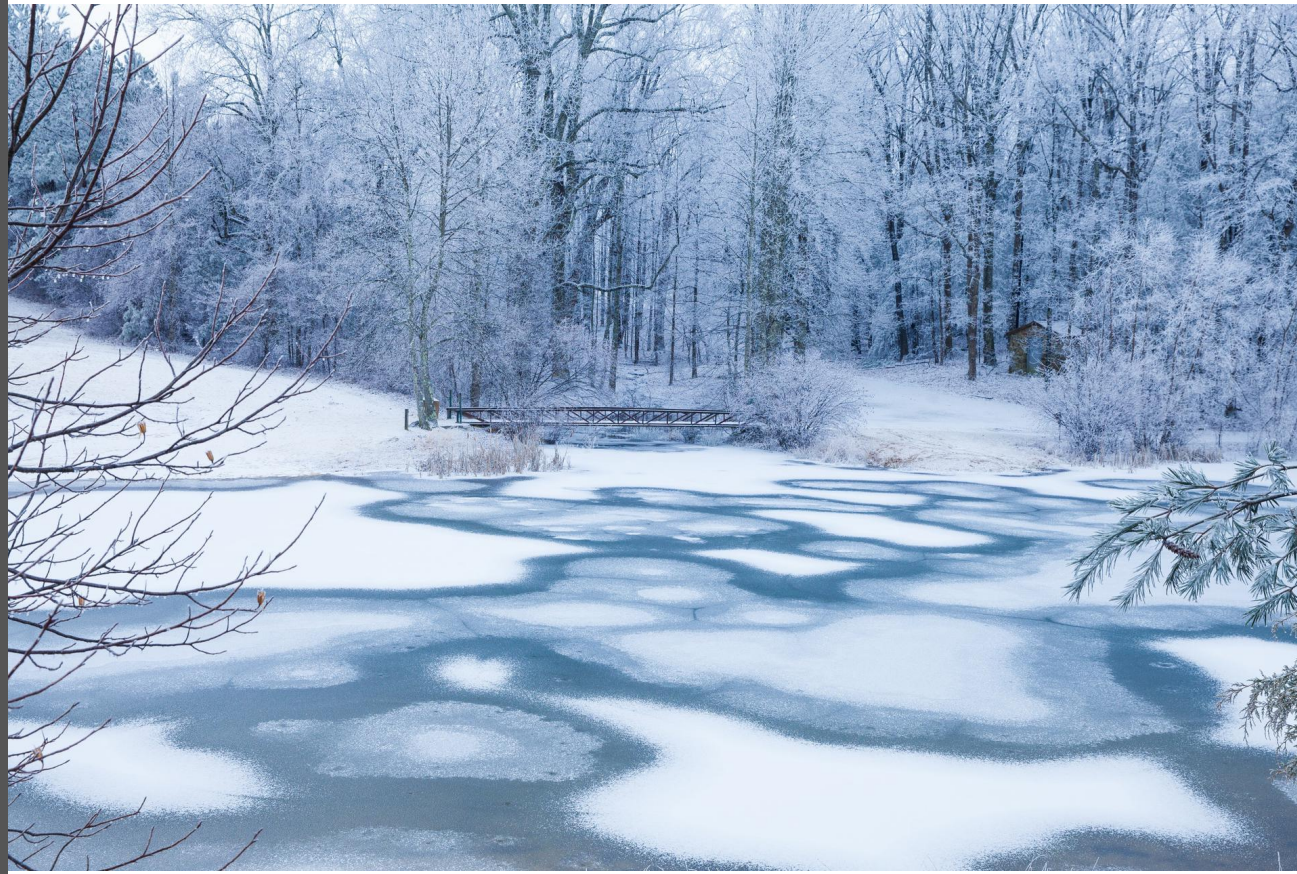


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FIELD NOTES

Our Warm Wishes



Friends,

It's been a memorable year. One that despite the struggles, losses and hardships has nonetheless had beautiful moments of hope, unity, love, success, and a sense of shared purpose.

With the bustle and preparations of fall complete and the semester over, we are looking forward to the pace of winter. A season known for its long stretches of quiet; a time for turning inward, tucking in, and resting. Our culture is infamous for its go-go-go pace. Perhaps one of the gifts of this season and of the necessary pandemic restrictions is a forced respite from the going. We will work to embrace the complexities of staying - in our own ways mimicking the essence of dormancy and restoration.

As with so many things this year, we are also pausing to honor senescence, a farewell and leave-taking. Our beloved colleague, Carl Conry, is putting the final touches on the powerful mark he has left as legacy on the University Farm. Though we will miss his smiles, jokes, positivity and incredible work ethic - as folks who live close to nature know, everything has its season and its time. Please join us in wishing Carl well on his upcoming adventures.

With that, dear ones, we wish you well. May you find your own moments of joy, rest, nourishment, and quiet this season. We look forward to re-emerging with you in the spring.

Warmly,
The OESS Team

