

## **Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) Report to ILYM**

June 2012

The ECC met at the ILYM campus on May 12. In attendance were Bill Howenstine, Lori Payton, Bill Payton, Nancy Halliday, Mark McGinnis, Neil Mesner, Dick Ashdown, Chris Goode, Roy Treadway, Noel and Sarah Pavlovic, and a local youth named Dalton. We accomplished three tasks. We cut up and burned the fallen tree debris from the campground. Secondly, we began the removal of the pallet and trees from the massive pile south and west of the Clear Creek House. We removed a quarter of the pallets and cut down numerous trees. We discovered a black cherry that we are going to save as a wildlife tree. We weeded the green roof and planted seeds of fame flower, wild onion, a native cyperus, and partridge pea. The sedum is growing the best of the plants, but we did find a few violets and several clumps of chives.

During the Memorial Day weekend, we cut grass around the cabins, removed undesired tree seedlings, removed hazardous branches from the campground, cared for the green roof, stabilized the barn loft door, removed the hanging metal roof from the milk shed adjacent to the barn and conducted other tasks as needed. Attending were Nathan Pavlovic, Noel Pavlovic, Adrian Fisher, John Hackman, Bill and Alice Howenstine, Mike Bohne, Chris Goode, and Nancy Halliday.

At ILYM we will conduct a nature hike on Saturday morning, reinstall the nature trails, and present a discussion about the native roses planted at the entrances to the Meeting House drive. Carolyn and Roy Treadway will present a workshop on Transition Towns, "Transition Introduced and Revisited," on Saturday afternoon.

Our plans for the following year are to:

1. Investigate and implement control strategies for the tansy and poison hemlock that are prevalent around the barn and giant brush pile.
2. Prepare and write a detailed and exhaustive plan for possible prairie plantings, pathways, hedgerows, and gardens addressing the tradeoffs among management options, relative costs, and justification for recommendations. This work will involve collaboration with Maintenance and Planning and with Clear Creek Meeting.
3. Plant a tree where the Norway spruce grew in memory of Bob Wixom.

Prepared by Noel Pavlovic.