

TreeHouse Droppings



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Work in Progress 5-12-11

Lynn Schreiber, President

Artists have visions. They see what others can't, imagine what is possible, and create what becomes reality. Disorganized fragments of thought are arranged into distinct concepts that are further manipulated to form compositions of various techniques, forms, and styles.

There is an artist in each of us and not all artists use brushes to convey their impressions. Any resources can be used as mediums for creation, and there is no limit to the possibilities for subject matter. Many artists are inspired by thoughts and emotions, themes of nature, and by the desire to produce something that is genuine. Indeed, all artwork is unique to the individual who creates it, and no two pieces of artwork are the same.

A year ago the idea of TreeHouse at Dow was still just a concept, a blank canvas with great potential, just waiting for strokes of creativity to grace its surface. At that time there were artists who were motivated to design, who identified the various possibilities and sketched out a basic framework from which to begin. Once that process was started it became a work in progress of immense proportion, drawing artists of every genre to come and share in the joy and spirit of creativity.

Less than a year later, the canvas has been transformed into a significant work of art. It is a wonderful compilation of efforts of all of the artists who envisioned the possibilities from many perspectives, then worked to turn those ideas into reality.

Some artists looked at how to populate the canvas with the sights and sounds of learning in progress. What was once a Great Room was enlarged to become a fully functioning Environmental Education Center. The center is now active with children and adults alike, taking part in a wide range of programming opportunities, workshops, and other activities. New handicap bathrooms are available to accommodate large groups and to meet the needs of those with special needs.

Next to the Education Center the Conference Room is nearly ready to make available for rental to those wanting meeting space in a beautiful setting, and the Gift Shop is open to the public during scheduled events, selling t-shirts, framed wildlife photos, and other nature themed paraphernalia.

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Perhaps the greatest transformation has been in the lower level of the building. What was a three car garage and several small storage areas was left to the creativity of many very skilled craftsman who divided the space into what is soon to become the Mammal Ward, Nursery, Admitting Area, and Exam Room; all units within the Rehabilitation Clinic. This part of the overall project took ingenuity, attention to detail, the ability to identify resources and to utilize all space as efficiently as possible.

While many artisans have worked within the interior framework, many others have worked the perimeter. Those who have an eye for color, texture, and composition have spent hours working the earth, trimming and pruning, and exposing splashes of color that burst in sprays from a patchwork of garden areas. Still others have worked stones into a beautiful fire pit for campfires, and some have used their skills to clear more areas for other things to come.



What can be made out of several rolls of wire, tons of lumber, and cases of hardware? The first cage complex was completed over the winter, just in time for a Bald Eagle to take residence for local Eagle Days activities through January and February. Other residents sharing the complex are a Rough-legged Hawk and two Red-tailed Hawks. In progress are two other cages that are soon to be completed and will house other permanent resident birds of prey.

What has been accomplished at TreeHouse over the last year is remarkable. The result of thousands of hours of work, time, and effort is a reflection of the dedicated people who commit themselves to this special place. Unlike other works of art which are typically stationary, the artwork that is Dow is fully animated and constantly in motion. It is alive with the animals in need who come through its doors, the people who are charged with their care and treatment, students learning to become the next generation of rehabbers, and the wonderful educators who teach them.

Many artists intentionally never complete their pieces. They believe that to call a work “finished” means that it has reached its ultimate peak and can no longer be altered; it is absolute. Dow is a work of art that is continually evolving, a work in progress that will likely never have an end, but whose canvas will continue to flourish and grow at the hands of the fine artists who have brought it to the point where it is today. With each new addition, the canvas changes and



becomes more elaborate and complex, a beauty that is to be shared by all.

Rehab Ramblings

by Pam Lippert



Photo by Micky Rudolph

On January 13 we received an adult Bald Eagle who was hit by a construction company truck and sustained multiple fractures to the radius and ulna (equivalent to the bones in our forearm). "Spanky" (named after the town in north Jersey County where he was injured) appears to be healing nicely, and is currently in an intermediate cage ready to make the next step into the large flight cage.

"Spanky" treated on arrival at TreeHouse with a patriotic bandage on her fractured wing.



