

THE CURRENT

Newsletter of River Fields, Inc.

March 2026

PHOTO BY MARC SCHULTE, UNSPLASH

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

GREETINGS, RIVER FIELDS COMMUNITY!

By the time these words reach your eyes – though it's still snowing as I write this – we will surely be seeing the first signs of the sublimely beautiful springs we have here in Kentucky. What did you read to get you through this winter? The writer who sustained me was Robin Wall Kimmerer, whose deep Indigenous wisdom on connectedness with nature, gratitude, and reciprocity are a worthy match for even the iciest of weather. Another source of beauty and inspiration for me were John Nation's winter images of some of the lands we steward and protect – I'm sharing one here.

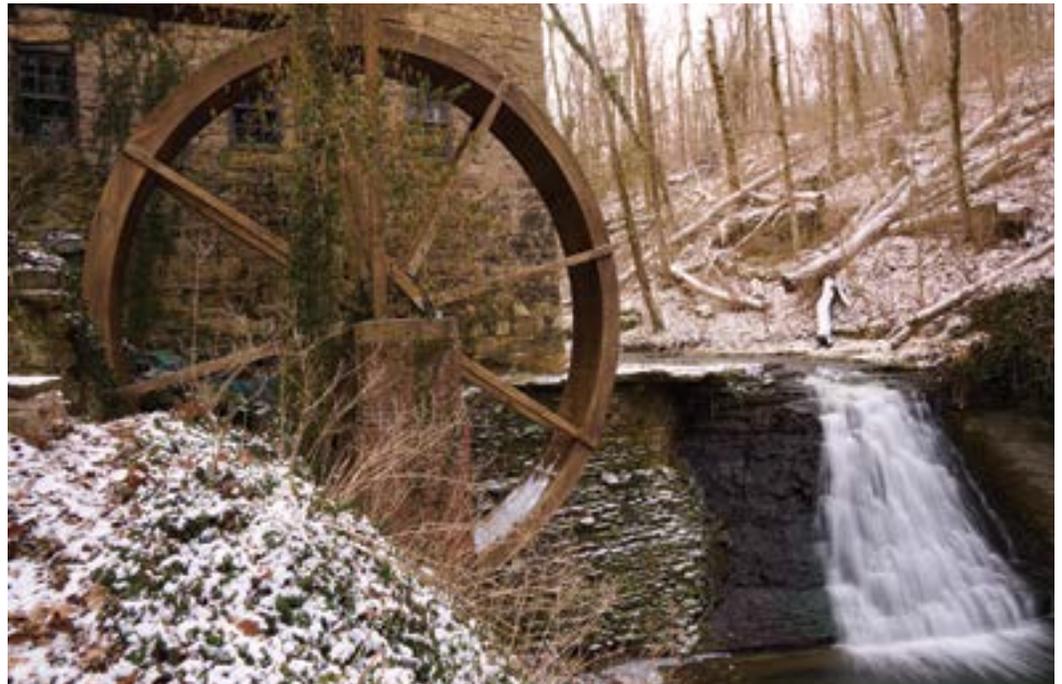


PHOTO OF WOLF PEN BRANCH MILL FARM BY JOHN NATION

Meanwhile, here at River Fields, we're entering spring inspired and energized, ready for a season of renewal and abundance. Work has started on our land at the corner of River Road and Lime Kiln Lane – the first phase of a three-year effort to renaturalize the site, remove debris and invasives, and establish native wildflowers and grasses. It takes more time and resources than

you'd think – invasives in our area are stubborn, and thorough site preparation is imperative to success.

and inspiration to anyone who would like to do something similar on their own land. If you'd like to

We hope to successfully establish our Lime Kiln plot and then move on to the other lands we own along River Road – creating beautiful, pollinator-friendly, low-maintenance flood-resilient landscapes for everyone to enjoy. We hope with this work to not only improve our ecological footprint, but also offer education

know more or support this project, just email me at kristin@riverfields.org and I'm happy to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Kristin Faurest
President and CEO, River Fields
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OUT IN THE FIELDS

2026 PROGRAMMING

EXPLORE LAND, WATER,
AND HISTORY WITH
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PROGRAMMING

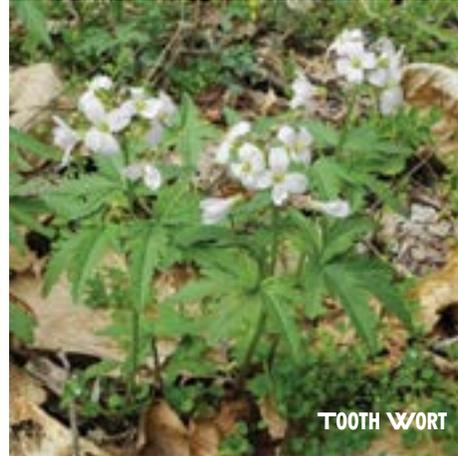
2026 programs are underway – we had a few brave souls out last month for the winter tree walk at Wolf Pen Branch Mill Farm.



Next up is our annual wildflower walk, also at Wolf Pen, Sunday April 19 at 10 a.m., led by wildlife biologist Gary Libby. It's a perfect



time of year to search for spring ephemerals like trillium and trout lilly. All our programs are free, members-only, and require



a reservation. To see the full eight-program slate and become

a member, go to www.riverfields.org. When you purchase or renew a membership with River Fields, you're also supporting our partnership with the Home of the Innocents to get teens in foster care out and engaged with nature.

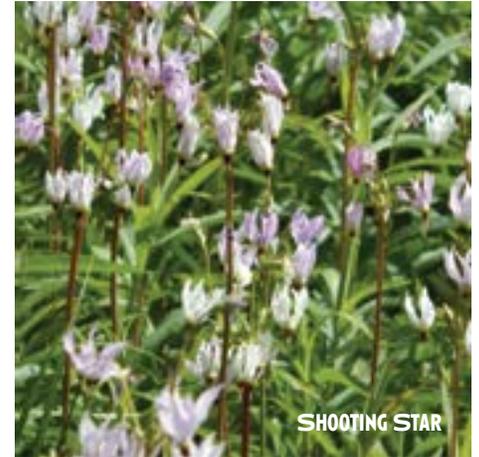


PHOTO OF GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE BY JOHN NATION

TRAIL SIGNS AT GARVIN BROWN

The trails at our beautiful Garvin Brown Nature Preserve never had names until now – but on your next walk you may notice that there's now a Deb Burda Memorial Trail and a

Josephine Sculpture Park Honorary Trail. Thanks to our Trustee Becky Brown and Josephine Sculpture Park Executive Director Melanie Van Houten for purchasing those naming rights at our fundraiser – we're excited to have trails that bear those lovely names.



SALLY SHALLENBERGER BROWN (1911-2011).

THE WOMEN WHO MADE RIVER FIELDS

Throughout Women's History Month we've been celebrating the women whose passion and commitment to conservation made our organization what it is today – like our co-founder, Sally Shallenberger Brown (1911-2011). Check it out on our Facebook and LinkedIn pages!

SPRING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

What better way to herald spring than purchasing or renewing your River Fields membership at a

higher level? We're 95% member-supported. Thank you for being part of our work! You can join or renew today at www.riverfields.org.

If you'd like to know more about what we accomplished in 2025, our newest impact report – *In All Seasons* – is out now. You can find it on our website or request a hard copy.



SAVE THE DATE:

RIVER FIELDS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

Savor at River House
3015 River Rd #200
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23,
2026, 6:30 P.M.



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