I wish that I could have spent the entire summer out in the Limberlost, but the summer heat and my camera battery (though usually the former) drove me indoors after a few hours each day.

Although I was only counting species for about two months, during that time I was able to identify thirteen different species of dragonflies. On one of my most exciting outings at Loblolly Marsh, I spotted and photographed a Rusty Snaketail dragonfly. Later I learned that this was the first Rusty Snaketail to be identified in Jay County. ►



◄My most memorable trip was in mid-July. As soon as I stepped out of my car at the parking lot by Veronica's Trail at Loblolly, I was overwhelmed by the amount of Halloween Pennants. Their colorful wings immediately caught my eye. The more I looked around me, the more Halloween Pennants I saw.

Throughout this project, I developed a fondness for Eastern Pondhawks. While they are pretty common, their striking colors make them some of the most beautiful dragonflies. My favorite picture that I captured is of a female Eastern Pondhawk. I can't help but think that she is smiling for me! ►

Although I had an incredible time chasing and photographing dragonflies this summer, the value of this project goes beyond what I experienced in those few months. I am currently a sophomore at Huntington University and am majoring in biology. I am pursuing a career in wildlife conservation. By working with Friends of the Limberlost and documenting dragonfly species, a new world has opened for me. I look forward to spending many more years out in the Limberlost.





## Unsuspected Migrants by Willy DeSmet

Most people know that some birds leave us for the winter. (Some Hoosiers do that too, we call them “snow birds”.) Fewer people know that some birds join us for the winter. Northern Harriers and Short-eared owls are winter guests in the Limberlost area. Not only birds and people migrate with the seasons. It is becoming more widely known that Monarch butterflies travel to Mexico for the winter.

As I was reading “A Walk around the Pond – Insects in and over the Water” by Gilbert Waldbauer, I was surprised to learn that one of our most common and widespread dragon flies, the Common Green Darner, *Anax junius*, also migrates. ▼ The Common Green Darner is a large dragon fly with a wingspan of 3 inches.



Photo courtesy of  
Bill Hubbard

They are a common sight at Loblolly Marsh, and not just over the water. They are strong and very agile flyers. They appear early in the season (April) and can be seen into the Fall (October).

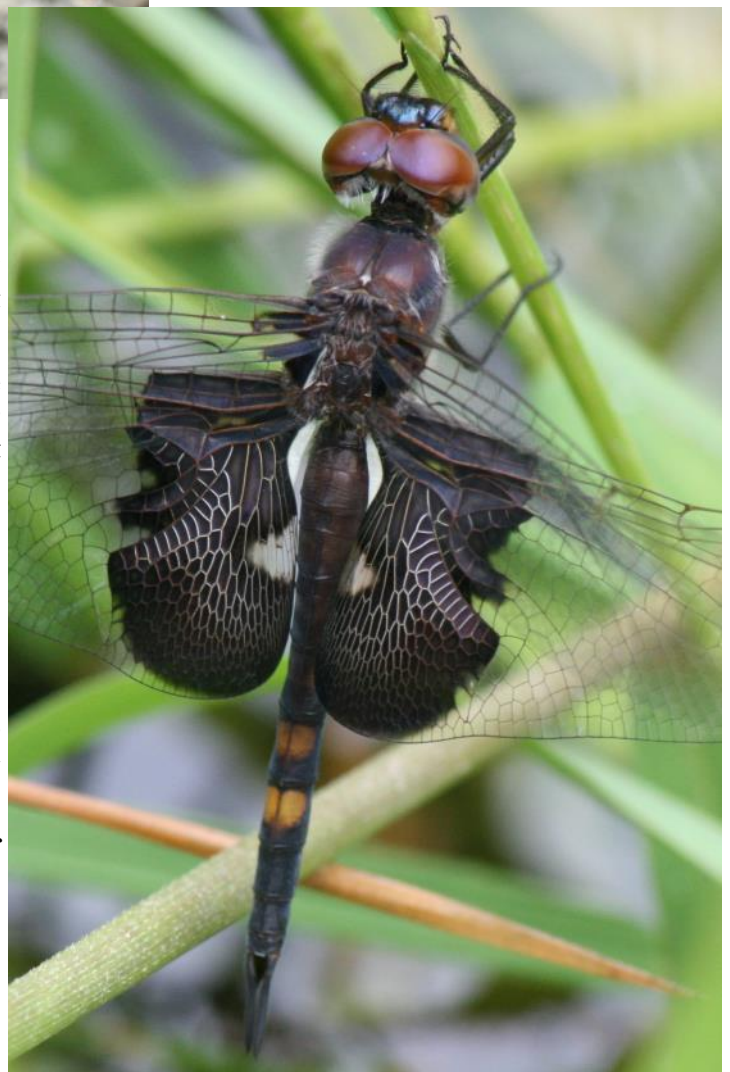
According to Waldbauer’s book, two ornithologists in Connecticut reported on 22 September 1952 to Donald Borror (a well known entomologist) that they witnessed huge groups of dragonflies passing overhead for over two hours, all heading south west. The flights consisted mostly of Common Green Darners (*Anax junius*) and Black Saddlebags (*Tramea lacerata*). ▼