"Spanky" in her immediate flight cage.
Photo by Adele Moore

Since the last newsletter there have been several tornadoes hit our area, including one on February 28 which resulted in several injured birds being admitted. The day after the storm, a Ross' Goose was found outside Alhambra, suffering from blunt trauma. About ten days later, another one was found in Caseyville with a healed fracture in the elbow joint. This second bird was probably brought down in the same storm. Neither bird can be released. The first goose is still experiencing some neurological problems, and the second one cannot extend his wing because of the location of the fracture.

Ross' Geese are considered rare migrants from the Artic. Similar to the more common Snow Goose, they are smaller, have a short stubbier bill, has wart-like bumps at the base of the bill, and lacks the dark line "grin" patch on the bill.

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Additionally, an American Coot was picked up around the same time from Granite City as a result of the storm. We received two more during the next two weeks and all three were released after a few days of R&R on the pond at TreeHouse.

A Great Blue Heron was admitted from Raymond with a wing injury probably as a result of a tornado in that area a couple days before. This bird has not yet been released.

Spring is here and we have a multitude of orphans. Six Great Horned Owls, three Barred Owls, two Screech Owls, one Canada Gosling, one Red-shouldered Hawk, plus several ducklings. On the mammal side, countless squirrels, four Red Fox pups and one Coyote pup.



Tube feeding and force feeding a debilitated Red-tailed Hawk.

Hawk photos by Micky Rudolph



One of four orphaned Red Fox pups.



Young Red-shouldered Hawk



Why Does TreeHouse Care for squirrels, deer, woodchucks, possums, etc., etc.,...?

Volunteers at TreeHouse get that question quite often, especially this year with all the storms knocking down or blowing away squirrel nests. But, everybody hates squirrels, right?

Although we are not admitting fawns again this year, we hope to do so in 2012 when our deer pen is built. Everybody knows we have way too many deer, right? Woodchucks burrow under buildings, Coyotes kill everything in sight, Red Foxes living in subdivisions cause havoc with neighborhood cats, squirrels steal bird seed, and what do they say about 'possums? – “they're mean, they're ugly, they look like a rat, they're scary, and they're taking up residence in my garage”. We all have our favorites and not-so-favorite wild critters. If we did not admit a certain species of animal because someone somewhere didn't like that animal group, TreeHouse wouldn't exist. Yes, even the impressive Great Horned Owl, comical Pelicans, and the beautiful Red Fox have their human enemies.

So why does TreeHouse care? The short answer is we care because you care. You care enough to bring the animals in for help. We have farmers and deer hunters bringing us fawns, duck hunters bringing in ducklings and goslings, and I'm sure we've had more than one squirrel hunter bring us an orphaned squirrel or two. What do you do, who do you call, and where do you go when faced with an orphan or injured critter?

This question of why do all of us care about orphaned and injured wildlife was brought home this past December when two deer were stuck on the ice on the Mississippi River just off the Great River Road.

One appeared to be larger than the other and it looked like possibly a mother and her half-grown youngster. Every day for several days, commuters would drive up and down the river road watching the two struggle to their feet, only to collapse in a heap from exhaustion.

One morning a reporter from KSDK-TV was at the scene commenting on the problem. I remembered seeing a YouTube video several years ago of a helicopter literally blowing a deer off the ice in Michigan, and thought maybe it would work in this situation. I called KSDK and they stated they didn't own a helicopter anymore. Personnel at other stations said it was too risky to fly into the fog that had settled around the river in the early morning hours. From what I understand, animal lover and news anchor, Jennifer Blome mentioned on air about efforts to try and locate a helicopter.

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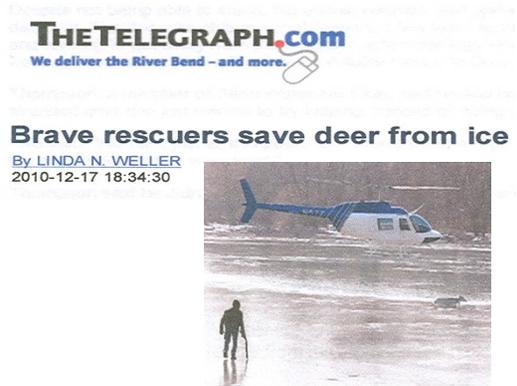
I swung by the scene on my way to TreeHouse, and as I was talking to the reporter, there was a steady stream of commuters stopping by to ask if a plan were in place to rescue the deer. I feel certain there were more than a few deer hunters in the growing crowd of concerned people who gathered to assist in the rescue.

