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for Connections*

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From the Executive Director

WELCOME 62 new members!

Dear Members,

Inspiring people to value, appreciate and support land is a key part of ACRES mission—it's how land gets protected. You were inspired, then you became a member. Your support of ACRES makes it possible for others to experience awe, curiosity and reflection in the nature preserves.

I work in nature and daily see its sources of inspiration. From my office window I've seen eagles, otters, pileated woodpeckers, turkeys, albino deer, skunks, coyotes, great horned owls, a white cardinal, and, of course, frequent visits by squirrels, raccoons and opossums.

I've also seen plein air painters, parents carrying or walking with their young children, older couples slowly walking and holding hands, five-year-olds uncharacteristically stopping to pause and gaze, and teenagers actually having a conversation with their parents.

I've heard many people describe feeling "who they're supposed to be" when they're in nature. Being surrounded by trees or open fields often brings out the best version of ourselves.

Inspiration awaits in the preserves. Don't forfeit today's insights! Discover what nature draws out of you today, what it sparks you to think, what it reveals, what it challenges.

It's okay to break our "take nothing" rule when it comes to inspiration. It's meant to be taken—and shared!

Sincerely,



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Cover photo: A swirling pattern is frozen in Davis Fisher Creek at McNabb-Walter Nature Preserve in Allen County. The preserve protects 195 acres, including a high south bank of the St. Joseph River. Jenny Weatherford, a 2020 Winter Photo Contest winner, captured the photo titled "The Artistry of Ice." We want to see your winter photos from ACRES preserves! Learn how to participate in the 2022 Winter Photo Contest on page 18.

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ACRES Land Trust owns and protects natural and working lands, inspiring people to value, appreciate and support these places for the benefit of all—today and forever. Today we protect and manage more than 7,300 acres in northeast Indiana and portions of southern Michigan and northwest Ohio. In addition to helping care for and restore our local land, your support also offers trail systems where you and others can explore thriving natural places, from dawn to dusk, at no charge. Thank you!

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YEAR IN REVIEW

A Look Back at ACRES in 2022



ACRES was able to achieve so much in 2022 thanks to support from members. Thank you! As this year comes to an end, we want to share 22 things you made possible in 2022.

1. We protected and cared for over 7,300 acres of natural and working lands in northeast Indiana, southern Michigan and northwest Ohio.
2. You helped us celebrate the Grand Reopening of our headquarters at the Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve in Huntertown. Recent improvements make the ACRES headquarters more accessible to visitors and increase our capacity to protect more local land.
3. Interns and stewardship staff conducted invasive species management on 400 acres between June and September—a record-breaking summer for stewardship.



4. Volunteers maintained trails, provided event support, archived records, digitized paperwork and so much more. We hosted 18 volunteer workdays where volunteers bagged litter, removed non-native invasive plants, collected native seeds and planted trees.
5. We hosted scientists on ACRES properties to conduct botanical surveys, search for bumble bees, survey fish in Cedar Creek and more!
6. We planted over 25,000 trees and restored 60 acres of prairie.
7. ACRES offered fun and inspiring programs, hosting 32 events this year to inspire people to value, appreciate and support the land we protect.
8. Volunteers built an observation deck that overlooks Cedar Creek at the Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve.



9. We learned about rare, threatened and endangered species that live in the places we protect, including Kirtland's snake and purple twayblade orchid.

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10. The stewardship staff expanded parking areas, replaced old signs and improved trail maintenance at nine nature preserves this year.
11. We hosted our very first Lifetime Member Cookout. We enjoyed meeting new and longtime members who have made a lifelong commitment to protecting land.
12. We opened the first phase of an accessible trail system at the Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve.
13. ACRES staff explored our service area during four seasonal staff outings. We spent these days getting to know the communities we serve, building relationships and having fun.
14. We expanded our native garden at the ACRES office. We planted more than 1,000 Indiana natives, including 29 different native species!
15. We released a new Trail Guide, featuring 31 protected places to explore!
16. ACRES preserve and trailhead signs got a makeover. We also added an exit sign encouraging visitors to join.
17. We added 243 new members. Welcome!



