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Saturday, June 17, all Indiana State Historic Sites, will offer a day of "FREE" guided tours
JUNETEENTH, also known as Freedom Day & Jubilee Day, is an American holiday celebrated on June 19, which is on a Monday this year. The Indiana State Museum and State Historic Sites are closed on Mondays. So, to participate in this historic day, free tours will be offered to the public on the Saturday before June 19. No one will be charged admission on June 17. This way Limberlost can participate in this historically significant national holiday. Timed, indoor tours are available at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 pm. Call the site at [260.368.7428](tel:260.368.7428) to reserve your free tour. Walk-ups are subject to availability.

New Limberlost Blog for people who like Wildflowers!

Would you like to visit or explore new parts of the Limberlost you haven't visited before without leaving the comfort of your home? Would you like to see the flowers blooming in the Limberlost right now? If you said, yes, then these questions can be answered by visiting the new blog created by Melissa Fey (Friends of the Limberlost Board member and Advanced Indiana Master Naturalist). Each month she hikes the Limberlost Conservation properties, often hiking the same property more than once, and then she posts a blog about her experience. She shares her observations and nature photographs, and she will point you in the right direction if you want to hike the same area yourself. See her journey: <https://seasonsoflimberlost.blogspot.com>

Historic Preservation Fund Grant Winner*

Indiana will begin work on a dozen archaeological and historic preservation projects this summer. The activities are funded by a grant from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Program and will be administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The projects encompass 3 archaeological surveys, *and the one that caught our attentions is being done in the Limberlost Swamp Conservation Area that straddles Adams and Jay counties.* The survey will be conducted by staff and students of Ball State University's Applied Anthropology Laboratories. Its goal is to better understand the use of Ice Age marshland by Indigenous populations.

"The main thing we're trying to look at is Native American use of the wetlands," Kevin Dolan, director and senior archaeologist for the Applied Anthropology Laboratories, told The Journal Gazette. "So we're going to be sampling some areas that are now drained, but down in what used to be permanent wetland, and the terraces and higher elevations around and within that, to see if there's any pattern of use by the Indigenous inhabitants."

A survey undertaken two years ago in the Limberlost area's Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve uncovered information about the wetland's use as an area for hunting and gathering. Ball State team members found a Hopewell bladelet – a short, narrow sliver of flint with sharp edges – that was dated to the Middle Woodland Period, between A.D. 1 and 400, when most of the mounds and earthworks in the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes were being constructed and used as ceremonial centers.

**The information above comes from a recent article in the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette newspaper.*

In September 2022, the Friends of the Limberlost wrote a letter to the National Park Service in support of the Ball State Anthropology Lab's plan to survey 60 acres of the Limberlost Swamp in 2023, and just like the study completed 2 years ago at the Loblolly, the Friends of the Limberlost will encourage the Ball State archeologists to do a public program at the Limberlost to share their findings from this year.

**The Architecture of Limberlost
(for ages 16+) Friday, July 21, 2023
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

Cost: \$6/person, 25% discount for members of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

Have you ever taken an up-close look at the architecture of the Limberlost Cabin? Delve into the Queen Anne architectural style—popular during the late 1800s and early 1900s—plus discover what makes Gene Stratton-Porter’s “cabin” unique. Find out where Gene, credited as the home’s designer, drew her design inspiration and how the Porters paid for such an extravagant home during that time. Participants will enjoy a guided tour of the exterior and interior of the Limberlost Cabin while learning about design features, elements and materials.



Registration for this event may fill up fast. If that happens, walk-ins on the day of the event, won’t be able to purchase a ticket. To purchase tickets in advance go to the Visitor Center at Limberlost State Historic Site, or purchase your tickets online: go to the Indiana Museum website: www.indianamuseum.org , scroll down to “VISIT OUR HISTORIC SITES”, click on the Limberlost picture, scroll down to “PROGRAMS AND EVENTS” and click on “The Architecture of Limberlost”.



**Rent-a-Naturalist: Cost: \$40
for 90 minutes (up to 10 people)
Pre-registration required**

You drive your own vehicle and follow the Limberlost naturalist to the preserve(s) that you want to see. These are personalized tours. The interests and physical abilities of the group, and the time of year determine areas visited and the details of each tour. A handicap accessible trail is available at one of the locations. A choice of five different Limberlost nature preserves is available. The itinerary can be customized according to your interests.

