



Each year Hiraeth Press donates 1% of its annual profits to an eco-charity of our choice. This year, in honor of *Border Crossings: Walking the Haiku Path on the International Appalachian Trail* by Ian Marshall, we have chosen the IAT (International Appalachian Trail) as the 2012 recipient.

The Missions of the IAT:

*“The mission of the International Appalachian Trail is to establish a long-distance walking trail that extends to all geographic regions once connected by the “Appalachian Mountain” range, formed more than 250 million years ago on the super-continent Pangea.*

*In addition to connecting people and places, the goal is to promote natural and cultural heritage, health and fitness, environmental stewardship, fellowship and understanding, cross-border cooperation, and rural economic development through eco and adventure tourism.”*



*Hiraeth Press is a publisher with a mission. Poetry is the language of the Earth— not just poems but the slow flap of a heron’s wings across the sky, the lightning of its beak hunting in the shallow water; autumn leaves and the smooth course of water over stones and gravel. These, as much as poems, communicate the being and meaning of things. Our publications are all poetry, whether they are poems or nonfiction, and reflect the ideal that falling in love with the Earth is nothing short of revolutionary and that through our relationship to wild nature we can birth a more enlightened vision of life for the future. We are passionate about poetry as a means of returning the human voice to the polyphonic chorus of the wild.*