18. Volunteer preserve stewards and trail monitors maintained 60 miles of trails.
19. ACRES preserves served as venues for partner programs, including a plein air painting workshop and forest preschool.
20. We helped the National Park Service celebrate 60 years of recognizing and encouraging the conservation of America's natural heritage through the National Natural Landmarks Program by making a short video about Hanging Rock that was shared nationally. Watch it at acreslandtrust.org/hangingrock.
21. As part of our 200-year Ecological Reflections project, artist Matt Mabis created artwork about Wing Haven.
22. ACRES was awarded funding from Indiana's Next Level Conservation Trust to protect more land in the region.

Look for more to come in 2023!



A LANDSCAPE LOST TO TIME

By Evan Hill, Stewardship Director

Restored prairie at Delt Church Park in LaGrange County is a close representation of what historic Perry's Prairie would have looked like before its conversion to farmland.

History provides insights for stewarding land

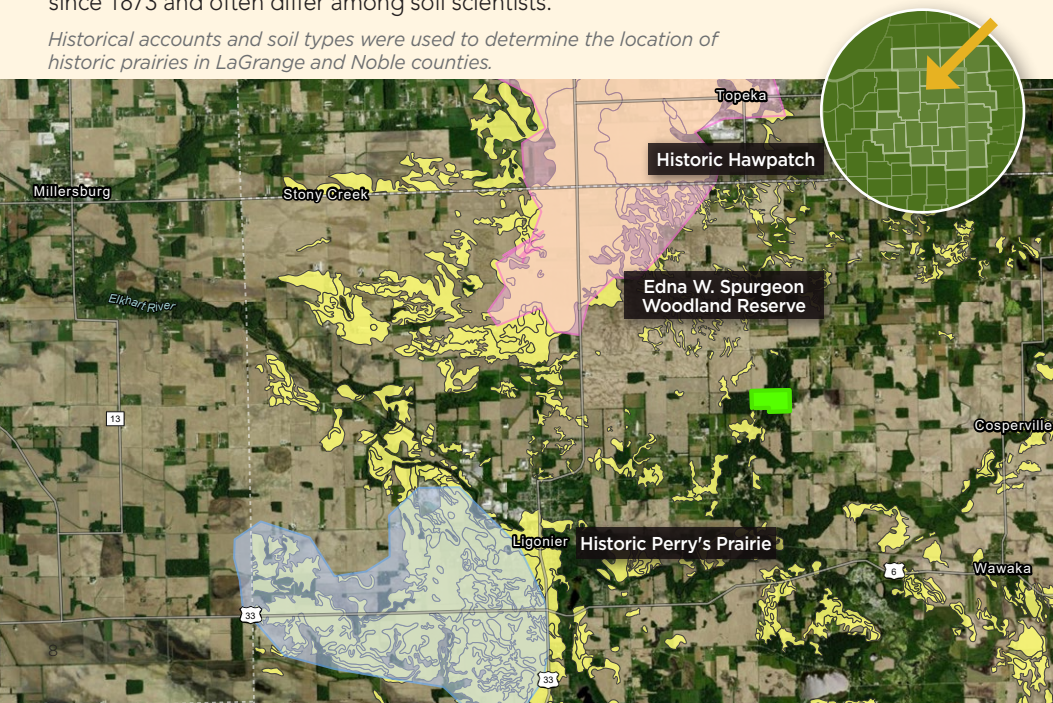
ACRES can make better decisions on restoring and stewarding our land when we know more about what our local landscape looked like.

A book called *The Fifth Annual Report Of The Geological Survey Of Indiana Made During the Year 1873* provides detailed accounts of how several counties in our service area looked when they were somewhat populated and the landscape's transformation had begun. The first lands targeted for cultivation were generally well-drained prairies free of trees. E.T. Cox, the state geologist and leading author, noted several small prairies and one of several thousand acres near Ligonier whose soil he described.

Mapping out historic prairie

Knowing the soil type and the general location, I knew I would be able to get pretty close using geographic information system (GIS) software. I was hooked on uncovering a prairie largely lost to history. The only problem was that soil descriptions/naming have changed since 1873 and often differ among soil scientists.

Historical accounts and soil types were used to determine the location of historic prairies in LaGrange and Noble counties.