For more information or to make a reservation email Curt Burnette, Naturalist/Certified Interpretive Guide,
cburnette@indianamuseum.org
or call: 260-368-7428



ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR LIMBERLOST SWAMP REMEMBERED

STARTS AUGUST 1, at 12:15 am

ENDS AUGUST 11, at 12 pm



It's easy to participate! Just go to <https://www.32auctions.com/creekrun2023> and create your account. Check out 131 items that you can bid on. On August 1, you can start your bidding. Keep checking your selected items to see if anyone has out bid you. You can keep bidding on your favorite items until the bidding is over at noon on August 11. If you are the highest bidder, you are the winner! It's fun. It's exciting, and all the proceeds go to Limberlost Swamp Remembered (LSR), a standing committee of the Friends of the Limberlost.

LSR supports Limberlost wetland restoration. LSR works closely with the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserve to bring back portions of the Limberlost Swamp made famous by Indiana author and naturalist, Gene Stratton Porter. We typically purchase flood-prone land from willing sellers and help pay the expenses needed to return that land to its original condition—to wetlands.

By participating in the online auction organized by Creek Run, you are helping Creek Run raise money for LSR wetland restoration projects. This is the 11th year that Creek Run has conducted an annual Fundraiser for Friends of the Limberlost. In addition to their annual online auction, for the past 9 years, Creek Run has been soliciting annual donations from individuals and companies they work with to help support Limberlost wetland restoration projects. Over the entire 11 year fundraising effort, Creek Run has raised a total of \$58,561.07 for the Limberlost Swamp Remembered Committee!

SWIFT NIGHT OUT

Saturday, August 5, from 8:00-9:30 pm

Limberlost State Historic Site

This program is for all ages. Cost: \$4/adult and \$3/child
(25% discount for ISMHS members)

August 5 is our annual "Swift Night Out" event, and this will be the 10th anniversary. Alex Forsythe started this program for us back in 2014, and it's been happening annually ever since. It starts in the classroom of the Limberlost Visitor Center at 8 pm, when Limberlost Naturalist, Curt Burnette, will do a brief program about Chimney Swifts. If you've never heard of chimney swifts, you'll learn a lot about this amazing bird. Chimney Swifts are a small bird (5 inches long) often going unnoticed by most people, but in this area during the spring and summer months Chimney Swifts can be seen flying around all day long looking for flying insects. If a chimney swift is not nest building or caring for young, they hardly ever land or take a break during daylight hours. In Geneva or Berne you can almost always hear the high pitched chittering sound they make as they fly quickly by. Even when they get thirsty, they don't stop flying, instead they fly very low over a body of water and skim the surface to pick up water with their small open beaks. However, when it starts to get dark, the swifts start flying around closer together and get ready to come in for a landing at the place where the flock roosts together at night.

After Curt's program is finished, participants will walk or drive to a location not far from the Limberlost Visitor Center where chimney swifts are known to roost for the night. As twilight begins turning into darkness, more and more chimney swifts will decide it's time to stop flying and drop into their favorite chimneys to rest for the night. They roost by clinging to the interior wall of the chimney. It's fun to count them as they drop one after the other into the chimney. 50 to 150 chimney swifts have been counted in previous events. For more event information call 260-368-7428, or visit: <https://www.indianamuseum.org/historic-sites/limberlost/>



https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Chimney_Swift/#



CELEBRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES

In 2019, research revealed that the U.S. and Canada had lost nearly a third of their birds — 2.9 billion all together — since 1970. As bleak as this picture may be, it's not too late to make a difference for our local bird populations. You can plant trees, and take other easy steps, to help them thrive. How do birds help us? Birds contribute to our food supply by pollinating 5% of all plants grown for human consumption. They also quietly go about keeping insect populations in check! Here are some impressive statistics, courtesy of the Garden Club of America:

- A Baltimore oriole can consume 17 hairy caterpillars in a minute.
- A house wren feeds 500 insects to its young every summer afternoon.
- A pair of flickers consider 5,000 ants a mere snack.



▲ House Wren
◀ Male Baltimore Oriole
Northern Flicker ▶
All 3 birds are frequently seen or heard throughout Indiana, including the Limberlost Conservation Area

Ways You Can Help

Plant trees with fruit, nuts, or seeds that attract birds.

