

# Gillespie Creek Journal

As I begin to prepare this week's newsletter the skies as well as the grasses and their creatures are signaling with signs of Autumn. The full moon is waning, Woolly Bear caterpillars are inspecting their kingdom, garden Asters are brilliant, the Black Bear of our West property has left his sign of presence, One can hike through the woods free from wood ticks!



**Woolly Bear Caterpillar**  
10-10-23  
(Perhaps Signaling a Mild Winter)

I love walking on the angry shore,  
To watch the angry sea;  
Where summer people were before  
But now there's only me.

I love wood fires at night  
That have a ruddy glow  
I stare at the flames  
And Think of long Ago.

Engage Your Senses

## Ice on the Gillespie Creek Farm's Bird Bath



**October 8, 2023**



**Fresh Black Bear Scat**

**"Thoughts"**  
by Jacqueline Bouvier ( From **The Best Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**, 2001)  
"I love the Autumn  
And yet I cannot say  
All the thoughts and things  
That make one feel this way

I love the feeling down inside me  
That says to run away  
To come and be a gypsy  
And laugh the gypsy way,

The tangy taste of apples,  
The snowy mist at morn,  
The wanderlust inside you  
When you hear the huntsman's horn

Nature's Treasures Abound

## A Late Walk

By Robert Frost

When I go up through the  
mowing field  
The headless aftermath,  
Smooth laid like thatch with the  
heavy dew,  
Half closes the garden path.  
And when I come to the garden  
Ground,  
The whirl of sober birds  
Up from the tangle of withered  
weeds  
Is sadder than words.

A tree beside the wall stands  
bare,  
But a leaf that lingered brown,  
Disturbed, I doubt not, by my  
Thought,  
Comes softly rattling down.

I end not far from my going forth  
By picking the faded aster blue  
flower  
To carry again to you.



**Gillespie Creek Garden Asters**  
10-10-23

Nostalgia— that's the Autumn,  
Dreaming through September  
Just a million lovely things  
I always will remember" — 1943

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