So, “we” (I do now) know that some dragonflies migrate South for the Winter and travel North in the Spring. They use prevailing winds to help their travel and have been caught at altitudes of almost a mile and a half high. When they return in the Spring, they appear before any adults emerge from the nymphs that have overwintered here.

We have known - according to Waldbauer - for some time that Green Darners migrate. But the details, their routes and how far they travel for instance, aren’t clear. Their migration is hard to study.

Bird banding and even the use of miniature radio transmitters has done a lot to clarify bird migrations, Monarch butterflies have been tagged (and are still being tagged every year) in large numbers and their migration routes and overwintering sites are fairly well known. But even the smallest radio tracking device is too heavy for a dragonfly. Dragonflies are a lot harder to catch (and tag) than butterflies, even by professionals.

They have almost a 360 degree field of vision (most of their head is eye) and are very agile flyers. By the way, the bulls-eye on the “forehead” (see above) is not an actual eye, it is a mark that distinguishes the Common Green Darner from other similar Darners.



This section in Waldbauer's book about the migration of the Green Darner provided a lot of interesting information, but also some unanswered questions. His book was published in 2006, and I wondered if anyone has tackled these questions since then? After a little bit of research I found out: yes, and some of my questions have been answered.

The common Green Darner is the only North American Darner that deposits its eggs while flying in tandem, as seen in this photograph. (Although the females occasionally do this by themselves.) The female is depositing eggs into the stems of submerged weeds. The male helps her fly and pull her abdomen back out of the water. ►



As the eggs hatch, in the water, a dragonfly nymph emerges. The nymphs live in the water and are predators, like the adults. They have a long lower lip (labium) that they use to help catch their prey. As they grow, they go through several molts (about a dozen or so.) Eventually they leave the water for their final molt. After the adult emerges, it takes a while for the wings to straighten out and harden, resulting in the dragonfly reaching full length. As adults they fly and catch prey, find a mate and this brings us back to the egg laying.

Dragonflies are very “useful” to us. Both as nymphs and as adults they eat (among other things) a lot of gnats, flies, and mosquitoes! The Common Green Darner can be seen flying as an adult from April to October, but the adults you see in October are not the same as the ones you saw in May. They may have evolved from eggs laid in May or June. So, do these October adults leave in the Fall and come back in the Spring? Or do they lay eggs that survive the Winter?

A study published in December 2018 (“*Tracking dragons: stable isotopes reveal the annual cycle of a long-distance migratory insect*”) provides answers.

- There are basically three different generations.
- The first generation flies north from the Southern U.S., Mexico and the Caribbean. Some reach New England as early as March. They lay eggs in our ponds and eventually die here.
- These eggs hatch into nymphs that make up the second generation. Not all of these nymphs reach the adult stage in the same year. Those that do reach the adult stage the same year fly south in the Fall, those that don't will overwinter as nymphs and then fly south the next year.
- The third generation spend their entire life in the south. Their children are the ones to migrate north in the Spring.

For more information you can check out this article:

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/green-darner-dragonflies-migrate-bit-monarch-butterflies>

We are still learning fairly basic facts about animals we have been familiar with for a long time.

*Editor's note: Dragonflies do not bite, sting or cause any harm to human beings. But take care if you ever have the opportunity to handle one. If you feel like it is biting, consider it a natural tendency of a living creature to react defensively and just let it go!*



# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (CBC) IS JANUARY 1 FOR LIMBERLOST



On Wed., Jan. 1, 2020, Friends of the Limberlost will host the CBC. This is the 120th National Audubon Christmas Bird Count, and it begins nationally on December 14 and runs through Jan. 5. In Adams County volunteers have been participating in this survey for many years. This is Limberlost's 7<sup>th</sup> year to host it.