- Plant trees that are different heights at maturity. This will help attract birds that prefer different niches for feeding and nesting.
- Set out a bird bath in your yard and keep it filled with fresh water. In the winter, keep it free of ice with a commercially available bird bath heater, car dipstick heater, or aquarium heater.
- Hang a bird feeder. Though different birds prefer different seed blends, black oil sunflower seeds are enjoyed by most varieties.
- In safe locations, retain dead trees. Woodpeckers and other cavity-nesting birds depend on them for nesting and breeding.

From https://www.arborday.org/stories/newsletter/2023/may-june/supporting-feathered-friends.cfm?utm_term=&utm_campaign=08773&utm_content=E0091501&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email1

FRIENDS OF LIMBERLOST RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE WABASH RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION !

THE GRANT WILL HELP FUND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES THIS FALL SUCH AS:

- ♦ PRESENTATIONS ON THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE UPPER WABASH RIVER—IT'S ECOLOGY, BEST RIVER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, CHALLENGES TO INCREASING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- ♦ A GUIDED NATURE HIKE WITH A NATURALIST TO THE GIANT SYCAMORE TREES ON THE RAINBOW BEND PROPERTY. THIS IS A HIKE FOR PEOPLE WITH ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES: MOSTLY SENIORS WHO CAN'T WALK THE REQUIRED MILE LONG HIKE. GOLF CARTS AND DRIVERS WILL BE PROVIDED.
- ♦ A MORNING OF LITTER PICK-UP ALONG COVERED BRIDGE ROAD—PARTICIPATING FAMILIES CAN WATCH A NATURALIST SHOW & A SOARIN' HAWK PRESENTATION WITH LIVE RAPTORS.
- ♦ MORE DETAILS IN THE FALL NEWSLETTER



Who are Friends of the Limberlost ?

The Friends became a 501(c)3 not-for-profit in August of 1994. Previous to 1994, the Friends were volunteering at Limberlost State Historic Site helping with events, programs, and giving tours of the Limberlost Cabin, but when Ken Brunswick applied for an EPA 319 Grant for the Friends of the Limberlost to improve & protect the surface water quality of local watersheds, IDEM said the Friends needed to have 501(c)3 not-for-profit status, and so the Friends successfully applied for and were awarded 501(c)3 status in 1994-1995. With that 501(c)3 status established, Ken's efforts to bring back portions of the Limberlost swamp really took a big step forward, and the mission of the Friends became 2-fold:

- 1) The Indiana State Museum & State Historic Sites operates Limberlost State Historic Site. The Friends assist Limberlost by providing volunteers for daily operations, events, school outreach, and by providing financial support for approved projects that help preserve the legacy of Gene Stratton-Porter.
- 2) Limberlost Swamp Remembered, a standing committee of the Friends, works with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves to promote the acquisition, restoration, and enjoyment of wetlands in the Wabash/Limberlost/Loblolly watersheds associated with the works of Indiana author and naturalist, Gene Stratton-Porter.

The current Board of Directors for Friends of the Limberlost:

Willy DeSmet	President	Portland, IN
LaDonna Habegger	Vice-President	Berne, IN
Randy Lehman	Treasurer & LSR Chair	Geneva, IN
Terri Lehman	Secretary	Ft. Wayne, IN
Melissa Fey	Board Member	Linn Grove, IN
Sean Dedert	Board Member	Geneva, IN
David Rezits	Board Member	Ft. Wayne, IN
Bill Hubbard	Board Member	Geneva, IN
Andrew Briggs	Board Member	Geneva, IN
Jackie Caffee	Board Member	Geneva, IN
Greg McCallister	Board Member	Portland, IN



The Friends of the Limberlost have board meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month, except there is no meeting in December. Board meetings take place in the Limberlost Visitor Center classroom at Limberlost State Historic Site. The Limberlost Swamp Remembered Committee meets at 6:30 PM followed by the Board Meeting. Both meetings are open to the public. Currently FOL has two Board vacancies. The Friends welcomes anyone to their meetings who is interested in learning more about what we do and why we do it. If you are interested in nature, local history, and the environment, or you are just looking to be part of a friendly group of conservation-minded people sharing what they know about nature & the Limberlost, you should join us. Attend a meeting and stay for a little while or stay for the entire meeting. There's no need to let us know in advance that you are coming. Check us out! The Friends of the Limberlost is one of the good things life has to offer. For more information call or text Randy Lehman-260-849-0308 or email randyplehman@comcast.net



May 2023 photo of a male Baltimore Oriole. Orioles will eat grape jelly, and so do catbirds, house finches, and a few other birds.