Still nothing was happening at that time, so I continued on to Brighton while trying to think of a way to make this work.

In the meantime, a couple people ventured out on the ice with ropes and pulled one deer to safety. About that time a helicopter suddenly appeared and hovered low enough to blow the deer toward the River Road, and an airboat appeared just after the rescue.

I think it comes down to compassion. Thank goodness there aren't many people who want to see any animal suffer. Yes, guys may hunt squirrels in season, but when they stumble upon a hairless, orphaned squirrel, the biggest, baddest, toughest looking guys give TreeHouse a call.

A special thank you for all those participating in the rescue, including Helicopters, Inc., and pilot Bill Houska, Ben, KSDK's Jennifer Blome and Ryan Dean



Above: Newborn squirrel



Right: Approximately 3-4 weeks old



Above: Feeding formula to a Fox Squirrel at Brighton. Photo by Micky Rudolph.

Above right: Gray Squirrels almost ready for an outdoor cage at Dow. . .

. . .and finally, release!



Set—is the coast clear?



GO!

Release photos by
John Becker

I'm a new volunteer and have enjoyed my intro to Treehouse in several ways. First, right after my first orientation session my husband and I were driving on a cold winter night around dusk and I saw an owl sitting on the side of the road looking dazed and disoriented. I immediately yelled at my husband to stop. I had to rescue my first owl! So I gently approached him--trying to avoid oncoming traffic, and took off my coat and wrapped him up. I called someone from Treehouse and arranged to drop him off. My first RESCUE! I saved a beautiful, useful creature on God's earth!

Then I was introduced to the second part of our mission--REHABILITATION-- feeding squirrels! Several nights a week I come over to our wonderful new Treehouse home to feed these little critters that are totally dependent on us for their start in life. It has been such a rewarding feeling! It gives me the opportunity to express my love for our earth and all the creatures on it-- through this minuscule but necessary task.

It also calls forth some noble qualities in thought--such as, order, love, patience, and accountability. These, in turn, are expressed in deed--with gentleness, being tidy, methodical, and punctual. So, through this experience I have been learning more about how to demonstrate these qualities in my life, and it is blessing me!

Yesterday, I got to see things come full circle. I took home one of the older squirrels to RELEASE in the woods behind my house. It was a great moment for me! To have nurtured him and some of his cousins, and then to be able to give him a fresh start in his own adventure.

I really feel like I've been a part of Treehouse's mission: RESCUE, REHABILITATE and RELEASE. And, it has been reciprocally rewarding-- for the squirrels and me! Besides --they're just so darn cute!

Bonnie Castroman, Elsau, IL



Proof that a mother squirrel will pick up her young and move to another nest if need be. The baby rolls up in a ball after the mother squirrel picks it up with her mouth. This youngster is particularly large, and the mother traveled quite a way to her new den.

Photo by Lynn Schreiber

Educational Programming

Sherry Droste, Director of Environmental Education

The fall of 2010 saw the beginning of our new, on-site education programs. There were a couple of programs and things got off to a slow start. After that, it was a long and dreary winter, but we began to receive lots of phone calls and inquiries. Several groups came out to see Hope, one of our Bald Eagles, and that helped to get the ball rolling.

Since February things have snowballed and been a little crazy, to say the least! To date, we have had on-site visits from the following schools: Alton Middle School, Alton High School, Lewis and Clark Elementary (Alton), Jersey County Head Start, West Elementary (Alton), St. Francis School (Jerseyville), Jerseyville West Elementary, Brighton North Elementary, Alhambra Elementary, Medora, Illini Middle School and Shipman Elementary.

In addition, school-site programs have been facilitated at the following schools: Jersey Community High School, Alton Middle School, Illini Middle School (Jerseyville), Granite City Head Start, Jerseyville West Elementary, Belle Valley North School (Belleville), Lewis and Clark Elementary (Alton), Henning Elementary (Troy) and Orchard Farm Middle School (MO)

We have also developed a partnership with the Girl Scout Council of Southern Illinois, whereby scout troops are able to come to the Dow location, visit and tour and complete the requirements for a wildlife badge and/or earn community service hours.

Four local 4-H clubs have also paid visits to TreeHouse this spring, where they have conducted their regular meeting, then enjoyed a program about our rehabilitation efforts.