The CBC is a citizen-survey providing data on bird population. Due to the time of year, volunteers have had to brave snow, wind, & rain, to take part.

If you're interested in helping please call Terri Gorney, 260-413-5671, or email [bandtgorney@aol.com](mailto:bandtgorney@aol.com). "Feeder Counters", those who count birds in their own yards, are also welcome to participate on Jan. 1. Just email your list to Terri, or slow-mail your list to: Terri Gorney, 9024 Hickory Glen Trail, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825.

SANJO stands for "S"outhern "A"dams county, "N"orthern "J"ay county, and "O"uabache State Park. The circle includes the Loblolly Marsh, Limberlost Swamp Wetland Preserve, most of Bluffton and Ouabache State Park, ACRES

Munro Nature Preserve, the Wabash River in Adams and Wells Counties, Limberlost Creek, Loblolly Creek, Music of the Wild Nature Preserve, the Limberlost Bird Sanctuary, Rainbow Bottom, Rainbow Lake, Lake of the Woods, the old stone quarry, the old gravel pit, Fields Memorial Park, and many Amish farms, and all the towns you see listed on the map above.

*A chili lunch is served at Noon at the Limberlost Visitor Center to all participating birders.* If you participate please check in at 8:00AM at the Limberlost Visitor Center, 200 East 6th St., Geneva, or head straight to your territory. Contact Terri before Jan.1 to make sure you are not birding an area already assigned to someone else. There is plenty of good birding territory for all. There is no fee for participating. We thank everyone who is planning to help during the SANJO CBC on Jan. 1, 2020.

**GOOD THINGS GOING ON**—The Friends of the Limberlost successfully applied for grant money to make visitor improvements to wetland properties. The Goodrich Family Foundation let us know that we received \$1,616 for various improvement projects. We used that money to put more stone on the Bird Sanctuary parking lot, and mulch for the Tree Trail at the Pavilion. The same grant money will pay our Amish contractor to provide & install a new kiosk (like the one you see to the right) at the Bird Sanctuary. The grant will also pay for an interpretation sign at the White Oak cemetery property.



We also got a \$1,000 grant from the Indiana Parks Alliance. This will help pay for a new kiosk at the Limberlost Swamp Wetland Nature Preserve and pay for two interpretive signs that will likely go on the Deacon's Trail at that preserve.



## OTHER ON-GOING PROJECTS—WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE SPRING NEWSLETTER

- Gene Stratton-Porter was fond of the "snake-fence" also known as the "split-rail fence". We will be installing one at the Music of the Wild parking lot. Last month an assortment of donated native plants were planted in the area designated for the snake fence—*read more about this effort on the next page!*
- To give hikers places to rest, we will install new recycled plastic benches. We plan to put one at the Deacon's Trail. Replace one at Rainbow Bend, and add a memorial bench at the Pavilion dedicated to Daniel J. Johnson, who enjoyed hiking the Loblolly Marsh and whose untimely passing inspired many memorial donations.
- During the winter, we also hope to have the Chimney Swift Tower installed at the Hart Barn.
- Nature Preserves is looking to add more flood-prone farmland to the Loblolly Marsh. They will likely need our help with more than one land purchase.
- The Friends of the Limberlost are looking into the feasibility of putting on special events next year: like book readings, teas, talks by bee keepers, biologists, botanists, and other presenters.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT—YOUR DONATIONS ARE USED TO PAY EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY GRANTS.** We couldn't do any of these projects without your financial & volunteer help.



## Valley Redstem "*Ammannia coccinea*" 50 plants found in Adams & Jay Counties



In November DNR Regional ecologist, Taylor Lehman, reported finding at least 50 Valley Redstem plants at the Limberlost Swamp Wetland Nature Preserve on both the Adams County side of the property and the Jay County side of the property. It is not state threatened, endangered, or rare but has not been reported in the northern half of Indiana until now. Marion County is the nearest county with vouchered specimens. It likely occupies other portions of northern Indiana and has simply been overlooked due to its nondescript appearance.