A Lasting Legacy, by Adrienne Provenzano

In late April of this year, a friend informed me of a nest located in a gravel driveway. I had a chance to observe the nest briefly, saw a Killdeer brooding and also enjoyed a delightful glimpse of three small chicks bobbing around nearby.

Curious about whether Gene Stratton-Porter had studied such birds I checked a reprinted edition of her 1917 book, Friends in Feathers. I discovered that indeed, the Limberlost-inspired author was well acquainted with the Killdeer as Chapter 8 of that work is entitled “The Killdeer: *Oxyechus Vociferus*”! The author thoughtfully describes her experiences with several killdeer nests and includes a few photographs.*



“He certainly was the most exquisite bird baby I ever handled. His entire covering was of the softest silkiest down. On his head was a little tan cap, sprinkled with pepper-and-salt, having a black band, chin strap, and a white vizor. Around his throat was a broad snowy collar with a narrow black tie. His coat and the upper half of his sleeves were the same as his cap. The lower sleeve was white, separated from the upper by a black band. His vest began snowy white at the collar, then shaded through delicate gradations to an exquisite salmon pink. He had a small neat long bill, long bare legs and the big prominent eyes of the nocturnal feeder, for Killdeer feed and fly at night when they choose.”

Getting a few photographs of the chick was a challenge, she explains. “We worked two and one half hours over him. We were bathed in perspiration, had crimson faces, were breathless, our hats lost, our clothing torn on the bushes, our hands and faces scratched, our feet bruised and twisted with the stones, while close before us that little dandy in his elaborate suit, moved like a tiny airship, fresh as at

the start. He travelled as easily as a puff of thistledown rolling before the wind.”

Being able to find connections across time through books like those Gene Stratton-Porter wrote is a significant aspect of her lasting legacy. She herself was inspired by other authors, so I think she would appreciate that her works are still relevant today for understanding the natural world she cherished.

Friends in Feathers is an expanded version of an earlier work, What I Have Done with Birds, first published in 1907. Included are a variety of species that can still be found in Indiana – including the Blue Heron, the Cardinal Grosbeak, The Mourning Dove, the Blue Jay, the Robin, and many others!

While early editions of her fiction works are generally easier to locate than her non-fiction works, her books are widely available in reprints and online archives, as well as in the collections of some libraries.

Adrienne Provenzano is a Friend of the Limberlost, Advanced Indiana Master Naturalist, and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide.

Editor’s note: I scanned Gene’s picture of the young Killdeer standing on a stone from a page in What I have Done With Birds (published in 1907). As Adrienne mentions, Gene reused material from this 1907 book, including the chapter on the Killdeer, when she published Friends in Feathers in 1917. Because color photography didn’t exist in 1907 or 1917, someone would have had to “hand-colour” the photo and then somehow mass produce the color image in both the 1907 & 1917 issues of both books. It’s a printing process that I admit to not fully-understanding.

*Ken Brunswick published a 2017 Update of What I Have Done With Birds, which is for sale at Limberlost State Historic Site. He mentions that the Killdeer’s scientific name has been changed to *Charadrius vociferus*, and he gives more details about the Killdeer and his encounters with Killdeer as a child and as an adult.



This picture of a young killdeer, taken in 2020 by Randy Lehman is similar to the one above taken by Gene Stratton-Porter.

Randy’s picture was taken on County Road 1200S, the county road that is the boundary between Adams County & Jay County and goes through the Limberlost Swamp Nature Preserve.

Wetland Restoration & Spring Migration on the Royer/Rezits Property by Terri & Randy Lehman

(all pictures in this 2-page article were taken by Randy Lehman)

By now many of you have heard about the wetland restoration of 10.42 acres of flood prone land that the Friends of the Limberlost purchased in 2021—known as the “Royer” property. Many of you helped with the purchase of this property. During the years when Ken Brunswick was adding property after property to the Limberlost Conservation project area, we got into the habit of referring to each property that was purchased by using the name of the landowner who sold the property to the DNR or to the Friends.

