

# Gillespie Creek Journal

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Monday, March 21, 2022, creation's brilliance gifted us with equal hours of daylight and darkness, the first time since the passing of last fall season's Autumnal Equinox. Today's newsletter celebrates this annual awakening with photos, poetry and vignettes from followers living South Carolina to Wisconsin to the Valley of the Sun, Arizona.

## Vernal Equinox

By Amy Hall  
(1874-1925, poem in the Public Domain)

"The scent of hyacinths, like a pale mist, lies  
Between me and my books;  
And the South Wind, washing through the room,  
Makes the candles quiver.  
My nerves sting at a spatter of rain  
On the shutter,  
And I am uneasy with the thrusting  
Of green shoots  
Outside, in the night.  
Why are you not here to overpower  
Me with your  
Tense and urgent love?"

Currently Sparrows, Mockingbirds, Hummingbirds, and a Finch are in rescue at Fallen Feathers. Your support will be welcome.

EngageYour Senses



Andean Condor, 3-D Model with it's Creator, **Troy, a Fallen Feathers Volunteer**



Spring Melt Around Gillespie Creek, Wisconsin



First Spring Lettuce Ready for Picking in South Carolina



Pigeon Babies in Sun City

Nature's Treasures Abound

Troy began as a hands-on young volunteer gently feeding, soothing and providing needed care to injured and misplaced birds at **Fallen Feather's Avian Rescue Home**. In time his dedication led him to experiment with 3-D Printing. His mission became saving avian species by building anatomically correct models for research and educational demonstration. Pictured is the endangered "Andean Condor" the World's largest flying bird. Troy dedicated 275 hours to this project.

While in the North American tradition Easter is the celebration of life and hope for everlasting life, The Incas considered the Andean Condor the immortal representation of "the upper world sky and future." Designated the national symbol of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, according to Darwin, Andean Condors roost on places high enough to launch themselves without major wing-flapping effort. Troy's precisely constructed model shows the birds wing span beyond 10.' The magnificent live condor has been seen to soar for hours without flapping its wings. Now endangered and protected, Troy's talents have preserved the Andean Condor's precisely evolved structure for laboratory study.

Visit "Fallen Feather's Rescue Documentaries" for more amazing photos of work done by the nonprofit organization and its family of volunteers.

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