Fortunately, Charles Dryer's extremely detailed 1893 geological report for Noble and several other counties offered more information on the exact location of what was known at the time as Perry's Prairie and the surrounding landscape.

Once I was confident drawing Perry's Prairie on the map, it was time to head out and see if we could uncover any portions of potential remnant prairie. I reached out to geologist Tony Fleming, who first heard of "Perry's Prairie" from local residents in the 1990s. While mapping the geology of LaGrange and northern Noble County, he noticed large areas of prairie soils on the soil surveys. Despite a lot of time on the ground during the course of his work, he didn't notice any remnant ecosystems except for small patches of prairie plants and a fairly small remnant savanna with a degraded understory.

Fleming explained that geologically, the distribution of prairie/savanna coincided mainly with the extent of the Topeka fan, a large outwash fan marking the terminus of the Erie Lobe. Some of it was also on the Shipshewana fan, a Saginaw Lobe feature. Both fans are composed of coarse gravel and often have a loamy surface layer. Elevated knobs and other dry regions are common, as are lower-lying wet zones.

"Based on the Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office records and direct observation, some of the prairie in LaGrange County, such as the area along Indiana 5 between Topeka and Shipshewana, was wet prairie," Fleming said.

Looking for prairie remnants

Fleming and I spent a day driving up and down county roads looking for small patches of remnant prairie. Perry's Prairie and nearby "Hawpatch" were the first areas in the county to be converted to agriculture. The soils in these areas made the farmland some of the most productive in the state. Hawpatch was just northeast of Ligonier extending into Topeka.

While this area was composed of nearly the same soils as the nearby prairie's, the plant cover was inexplicably different. Dryer in 1893 explained: "The most interesting thing in the region is the 'Hawpatch,' a tract in sections 25, 26, 34, 35 and 36 originally covered with very heavy timber-walnut, sugar and elm. The trees were very high, and the ground covered with flowers and blackhaw. The soil is a black loam, in strong contrast with the cold clay on the west of it, underlaid at a depth of thirty feet by a sheet of gravel. Surface drainage appears to be entirely wanting and unnecessary. For agriculture, it is one of the most productive and valuable tracts in Indiana. To the geologist, its origin is an interesting problem. How did such a well-defined area of peculiar character (in strong contrast with its surroundings) come to exist? What were the conditions of its formation? These questions probably cannot be answered at this time.

"It (the Hawpatch) resembles the prairies of northern LaGrange in everything except the presence of forest."

With their quick conversion to farmland, and given the productivity of their soils, all of Perry's Prairie and Hawpatch are still in agricultural production today. Though we didn't cover the entire area, we found no remnant prairie that day. But we did uncover something pretty special and unique for that portion of our service area.

I cannot help but think that if we look further, we could uncover unique natural features lost to history in each of the 27 counties across ACRES service area.

Photo spread on pages 10–11 by Ralph Campbell: A Virginia opossum perches in the branches of a tree at Wildwood in Kosciusko County. These marsupials' long gripping tails and feet with an opposable hallux (or thumb) help them climb. As you explore the trails this season, see if you can spot any critters or animal tracks during your visit!



ACRES HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1-4 pm

ALLEN COUNTY | ACRES Land Trust Office
1802 Chapman Road, Hometown, IN 46748

Looking for holiday gifts for land lovers? ACRES has you covered! We'll host special weekend hours at our office. Stop by to shop ACRES gear or gift a membership!



ART WORKSHOP FOR ACRES MEMBERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2-4:30 pm

WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood
7496 W. SR 124, Wabash, IN 46992

Get creative with local artist Hannah Burnworth, owner of Milk House Studio. Create a star themed booklet that can be used as an ornament for the holidays. Learn simple accordion book techniques that are perfect for cards and gifts. Come away with a bit of book binding knowledge and 2-3 small finished products. Open to all experience levels, all supplies included.

Space is limited. To register, email outreach@acreslandtrust.org or call 260-637-2273 by December 8.



FIRST HIKES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Ring in the New Year with invigoration! We'll explore the trails across the region, welcoming 2023 with movement and camaraderie.