At our May 2023 meeting of the Friends Board of Directors we discussed breaking away from this “traditional” property-naming policy in order to recognize one of our directors who went out of his way to help us purchase the Royer Property. While negotiations were in progress with the Royer family, David Rezits agreed to help the Friends by purchasing part of the Royer acreage, 4 acres to be exact, and he agreed to have a “Life Estate” clause put on that purchase which means that when he dies the 4 acres will become the property of the Friends of the Limberlost. He also agreed that his 4 acres would be part of any wetland restoration plans so that the entire 10.42 acres could be restored, and his 4 acres would never be developed in a way that would impact negatively on this 10.42 acre restoration project.

At the May 2023 meeting, the Board discussed renaming the “Royer property” to the “Rezits property” since David Rezits played a major role in FOL’s ability to acquire this property. After some discussion and comments from board members no vote was taken on the matter; however, there was consensus that we should all begin using “Rezits” instead of “Royer” as much as possible when referring to this 10.42 acre shorebird habitat. As time goes by, references to the “Royer property” will slowly fade away as we all get accustomed to the “Rezits” nametag.

As you may remember from previous newsletters, restoration of the Royer/Rezits property was completed in the fall of 2022 with the help of US Fish & Wildlife Private Lands Biologist, Scott Feters, and retired East Central Regional Ecologist, Ken Brunswick. The entire 10.42 acres of marginal farmland was transformed into prime shorebird habitat, at least that was the goal of the restoration plan.

With the removal of the drainage tiles, and reconfiguration of the adjacent drainage ditch, and with other adjustments made, the area began to retain water, and that water level had to be perfect for dabbling ducks and shorebirds. So did all the site restoration work turn out the way it was supposed to? Did it result in perfect habitat for shorebirds and ducks?

Well, this spring we were very pleased to see the large number and variety of spring migrants using this new wetland habitat. An added bonus is this wetland is at the corner of Jay County Road 250W and Jay County Road 850N allowing for close-up views of waterfowl and shorebirds without having to get out of your car—“birding by car” as we like to say!

It is amazing what a difference a ten-acre wetland can make for wildlife. It seems to be an example of “build it and they will come”, or perhaps more accurately we should say, “rebuild it, and the birdlife will return”.



Two buffleheads were the first spring migrants to utilize the new Rezits habitat



Eastern Phoebe

The first spring migrants that we recorded were two female buffleheads on March 10, a rainy day. They were still there the next day, which was a “sunnier” day, appreciated by the eastern phoebe singing from one of the small trees adjacent to the water.

By mid March, killdeer discovered this new area along with red-winged blackbirds. Brian Daughtery spotted five Wilson’s snipe on March 21 and was able to photograph the birds



Wilson's Snipe

busily feeding along the north water’s edge. There were other sightings of snipe over the next few weeks.

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Greater Yellowlegs

On March 31, J. Swygart had a greater yellowlegs feeding not far from the road, and reported that he got nice photographs of the birds. Greater yellowlegs were seen into May in this area as well as were many lesser yellowlegs. Blue-winged teal arrived April 1 along with a female & male gadwall. The blue-winged teal were there the next day. Randy was able to take photos of all three birds.

Naturalist Curt Burnette noted pectoral sandpipers on April 13. Ecologist, Ryan Smith, reported 80 pectoral on e-Bird that same day. On April 14, Randy and I had 131 of the birds in mainly two flocks feeding at the edge of the water at the north and south sides of the property.



Male & Female Gadwall ducks



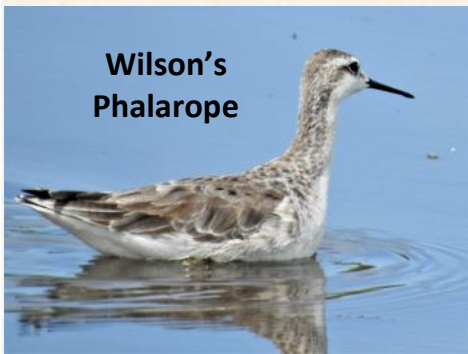
Blue-winged Teal

In a light rain on April 21, Randy and I saw two spotted sandpipers, five lesser yellowlegs, two solitary sandpipers, three greater yellowlegs and three Wilson's snipe. Sometimes rainy days are the best days for viewing shorebirds.



