

## ILYM Environmental Concerns Committee

### Report to Continuing Committee

November 5, 2011

The Environmental Concerns Committee gathered on September 24, 2011 at Clear Creek House to work on the ILYM grounds. Friends participating included Roy Treadway, Noel and Sarah Pavlovic, Adrian Fisher, Nancy Halliday, John Hackman, Bill and Alice Howenstine, Jeannie Marvin, Mark McGinnis, and Dick Ashdown. Below is a summary of the committee's work.

1. **Tree and shrub planting:** During the morning the tulip tree brought by Bill and Alice was planted between the two Bradford pears, north of the long barn. Along the west edge of the property we planted 14 hazel nuts, as the first installment for the fencerow/windbreak. At the north end of the U driveway we planted 10 American plums (*Prunus americanus*) and 7 swamp roses (*Rosa palustris*). At the corners of the drives north of the Meetinghouse along Quaker Lane, we planted Illinois rose (*Rosa setigera*). Elsewhere on the north campground in tree clumps and along the fencerow, we planted one blue beech (*Carpinus caroliniana*), 10 black haw (*Viburnum prunifolium*), 10 hawthorn (*Crateagus mollis*), and two pagoda dogwoods (*Cornus alternifolia*). We express our appreciation to Adrian for selecting, ordering, lovingly caring for, transporting, identifying the location for, and organizing the planting of the trees, shrubs, and roses on Saturday.
2. **Windstorm tree damage:** There were considerable branches down in the campground. We cut up some of them and either transported them to the brush pile or cutup and burned in the campground. We also took care of fallen trees by the Meeting House sign.
3. **Green Roof:** We weeded the green roof of crabgrass, Polygonum, and sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*). Some of the Sedum was still alive. We could tell that some violets were still alive but dormant. Noel purchased seed to sow in the roof that will be sown later: fame flower (*Phemeranthus rugospermus*), partridge pea (*Cassia nictitans*), nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*) and poverty grass (*Danthonia spicata*).
4. **Kitchen windows for Clear Creek House:** We provided guidance in regards to the windows that need replacing in the Clear Creek House.
5. **Quaker Earthcare Witness Annual Gathering in Chicago:** Several members of the Environmental Concerns Committee and other Friends from ILYM attended the Annual Gathering of Quaker Earthcare Witness held October 20-23 at the Cenacle in Chicago. The theme focused on "Food and Biodiversity." Besides a panel presentation on a variety of topics by several from QEW (including Roy Treadway), Friends heard Marcia Cleveland, FCNL's Legislative Representative for the Environment on "Lobbying Works: Thoughts on Lobbying in the Tea Party Era," Laurel Ross from the Field Museum on "The Chicago Wilderness: Expressing an Urban Land Ethic," and Molly Anderson, College of the Atlantic, on "Food Security, Politics, Rights, and Sovereignty.
6. **Nature walk at ILYM annual session:** We are planning a nature walk to show off the new wildlife and beautification plantings.