

GLEN HELEN RAPTOR CENTER

Fall Newsletter September 2025



What's New?

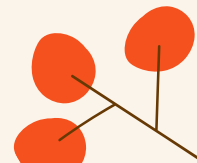
Art on the Lawn

For the first time at the raptor center, we decided to participate in Art on the Lawn located in Yellow Springs. What kind of materials would we be trying sell at an art fair you may ask? Well bones of course! At the raptor center, we like to honor the animals that give their bodies to our carnivorous birds. In doing so, we try to use all of the body parts. Our birds don't always eat the bones, so we decided to collect them, clean them, and turn them into art. All of our staff, volunteers, and interns, came together to create some beautifully painted and sculpted displays. We had no idea how our idea would be received, but we made over \$1,300 that is directly for the care of our ambassadors and rehab patients. If you are interested in purchasing any remaining items, come visit the center all throughout October!



Molting Season!

If you have visited the raptor center recently, you may have noticed a ton of feathers in our bird enclosures. Our birds are currently going through their molt, which is a process of dropping old/damaged feathers and replacing them with new ones. Some of our birds may look a little scraggly right now but they are healthy. Our screech owls especially get hit the hardest during molting season as they tend to lose most if not all of the feathers around the face.



Rehab

It is West Nile Virus season, and we are seeing a lot of red-tailed hawks and great horned owls come in with this devastating illness. West Nile Virus is transmitted by mosquitos and can affect a bird neurologically which makes it hard for them to hunt. Raptors are affected as well as songbirds, waterfowl, and corvids. There is no specific cure so our rehab patients receive supportive care like fluids, anti-inflammatory meds, etc. However, we are looking to vaccinate some of our newest educational ambassadors that will be with us for their lifetime. Corva the crow, Archimedes the great-horned owl, and our red-tailed hawks Icarus and Valkyrie are our top priorities. We could really use your help in raising money to pay for the medication! Each vial is \$250, and each vial only covers between 2-3 birds. Any donation amount is welcome!



Upcoming Events

- September 28th: Photography Program @ 10am *
- October 25th: Owl-ween from 11-2pm
- November 15th: Photography Program @ 10am *

[*register: glenhelen.org/programs-and-events/](https://glenhelen.org/programs-and-events/)



Thank You!

Thank you so much everyone for supporting the raptor center. We would not be able to do what we do without your help! For more information on events, our wish list, sponsorships, programs, donations, etc. please scan this QR code or go to <https://linktr.ee/glenhelenraptors>

