

Trillium to Host Book Signing

36 Acres

A Portrait of the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve

WHAT: Please join author/photographer, Tobin Fraley at Trillium Long Grove on Saturday September 4 and Sunday September 5 from 11 to 5 for a special event to preview and launch [36 Acres](#), A portrait of the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve located in Long Grove Illinois. Experience firsthand Fraley's breathtaking photographs and inspirational quotes spanning six years of work and encompassing all the seasons. Fraley will be on hand to sign books, discuss the project and answer questions.

Although Fraley has had countless opportunities to photograph many other spectacular areas around the nation, this body of work is a stunning portrait of the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve. Fraley says and believes, "we look for the extraordinary qualities of nature in the famous landmarks of this country while the beauty of our own backyard is taken for granted." The Reed-Turner is not a stagnant 36 Acres; it is comprised of many thriving ecosystem habitats. According to Fraley, "The size of the preserve gives meaning to the old saying that great things come in small packages." It was on a stroll in 2005 that Fraley discovered the remarkable beauty and diversity, of what he has come to view as an extension of his backyard.

Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes, readings from the book and special guests. In addition a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Reed Turner Woodland Trust for continuing restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Reed Turner Woodland Nature preserve.

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WHERE: Trillium, 223 **Robert Parker Coffin Road, Long Grove, Illinois.** For more information call (847) 883-8867 or send an e-mail to: trilliumlonggrove@gmail.com **Cost Free**

WHO: Mr. Fraley, author of several successful books, is also a photography instructor at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Morton Arboretum. His latest work reverently relates the intricate details of a treasured parcel of land tucked within a community noted for its respect for natural conservation. The book contains black-and-white, and color photography spanning each of the four seasons.

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An Intimate Glimpse of Natural Beauty

A Portrait of Long Grove's Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve

Long Grove, IL.- (August 10, 2010) Noted author and nature photographer, Tobin Fraley and publisher Woodland Grove Press proudly announce publication of 36 Acres, a breathtaking photographic portrait of Long Grove's Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve. The book offers stunning images of a parcel of land that has been systematically restored to its natural state.

36 Acres took seven years to complete. Mr. Fraley, author of several successful books, is also a photography instructor at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Morton Arboretum. His latest work reverently relates the intricate details of a treasured parcel of land tucked within a community noted for its respect for natural conservation. The book contains black-and-white, and color photography spanning each of the four seasons.

The rich history of the preserve comes to life through intimate photographs of woods, streams, and prairie. The enduring cycle of life is portrayed by the author's close attention to a myriad flora and fauna through their seasonal changes. Fraley's talents for composition evoke an elusive spirit of a very special place. His photographs provide an extraordinary glimpse of a parcel of land that, through conservation, offers even the casual viewer a dramatic voyage back into time.

Many of the original photographs comprising the book's 96 images are accompanied by carefully chosen quotations and thought provoking writings by the author. According to Tobin, "a photograph in its simplest form will allow the viewer to experience a connection with nature that cannot be imitated or simulated in any other way."

Fraley's depiction of these 36 acres offers sharp contrast to a region beyond Long Grove that has systematically converted nature's abundant beauty into commercial endeavors. According to the author, the intent of this book is twofold. First, it's a desire to show the beauty and biodiversity that someone can find in a small, undeveloped area -- sometimes right around the corner. Second, "As I continued to work on the book I realized that it was also becoming a statement about what is destroyed every time sections of wilderness are lost to another development."

36 Acres will be available as of August 21st for \$34.95 on Amazon.com, through Trillium of Long Grove, 223 Robert Parker Coffin Road, Long Grove, Illinois or via the web site at <http://www.36acres.com>. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Reed-Turner Woodland Trust for the continuing restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve.

About Tobin Fraley

Photographer and author Tobin Fraley has spent seven years exploring a thirty-six acre nature preserve. His book is a presentation of the rich natural heritage that can be found in many neighboring woodlands, prairies, or streams. Each "36 acres" around the planet has its own individual beauty, offering whoever can take the time to explore the diversity and qualities of that land, a lifetime of discovery. Throughout the world small sections of undisturbed land are just down the street or around the corner, waiting to be discovered and cherished.

About Reed Turner Woodland Nature Preserve

The Reed-Turner Woodland is a 36-acre nature preserve, owned by the Long Grove Park District, in the heart of Long Grove, Illinois. There are several ecosystems that make up Reed-Turner Woodland and it is home to a variety of diverse habitats and creatures. It is part of the original "long grove" of oak and hickory trees with foot paths that border the ravines, stream corridor, lake shore and prairies. Barbara Reed Turner donated this land for conservation through The Nature Conservancy in 1976, and still lives on the preserve in the house her parents built in 1929. Turner has served as steward of the site, now an Illinois State Nature Preserve, for many years.