The Litchfield Senior Achievers and the Jersey County Ambassadors group have also participated in on-site programming and a facilities tour at Dow.

At the conclusion of this spring's field trip season, our education director, along with several assistants from among our volunteers, will have interacted with approximately 1,800 children and adults since the beginning of March. We are feeling like it has been a great beginning!

Brighton North
School kids
"Walk for Wild-
life" to raise
money for the
new eagle cage.



NATURE NUTS

Our monthly preschool program, “Nature Nuts”, has been a great success this year!

Unfortunately, both our December and January sessions had to be canceled, due to inclement weather; otherwise, we have had steadily increasing participation.....and, certainly, lots of enthusiasm!

“**Valentines for the Birds**” was the theme of February’s programs. The children who attended cut out heart-shaped pieces of bread, slathered them with lard (have to worry about peanut allergies these days!) and pressed them in a bird seed mix. Each child made a valentine for all the winter songbirds at TreeHouse and one to take home for their own yard. They were a huge hit....with the kids and the birds! We are still on the lookout for any stray pieces of red or pink yarn that a bird may have tucked in along with their other nest-building materials.

During the month of March, we celebrated the birthday of beloved children’s author, Dr. Seuss. With the help of The Nose Book, The Foot Book and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, we explored the TreeHouse property, the permanent resident bird cages, our bird feeders and around the pond for examples of some of Dr.Seuss’ friends. We all were out and about with our striped “Cat in the Hat” hats on. Even the newspaper photographer took pictures of us! Our celebration concluded with birthday cupcakes and a rousing rendition of “**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**”



“**Earth Day**” was the Nature Nuts theme during April, as we explored outside in search of signs of spring.....green grass, flowers, two butterflies, birds singing, blue sky and sunshine and deer footprints in the mud. We discussed how important it is to take care of all of these Earth gifts, so that they will always be here for everyone to enjoy. We also talked about trash and made predictions about how long it takes to rot when it is thrown away. After that, we played the Icky, Sticky Garbage Game. Nobody wanted to end up in the garbage dump! Each child prepared their own snack – a cup of dirt with grass, rocks, worms and flowers (Yum!), and we read The Earth Book. Happy Earth Day!

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April showers have definitely brought May flowers to Dow, but we wish the showers would stop now! During “**Flower Power**”, we planted a rainbow garden out by the TreeHouse entrance, as well as some brightly-colored flowers to take home. Our investigation included learning about what plants need to grow. It was a beautiful day!

Our Nature Nuts group has grown from two or three preschoolers per session, to six or seven, for both the morning and the afternoon sessions. We always enjoy a discovery period, a themed craft, a story and a snack. Each session runs for 90 minutes and is held on the third Tuesday of every month. The fee is \$5.00 per child and reservations are requested. Watch for a new Nature Nuts series beginning in September 2011!



Owl Prowl

On Friday night, December 10, twenty-seven owl lovers showed up for an owl program presented by Pam Lippert, our wildlife technician, and Vernon LeClaire, a local naturalist and biologist.

We initiated our brand new fire pit with a wiener roast, hot chocolate and a campfire. It was chilly but beautiful.

Once we moved indoors, Pam shared her expertise with the group as she fisted several of our own TreeHouse permanent-resident owls. She possesses so much knowledge and shared several wonderful anecdotes, in addition to her ability to replicate several native owl calls.

At the conclusion of Pam’s presentation, Vernon took the group outside and managed to call in several barred and great horned owls.

WHOOOOOO wouldn’t enjoy such an educational and entertaining evening?????

Orphaned Great Horned Owls



Eagle Scout Projects

Our thanks and congratulations are extended to two local boy scouts, who elected to complete their Eagle Scout projects at TreeHouse.

Justin Bollini, a student at Alton High School, offered to design and construct a stone fire pit to be used for school fields trips, evening programs and other special events. Justin secured the donations necessary for purchasing all of the materials and created the initial design for the pit. With the assistance of his scoutmaster / dad, Steve, and his fellow Boy Scout Troop #64 members, he completed the project in early December. Not only did he build the structure, Justin created a series of flagstone pathways, inside a graveled circle, that are aligned with the four cardinal directions of a compass. It has created a wonderful tool for others to use outdoors. Several classes this spring have already enjoyed the benefit of Justin's labors with roasted hotdogs and s'mores for their field trip lunches.