10 am ALLEN COUNTY | Fogwell Forest
9630 Whippoorwill Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46809

2 pm STEUBEN COUNTY | Robb Hidden Canyon
425 Lane 201, Ball Lake, Hamilton, IN 46742



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP FOR ACRES MEMBERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10-11:30 am

ALLEN COUNTY | ACRES Land Trust Office
1802 Chapman Road, Hometown, IN 46748

You don't have to spend hundreds of dollars on special equipment to start capturing stunning nature photos: you likely already have the only tool you need—a smartphone. Communications Manager Bridgett Hernandez will cover smartphone camera settings, composition and preserve rules for photographers. Then we'll hit the trails for a photo walk. Bring your smartphone and come dressed for a winter hike.

Space is limited. To register, email bhernandez@acreslandtrust.org or call 260-637-2273 ext. 107 by January 6.

NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1-2:30 pm

ALLEN COUNTY | ACRES Land Trust Office
1802 Chapman Road, Hometown, IN 46748

Are you new to ACRES? Welcome! Meet other new members and longtime volunteers while learning how your membership protects land. Hear ACRES history, get updates on new projects and get answers to your questions: How do we acquire new land? How will we protect it forever? Refreshments provided.

WINTER CREEK STOMP FOR ACRES MEMBERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2 pm

WABASH COUNTY | Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run
1866 E. Baumbauer Road, Wabash, IN 46992

Ross Run in winter is spectacular! 20' icicles, frozen waterfalls and fossils. Depending on weather, we'll be walking either through frigid water or on ice. Choose appropriate footwear and consider bringing dry shoes and socks for after.

Space is limited. To register, email outreach@acreslandtrust.org or call 260-637-2273 by January 18. Presented by preserve steward Kirk Swaidner and the Kissel Family.



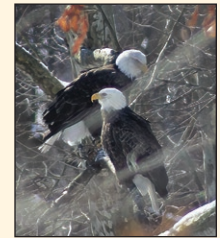
SWIFT HIKE & BALD EAGLE WATCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2 pm

WABASH & MIAMI COUNTY | Addresses available with RSVP

Caravan along with us to several ACRES preserves. Take a quick hike at each preserve to watch for bald eagles soaring along the ravines and waterways.

Space is limited. To register, email outreach@acreslandtrust.org or call 260-637-2273 by February 16.



SAVE THE DATE

FORT WAYNE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

MARCH 2-5

ALLEN COUNTY | Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Visit the ACRES booth at the Home and Garden Show! Learn more about ACRES mission, renew your membership and purchase gear. For more information, visit [home-gardenshow.com](https://www.home-gardenshow.com).

ASHERWOOD MAPLE SYRUP EVENT FOR ACRES MEMBERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 9 am - NOON

WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood Environmental Center
7496 W SR 124, Wabash, IN 46992

Join ACRES for a guided tour of the maple sugaring operation and a chance to enjoy some of the sweet stuff for yourself. Volunteers needed. To help, contact Jason Kissel at jkissel@acreslandtrust.org or 260-637-2273, ext. 102.

PROTECTED PLACES

Protected land makes fertile ground for connections

Photos by Joanna Stebing

ACRES preserves are more than protected land: they are the foundation of relationships. The connections made between past and future land use, the engagement between ACRES and a land donor, or the bond between a researcher and a colony of orchids are all made possible through the land.

In 2016, Joan Garman donated the land she and her late husband, Terry Garman, owned along the Cedar Creek Corridor. The land, consisting of wetland, forest and rolling farm fields, had been in the Garman family since 1945. The preserve, named Dorothy and Ray Garman Nature Preserve in honor of Terry Garman's parents, contributes to the large stretch of the Cedar Creek Corridor that ACRES holds in permanent protection.

Due to the unique topography of the area, there are opportunities for universities and organizations to conduct research. ACRES permits several researchers to collect data and monitor preserves along Cedar Creek, including the Garman Nature Preserve. Garman, who lives next to the preserve, has connected with researchers embarking on surveys. Through these interactions, she's had a first-hand look at some of the observations and discoveries there.

"My ultimate reason for donating the land was to honor my husband and his parents, but there's no doubt that they would be as thrilled as I am to know all the good things that have resulted from preserving this green space," Garman said.

One graduate student, Joanna Stebing from the Department of Biological Sciences at Purdue University Fort Wayne, has been surveying the preserve for two years. Stebing parks her car near Garman's barn before a survey.

