

This Afternoon’s Music

Nature Music to Accompany the Slide Show
Monica Jakuc Leverett, piano

In a Landscape (1948)
from Forest Scenes, Op. 82
Entrance to a Wood, Solitary Flower

from Lyric Pieces, Op. 43
Little Bird

from Woodland Sketches, Op. 51
To A Wild Rose

from New England Idyls, Op. 62
To An Old White Pine, In Deep Woods

John Cage

Robert Schumann

Edvard Grieg

Edward MacDowell

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Monica Jakuc Leverett, Elsie Irwin Sweeney Professor Emerita of Music at Smith College, is an internationally performing pianist with a love of living composers, women composers, and early pianos. In 2006 she married Bob Leverett; together they explore forests and give presentations on nature and music.

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Long before it was called the Berkshires, the Mohican people knew this land as
Wa’thatinik — “The Land Beyond the Mountains.”
New signage at the footbridge entering Ice Glen honors our Mohican friends
and acknowledges their stewardship of these lands for thousands of years.

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Saving Ice Glen

An Afternoon of Film, Music & Honors



Photo: Mitch Epstein

Monday, August 3, 2026
Old Town Hall · 6 Main Street · Stockbridge, Massachusetts
At the glen’s south end rises a white pine among the tallest in all of Massachusetts.

Program

I Welcome Music & Slide Show

Monica Jakuc Leverett, piano — a suite of woodland pieces (full program, page 4)

II Introductions

Jenny Hansell, President, Berkshire Natural Resources Council & Patrick White, former Chair, Stockbridge Select Board

III Screening

Ice Glen: Stockbridge Old Growth Forest — a film by Colin Hodgson

IV Toast to Bob Leverett

Lea Sloan, Old Growth Forest Network

V Presentation of the Icy Glen Award

honoring Jenny Hansell and Ken Gooch

VI Intermission & Screening

Ice Glen: Expert Roundtable — a short companion film

VII Live Panel Discussion

with Bob Leverett and guests

ABOUT ICE GLEN

Ice Glen is a deep, boulder-strewn ravine in Stockbridge where cold air lingers among the rocks so long that ice can survive into summer. Its shaded slopes shelter some of the last old-growth hemlock and white ash in Massachusetts — never logged, and in places three and four centuries old.

ABOUT THE FILMS

Ice Glen: Stockbridge Old Growth Forest, a film by Colin Hodgson, illuminates the history, ecology, geology, and significance of Ice Glen. It was made possible by a grant from the Stockbridge Community Preservation Commission, funded by the citizens of Stockbridge. *Ice Glen: Expert Roundtable*, a shorter companion film, screens during the intermission.

LOOKING AHEAD · SUMMER 2027

Next summer, join us for the Stockbridge premiere of a 30-minute documentary on Bob Leverett’s co-discovery and championing of the old-growth forests of Massachusetts, directed by Colin Hodgson.

In Celebration & Gratitude

GUEST OF HONOR — BOB LEVERETT

Robert T. “Bob” Leverett — for whom the Icy Glen Award is named — is co-founder of the Native Tree Society and co-founder and president of Friends of Mohawk Trail State Forest. An engineer by training and a recognized authority on the science of measuring trees, he chaired the Massachusetts DCR Forest Reserves Science Advisory Committee and co-authored the American Forests Champion Trees Measuring Guidelines Handbook. A co-discoverer of most of the known old growth in Massachusetts — work dating to the mid-1980s — and co-author of the *Sierra Club Guide to Ancient Forests of the Northeast*, he now works with climate scientists to measure the carbon that great trees quietly store. Ice Glen’s ancient hemlocks and ash have had no truer champion.

THE ICY GLEN AWARD

The Icy Glen Award takes its name from a passage in Herman Melville’s *Moby-Dick*. Melville wrote the novel just over the hill from here, at Arrowhead in Pittsfield, and knew our own Ice Glen firsthand from his walks with Nathaniel Hawthorne. When he reached for an image of a forest at its most vividly alive, he described wood “green as mosses of the Icy Glen.” Of all the images in all the world, he chose this forest gem in the heart of Stockbridge. The award honors those whose life’s work keeps that green alive and unbroken — the guardians of all Berkshire forests, old-growth, second-growth, and new-growth, and of the wildlife that thrives within them.

This year the award is presented to two who have carried Bob’s work forward.

Jenny Hansell has led the Berkshire Natural Resources Council for nearly a decade, stewarding more than twenty thousand acres and dozens of miles of public trails and championing the High Road — a connected, county-wide network of paths — in the belief that a forest saved should also be a forest shared.

Ken Gooch, recently retired director of forest health for the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, led the Commonwealth’s defense against the pests that threaten New England’s woods. When Ice Glen’s centuries-old hemlocks and ash began to fail, he was the arborist who assessed every tree and drew up the plan that is saving them still.