Spotted Sandpiper

J Swygart recorded a green-winged teal on April 23. Clara Conroy reported a short-billed dowitcher April 30 on a rainy Sunday afternoon. Ryan Smith had a long-billed dowitcher on May 1.



Wilson's Phalarope

I spotted the first semipalmated plover on May 5. That same evening, Randy and I watched two great egrets fly in and rest and preen by the south side of the water's edge.

A rare visitor appeared May 7 – a Wilson's Phalarope! Randy and I drove to Ken Brunswick's home to report the sighting (he lives at the edge of the Loblolly) so that he could see this rare bird.

I posted on the Indiana Rare Bird Alert to let others know. Randy took a number of good photographs of the bird. The Phalarope was still there the following day busily feeding for his trip further north.

On the morning of May 15, Ryan spotted a hooded merganser, least sandpipers, and a turkey. I had three wood ducks in the early morning of May 16. On May 18, he noted a dunlin.

Randy and I saw two semipalmated sandpipers on May 21. Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs and a solitary sandpiper were there as late as mid May.

Besides the spring migrants, mallards, robins, and song sparrows, are also using this wetland. Turtles have also found the Rezits area to their liking.

On June 4, we saw a Mallard with her ducklings. Randy got a nice picture of the mother duck with one duckling, but then his camera battery went dead. Still, it's a nice picture to share for the end of this article about how good the "Rezits" restoration turned out to be.

Thank you to everyone who made the Rezits purchase & restoration possible. You have made a conservation difference. We think Gene Stratton-Porter would certainly appreciate all the work being done to bring back the birds she loved to see in the Limberlost.



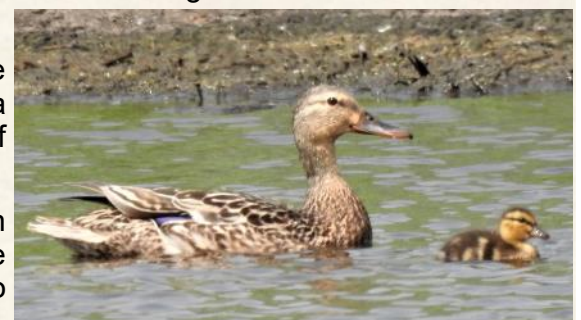
Solitary Sandpiper



Semipalmated Plover



Dunlin



FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST NEW MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Friends of the Limberlost is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. We support Limberlost State Historic Site, which is owned and operated by the Indiana State Museum. We also support the IDNR—Division of Nature Preserves which manages the restoration of wetlands in the Limberlost Swamp Conservation Area. Your membership dues and extra donations are vital to the many projects honoring the memory and legacy of Indiana author, naturalist, and nature photographer, Gene Stratton-Porter.

You decide how your annual dues will be spent. You choose one of the following:

- Choose the Limberlost Historic Site Friends who support projects and help pay expenses associated with the improvement or the betterment of Limberlost State Historic Site
- Choose Limberlost Swamp Remembered, a committee of the Friends of the Limberlost, which is primarily focused on Limberlost Swamp restoration projects
- Or you can support both missions of the Friends of the Limberlost

As a member you receive our quarterly newsletter. You get one free tour of the Limberlost Cabin, a 10% discount on Limberlost Gift Shop purchases, and you get a 15% discount if you purchase a membership in the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. As a member of the Friends of the Limberlost you help us preserve the legacy of Gene Stratton-Porter and help us restore the environment by bringing back the Limberlost Swamp.

If you have any questions about your membership, please call or text Randy Lehman, membership chairperson, at 260-849-0308 or email randvplehman@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to: FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST. Mail both your check and completed membership form to: PO BOX 571, GENEVA IN 46740

STEP ONE

Select which mission of the Friends Group you want to support by checking a box to the right

☐ Limberlost Historic Site Friends—dues and any additional donations you make supports Limberlost State Historic Site and associated events, projects, and programs

☐ Limberlost Swamp Remembered Friends—dues and any additional donation you make supports Limberlost wetland restorations projects managed by the Indiana Division of Nature Preserves

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

STEP TWO

Choose the type of Membership you want by checking a box below

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