"I've had the pleasure of catching her when she returns from the 'jungle'!" Garman said, who has enjoyed their relationship. "Stebling never ceases to amaze me with her persevering in hot and humid weather that brings on the mosquitoes! I have the utmost respect for her astounding knowledge of different plants and creatures."

Though Garman has lived on the land since 1978, she's eager to continue observing and learning about the life thriving there.

"[Stebling] inspires me to research unfamiliar species," Garman said, "I even took time to search for her favorite beetle, the dogbane beetle, and I agree that *it IS beautiful!*"

Garman said she could fill a book about her unique experiences including rearing monarch caterpillars, watching baby snapping turtles emerging, hearing the calls of a screech owl and finding a spotted salamander. She remembered, while mowing with her late husband, coming upon fawns resting in grass, and she looks forward to seeing them frolic every spring. Around her house she's observed snakes sunning, insects foraging and groups of gobbling turkeys roosting nearby.

"When I think about how many people...may be unaware of all the creature activity that goes on, I realize how lucky I have been these last 44 years to commune with nature. I believe my greatest legacy will be protecting all of this for future generations!" Garman said.

Garman's excitement for the natural world and interest in projects on the preserve have inspired researchers like Stebing to stay in contact and share their findings. Stebing expresses her appreciation for Garman's land donation and their relationship.

"[Garman] was thrilled to hear about my orchid find and had me write down '*Platanthera*' so she could look it up," Stebing said. "Moral of the story? Connections and stories are also an important part of doing science. Don't ever forget that!"

As Garman continues to live alongside the land and watch it slowly change, she's even more grateful for the perspective that preserve visitors can offer. She's watching the land go through succession from farm back into forest, learning and observing along the way.

"The realization that many people have utilized the property to study and enhance their knowledge has been an unexpected plus," Garman said. "There never has been a time that I ever hesitated or regretted my decision to put my land in the capable hands of ACRES Land Trust. It's been one of the best decisions I ever made (second only to my marrying Terry!)."

Thank you, Joan and Terry, for protecting your land forever, and for allowing ACRES to share your story. We look forward to more discoveries from Joan and the researchers on the preserve.

A reminder: Dorothy and Ray Garman Nature Preserve is closed to the public under permanent protection. The research conducted here is permitted by ACRES Land Trust.

Looking for special holiday gifts for land lovers?

Buy ACRES gear at the office or online at acreslandtrust.org/shop

Order well in advance for timely delivery.



Acorn Sweatshirt

Enjoy this cozy crew neck sweatshirt with an acorn design by local artist Adam Johnson. \$30 in the office; \$38 online with shipping and handling.



Acorn Hoodie

Our new zip-up hoodie features Johnson's acorn design on the back of the shirt. \$35 in the office; \$43 online with shipping and handling.



Artsy Logo Tee

Local artist Ian Ruisard reimagined the ACRES logo for this t-shirt design which features native plants and animals. \$20 in the office; \$25 online with shipping and handling.



Long-sleeve Tee

The long-sleeve tee features Ruisard's artsy logo design on the back of the shirt. \$25 in the office; \$30 online with shipping and handling.



ACRES Beanie

Keep your noggin warm in the woods with this super soft knit hat. \$15 in the office; \$18 online with shipping and handling.



ACRES Membership

Do you have friends or family who will appreciate discovering and supporting ACRES? Gift them a membership with a donation of \$20 or more at acreslandtrust.org/donate!

ACRES office is open Monday–Friday from 9 am–4 pm. Due to the nature of our work, we may be in the field. Please call ahead to be sure we're here to help you.

WILL YOU MAKE AN END-OF-YEAR DONATION?

ACRES is raising money to protect more local land, and we need your support. If you're able, please consider a donation beyond your membership. Together we can make sure more of our region's forests, wetlands and farmland remain intact for generations to come. Make your gift online at acreslandtrust.org/year-end-giving. Thank you!