### NEW BIRDING APP/BROCHURE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE SOON

Brad Bumgardner, Executive Director, Indiana Audubon Society email: [BBumgardner@indianaaudubon.org](mailto:BBumgardner@indianaaudubon.org) has been working on an online and printed version of an Indiana Birding Trail Guide for all of Indiana, and the Limberlost Territory will be included. The Friends of the Limberlost donated \$500 to help sponsor this project. Be looking for the roll-out of this all-inclusive guide about birding opportunities throughout the state of Indiana. Includes maps, information about restaurants, gas stations, restrooms, etc. For the Limberlost, it even includes information about the rent-a-naturalist program just in case you are worried about getting lost in the Limberlost, or you want the naturalist to show you the birding hot-spots.

### Planting at the Snake Fence by Connie Ronald

Rebecca Stafford owns a property north of Dunkirk, Indiana with several acres of prairie grassland. She also grows many species of native wildflowers for distribution around the east central Indiana area and raises monarch butterflies. In 2019, Rebecca offered Friends of the Limberlost some of her plants to enhance Friends properties.

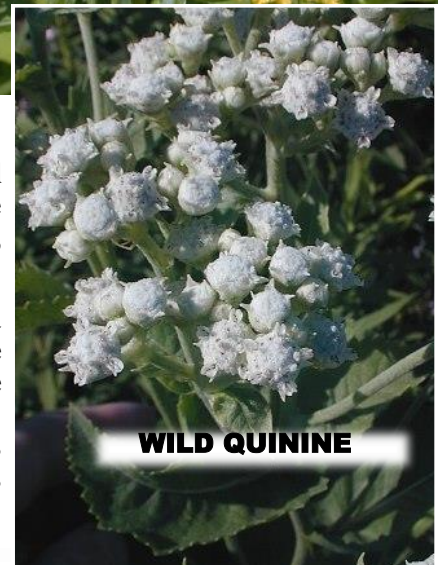
After discussion at a Friends meeting, it was decided to use the native wildflowers along a split rail fence or snake fence to be located at the entrance of the Music of the Wild property along U.S. 27. Gene Stratton-Porter had described the snake fence in some of her writings and an interpretation sign including a description and photographs has been installed at the site.

In October, Willy DeSmet, Dale Widman and I met at Rebecca's farm and collected many pots of wildflower plants, including coneflower, rattlesnake weed, Golden Alexander, light blue aster, cinquefoil, blazing star, wild quinine, and a few butterfly weeds.

With the help of Dale's son Zach and Melissa Fey, Dale and I planted an area of about 6' x 50' where the snake fence will be located. Our plan is that the native wildflowers will grow up and around the snake fence, naturalizing the area and providing a colorful entrance to the Music of the Wild property. Next spring we will see what survives the winter. Fortunately Rebecca has offered us replacement plants if needed and additional plants for other Friends properties.



**GOLDEN ALEXANDER**



**WILD QUININE**



## FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST—NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Friends of the Limberlost, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, supports the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves. They manage the restored wetlands in the Limberlost Territories. They have an office located at the Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva, IN. Your membership dues and donations support the many projects bringing back parts of the Limberlost Swamp—made famous by author, Gene Stratton-Porter, in her novels and nature studies.

**Your annual membership dues will be used by Limberlost Swamp Remembered (a committee of the Friends of the Limberlost) primarily on Limberlost Swamp restoration projects.**

Your annual dues and donation includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, and 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 call Randy Lehman at (260)849-0308, or email [randyplehman@comcast.net](mailto:randyplehman@comcast.net).

**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**.

**Please Check the Box that best matches the type of membership you want.**

☐ Senior Citizen/Limited Income—\$10      ☐ Business—\$50 (please enter contact name below)

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## WHAT’S GOIN’ ON AT LIMBERLOST STATE HISTORIC SITE?

Friends of the Limberlost have an active Facebook page and a pretty good website, [www.Limberlost.weebly.com](http://www.Limberlost.weebly.com) but as requested by ISMHS all references to the Indiana State Museum and Limberlost State Historic Site have been removed. If you want to know what events or programs are scheduled at Limberlost State Historic Site, you’ll have to call the site (260-368-7428) or go to the museum’s website: [www.indianamuseum.org](http://www.indianamuseum.org).



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HEALTHY THIS  
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&  
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