The second project was completed, in early December, by **Alex Croxford**, a student at Jersey Community High School. Our four acres of woods at Dow are relatively steep and were completely overgrown with invasive honeysuckle. In order to better utilize the area – especially with school kids – clearing a path was a necessity. Alex helped identify the route for a quarter-mile trail; then, with the help of his family and some fellow scouts, he worked diligently clearing honeysuckle and multiflora rose, trimming branches and raking the path. Once the path was cleared, the team hauled in loads of wood chips (by wheelbarrow) and spread them on several areas of the trail. Additionally, Alex and his crew moved small logs to create trail borders and to eliminate some potential erosion issues. It was so exciting to actually see a trail when he was finished! Just as with Justin's project, several of our field trip groups have benefitted from an Eagle Scout's hard work. They have been able to safely access our woods and have been enjoying the diverse variety of spring wildflowers growing there (mayapples, Dutchman's breeches, trillium, wild violets, etc.).

Again, many thanks to both of these young men – for their hard work, their attainment to the level of Eagle Scout.....and, especially, for a job well done!



Grants and Donations

TreeHouse is pleased to announce that we have received two grants this year that are directly related to our education program.

The first was received in the late fall from the **Illinois EPA**. It is called a LEAP grant (Lake Education Assistance Program) and was awarded in the amount of \$500. The grant was written for the construction of a 16-foot-long wooden dock to be placed on piers in the pond. The dock has a railing and is designed to provide access to school students to the pond for aquatic macro-invertebrate and water quality studies. The labor to build the dock was donated by the **Ag. Construction class at Jersey Community High School**, and the project was completed shortly before Christmas. The class has been waiting for warmer water / weather and an end to the monsoons, so that they can get into the pond (with waders), set the posts and mount and place the dock.

The **St. Louis Cardinals' "Cardinals Care"** program was the funder for the second grant we received. This grant is a proposal to construct a 24' x 24' covered pavilion, with a concrete floor, just to the east of the new fire circle area. The pavilion would provide a covered area to be used as an outdoor classroom and picnic area, with some of our newly-contributed picnic tables placed under it. The Cardinals program was unable to fund the entire amount requested (\$3,500) to complete the project. Since we were advised of our award, the **Granite City High School Science Club** made a donation of \$700 to supplement the \$1,500 we did receive. As soon as we are able to raise the additional \$1,300, the **Jersey High School construction students** will begin the work on the pavilion. If you are a big Cardinals fan and/or a great fan of TreeHouse and/or a believer in getting more kids outdoors, please consider a donation to support the completion of this project. Your help is sincerely appreciated! We know that this pavilion will be a great addition to the complete TreeHouse facility.

Two local middle schools have stepped up to the plate to assist us in our efforts to build the new permanent-resident eagle cage at Dow. Both the **National Junior Honor Society, at Alton Middle School, and the sixth-grade team at Illini Middle School, in Jerseyville**, conducted fundraisers in our behalf and recently donated a total of \$554.00 toward the cost of the enclosure. In addition to their contributions, all proceeds from our June 4th yard sale will be directed toward the completion of the eagle cage.

Finally, the adoption campaign we held during the fall of 2010, raised enough funds to build eight 8-foot picnic tables; two child-sized picnic tables (4-foot); and ten Leopold benches for seating in the fire circle. The **woods class at Jersey High School** has volunteered to wood burn all of the plaques recognizing each honoree and the donor, along with several cage plaques. As soon as those are completed, we will be attaching them to each donated piece.

Tentatively, a brief ceremony to recognize all of our "adopted" items will be held at Dow during Open House 2011. Watch for more details.

Workday at TreeHouse Inside and Out



Bob (left) paints trim on the inside of the Exam Room viewing window, while Jim (right) works on the outside.



John puts some finishing touches on the nursery, while Mel “supervises” Julia May’s painting techniques.



Lee headed up the “grill team” and the workers enjoyed a nice lunch.



THE AMEREN CAGE

The cage building effort started with Ameren representative Gussie Reed presenting Adele and Lynn with a check.



Chris dug holes — lots of 'em.



McIntyre Construction Company workers volunteered their time to frame up cages.



Ken, a student from Principia College tackled the honey-suckle with a chain saw.