INSPIRED BY THE PRESERVES

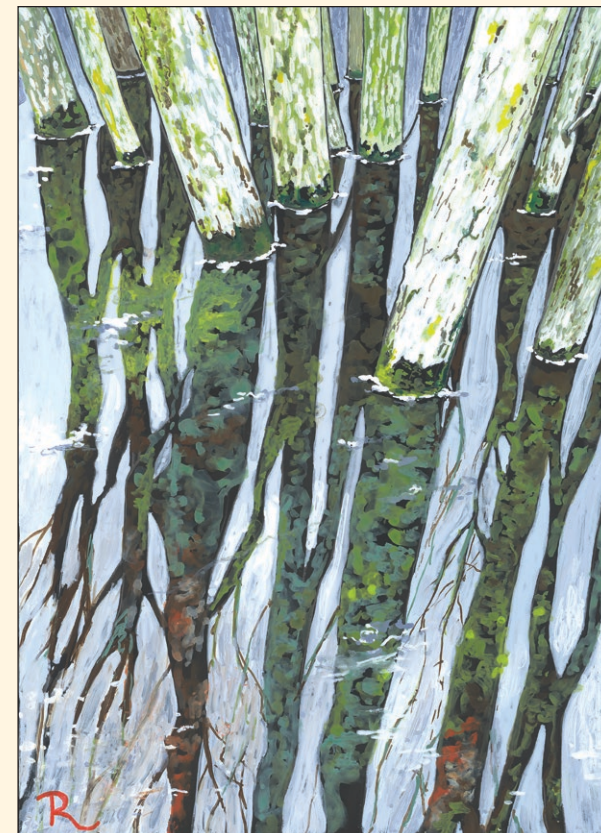


A Winter Reflection

Before ACRES retired the trails at Cypress Meadow, local artist Rebecca Gazarik visited the preserve on a wintry day in December 2021. "I enjoyed the loop around the pond and the fragrant scent of the cypress trees," she said. At one place on the trail, she noticed a low spot where water had flooded the trees. The reflection in the water inspired her to paint a 5x7 inch gouache painting titled "Dreaming Among The Trees" which won an award in 2022 in a juried show with the theme of "Upside Down."

Originally from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area, Gazarik lived in several states before her recent move to northeast Indiana. She holds a degree in illustration and enjoys painting nature. Her work has been featured in several juried shows in the region. She has a passion for natural areas and is pursuing a career in land stewardship.

Thank you, Rebecca Gazarik, for sharing with our readers this unique perspective of Cypress Meadow!



announcements



Thank you, Natasha!

With warm regards, ACRES recently bid farewell to office manager, Natasha Manor. Since joining the team in 2018, she has worn many hats—everything from volunteer management and IT support to accounting and human resources. Her attention to detail and excellent customer service skills were instrumental in driving ACRES mission forward. Her positive attitude, professionalism and enthusiasm made her a pleasure to work with.

We want to congratulate Natasha on an exciting move to a position in human resources. Thank you, Natasha, for your contributions in the service of protecting land. We wish you all the best in your new role!

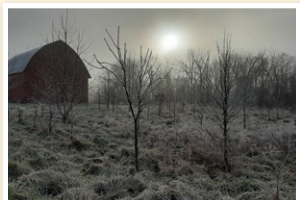
ACRES 2022 Winter Photo Contest PHOTOS DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

This winter, we challenge you to capture photos that inspire people to value, appreciate and support the places ACRES protects. The next time you visit an ACRES preserve, bring along your camera (or phone!) to document what you see, then share your favorites with us. We'll choose five winners to receive an ACRES sweatshirt and one-year membership.

We will pick one winner from each of the following categories: Wildlife, People on Preserves, Selfie, Landscape and Macro. Photos must be captured between November 2022 and January 2023 at an ACRES preserve, following all preserve rules. Enter your photos and read contest guidelines at acreslandtrust.org/photocontest.



2021 Selfie—Anna Hornberger



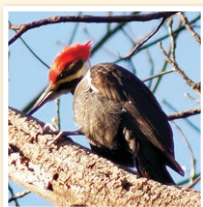
2021 Landscape
Emily Simmons



2021 Macro
Anna Gunzenhauser



2021 People/Pets on Preserve
Sharli Grove



2021 Wildlife
Bryan Gibson

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Something Told the Wild Geese

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go

Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered — “Snow.”

Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,

But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned — “Frost.”

All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,

But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.

Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly —

Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

— Rachel Field

