Dear Connemara Supporter,

My mother, Frances Williams, and I founded Connemara in 1981. It was part of a farm that was purchased by my Grandfather in the 1940’s.

“The Farm” gave joy to four generations of the Montgomery family. Then my mother realized in the late 70’s that land was being gobbled up for development at an astounding pace. Soon there would be no meadows, no woods, no place to see the changing of the seasons and notice the migration of the Monarchs and the honking of the geese.

My mother wrote of a time when she was visiting with a landowner about giving an easement to Connemara. She and the landowner were looking at maps and the developer’s drawings. When they stopped, a little girl looked up at my mother and asked, “Are you the Connemara lady?” When my mother said “yes” the little girl’s face became radiant and her voice almost reverent, “That’s the prettiest place.” My mother said that one remark was worth a million dollars.

It is why, 40 years later we still work so hard to preserve land so that the children of the future know what a Texas sky looks like as the clouds billow overhead. From family farms to conservation-minded residential developments, Connemara partners with farmers, ranchers and other landowners as well as city officials and forward-thinking developers to protect and preserve the lands that make up the special fabric of North Texas.

Over the past year we have expanded the number of acres under our protection to more than 6,000. In addition, thousands of students, families and organizations participate in our restoration and environmental education programs each year. Much of that work is focused on restoring native grasses and increasing awareness and habitats for Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators.

We can’t do this work alone, however. We depend on your generosity and support to continue this important mission. So in this time of year of catalogues and requests for funds from so many worthy causes we hope you will consider a gift to Connemara.

The best of the holiday season to you and yours.

Warm Regards,

Amy Williams Monier
Co-Founder Connemara Conservancy