

## **ENDURING DEDICATION TO COVERTS GOALS** Farley Anne Brown

Farley Brown appeared on Coverts' horizon in 1995, when she signed up for the training workshop to become a Cooperator. By coincidence, at that time Coverts was looking for a talented person to hold the reins year round and to coordinate its expanding list of programs. Farley was available and jumped at the chance. Her view of woodlands management, which balances an appreciation of ecological and timber values, combines a family background in raising timber, a varied school experience in ecology and the arts, and a temperament that makes change happen through patient education. Farley had begun teaching at Sterling College in 1989, and perhaps it was her experience as a teacher that most recommended her to the Coverts Council. But over the next ten years she revealed extraordinary administrative skills, organizing and running the training program and other workshops,

attracting prospective cooperators, writing successful grant applications, initiating and maintaining working relationships with state agencies, stretching our dollars, and disseminating the Coverts vision. Over this critical period in Coverts' history, Farley was the steady hand at the helm and, for many, many people, the face of Coverts to our world.

Farley is still teaching at Sterling College, but for this moment, we would like to highlight her time with Coverts and to thank her for shaping the organization, which still bears her fingerprints.

John McNerney, President – September 25, 2010