WHAT IF WE HELD A BABY SHOWER AND 500+ PEOPLE SHOWED UP!

That’s exactly what happened on March 13 — a chance for the public to check out the progress we’ve made, and donate items needed for our new nursery — and boy did they! Among the items were ten laundry hampers and baskets full of towels, and receiving blankets, 30 boxes of trash bags, 91 cans of dog and cat food, 29 laundry baskets, 29 bottles of laundry detergent, plus hundreds of other items. Additionally, enough cash donations were received to buy a second incubator.



SCENES FROM THE LET’S GO FISHING SHOW



Below left: Volunteer Marti talks to a couple gals checking out our touch table.

Below right: Touch Table items



Left: Our booth with the beautiful mural donated to TreeHouse by Steve Lengyel. Thanks, Steve!

Above: Mocha (Short eared Owl) trying to catch some zzzzz.





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**HAPPY TAILS
THRIFT SHOP
IN
EDWARDSVILLE**

Proceeds benefit
human societies and
TreeHouse

To the Jersey County Community,

I personally want to thank the Jersey County community for rolling out the red carpet for TreeHouse. Individuals and businesses have welcomed us by donating time, cash and products. Neighbors on Green Acres Road have provided help whenever needed, such as plowing our driveway this past winter, or providing tractors and heavy equipment for construction projects. Jersey County is indeed a community in every sense of the word.

We will pledge to be a good neighbor, and hope that TreeHouse can make Jersey County proud, and be yet another reason for people to explore everything Jersey County has to offer.

Adele Moore, Founder
TreeHouse Wildlife Center
Dow, Illinois

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Wish List

Paper towels
33 gal. trash bags
Dryer sheets
Dry dog and cat food
Canned cat food with liver
Scotch-brite sponges
(combined sponge and rubber)

Welding gloves
Fishing nets with handles (all sizes)
Garden tools
Plastic animal kennels (all sizes)
6',8',10' & 12' step ladders
Tools (all kinds)
Lap top computer
Garden hoses
Folding chairs
Mini-van
Gas cards



Company Gift Matching

Many companies offer Charity gift matching programs.

Check with your employer to see if they will double your donation to TreeHouse Wildlife Center.

To Our Members and Supporters,

It is very important to get our animals moved from Brighton to Dow — the sooner the better. Our goal is to vacate the Brighton hospital building and move those operations to Dow as soon as possible, but by winter at the very latest.

We are incurring double expenses because we're operating out of two facilities, and we're hemorrhaging cash from Brighton via high utility bills due to the state of that building. The only obstacle holding us back right now is cash to renovate the rehab area, and building more outdoor caging in Dow.

Any and all donations toward this end are welcomed!

If you have an animal in need of rehabilitation please continue to use the Brighton phone number until further notice
(618) 372-8092 — Brighton

If you have a few hours a week to spare, and you would like to become a volunteer, or you would like to book a program, please contact Sherry at **(618) 466-2990 — Dow** or through our website at **www.treehousewildlifecenter.com** (The only requirement is that you are at least 16 years of age, unless accompanied by an adult)

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Permanent Resident
"Chuckles" the Red Fox



"Spuds" sounding
the alarm



Micky and Sam with
"Mocha" and "Lucy"

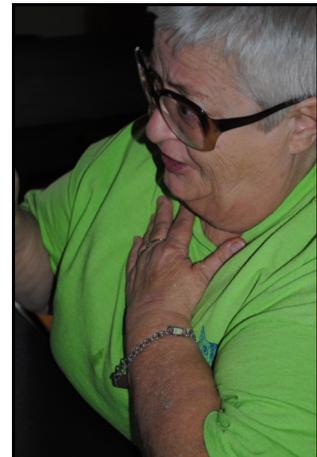


One of our
"sentry vultures"
sitting on the fence
dressed for winter



"Snow Cone"

Volunteer office worker, Perky, upon
learning TreeHouse not only has
snakes, but salamanders living in
aquariums in our Ed. Center



TREEHOUSE WILDLIFE CENTER MEMBERSHIP

TreeHouse receives **NO** state, federal or county funding.
Our only funding comes through you, the concerned public.

One way of helping TreeHouse operate is through purchasing a membership.
You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped us
give something back to the wild.

TreeHouse Membership fee consists of a minimum donation of
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