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Meet the Experts

Michael Aday has been the librarian-archivist at Great Smoky Mountains National Park Archives, located in the National Park Service Collections Preservation Center in Townsend, Tennessee since October 2013. Prior to relocating to East Tennessee, Michael served as an archivist at various archives in California and Texas, including Yosemite National Park, the Dallas Museum of Art, Texas A&M University, and the City of Dallas Municipal Archives. Michael earned his BA in historical studies from the University of Texas at Dallas and his MA in history with a concentration in archival administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Jeff Alt is a talented speaker, hiking expert and award-winning author. His Appalachian Trail book, *A Walk for Sunshine*, has won six awards including a Gold Medal in the Book of the Year Awards. Alt has walked the 2,160-mile Appalachian Trail, the 218-mile John Muir Trail with his wife, and he carried his 21-month old daughter on a family trek across a path of Ireland. Alt is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) and is the author of three books: *Get Your Kids Hiking: How to Start Them Young and Keep it Fun*, *Four Boots One Journey* (John Muir Trail) and *A Walk for Sunshine* (Appalachian Trail). Alt presents in and around the National Parks. His adventures and hiking expertise have been featured on ESPN, Hallmark Channel, Discoverychannel.com, CNN-Radio, Fox News, in the AP, USA Today, LA Times, Philadelphia Enquirer, the Knoxville-News Sentinel, Scholastic Parent and Child and many more.
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American Eagle Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to the mission and vision of preserving the USA's majestic eagles and fragile environment for future generations to enjoy. They are also dedicated to caring for other birds of prey, many of which have been injured or orphaned. Their goal is to rehabilitate raptors for reintroduction into the wild, yet provide a home for those that are permanently disabled. At the Dollywood based facility, they are federally licensed caregivers to more than 60 resident birds that are non-releasable due to physical handicaps or accidental imprinting with humans. Some are trained for educational purposes, while others are placed in captive breeding projects. As a result of their reproduction efforts, they have released dozens of eagles into the Great Smoky Mountains.
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Appalachian Bear Recue (ABR) K-8 Team presents educational programs for children and families at various venues in east Tennessee, including schools, the Huskey Environmental Center, Tremont Institute and Wilderness Wildlife Week. Some members of the team are educators while others are simply knowledgeable about bears and how ABR cares for orphaned bear cubs.

Mark Armstrong has been interested in birds his entire life and made it a career by working as the bird curator at Zoo Knoxville. He spent 36 years at the Zoo and retired at the end of 2015. He has been able to participate in numerous

Breeding Bird Surveys, Christmas Bird Counts and fall hawk counts. Mark is also an active birder and has been able to bird in Costa Rica, Belize and Kenya. While at the zoo, he became interested in doing more with native species and became a bird bander in 2003. Since then, Mark has banded over 10,000 birds including hummingbirds, songbirds and owls.

Louise Bales is a self-taught artist who lives “off the traveled path” in Gatlinburg, as her family has for generations. The quality of Louise Bales’ delicately detailed watercolors reflects her dedication to her craft. The scope of her subject matter and the rich and abundant wildlife of her mountain home are the expression of a woman whose roots are deeply planted in the rich soil her family has owned for generations.

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Dr. William M. Bass is the founder of the University of Tennessee's Anthropology Research Facility, known worldwide as the Body Farm. A dedicated educator, Dr. Bass was honored as National Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. In addition to teaching forensic anthropology, he is author or coauthor of more than two hundred scientific publications. Dr. Bass and his students have revolutionized the field of forensic anthropology and assisted law enforcement in solving countless cases. Dr. Bass is coauthor, with Jon Jefferson, of two nonfiction books about his career, *Death's Acre* and *Beyond the Body Farm*. They also collaborated as the writing team of *Jefferson Bass*, which has produced ten novels about a fictionalized version of the Body Farm. For information about upcoming speaking engagements by Dr. Bass, or to inquire about booking a presentation, visit BoneZones.com.

Leon Bates is a descendent of Scotch-Irish-English mountaineers and he and wife, Pat, live on his ancestral home place in the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains. After retiring from TVA as a botanist/biologist for almost 30 years, he then managed a municipal Urban Forestry/Horticulture Department for seven years. He earned a B. S. Degree in Forestry (UGA) and a M. S. Degree in Botany (UTK) and now devotes more time to the study and enjoyment of local flora and fauna. Since the early 70's, he has been a member and officer of various wildflower, native plant, invasive plant and conservation organizations. A frequent hike leader, he conducts guided hikes for numerous groups and has been a guide for the Smoky Mountain Wildflower Pilgrimage for 20+ years. He has presented programs for outdoor enthusiasts for more than 50 years.

Casey Berg moved to Tennessee from Michigan 12 years ago and taught school in Sevier County and retired. She has been a Master Gardener for 11 years. She volunteers with Appalachian Bear Rescue on the education team. Casey enjoys gardening, painting, reading, scrap booking and traveling. She oversees the volunteers in the herb garden at Sevier County Senior building.

Danny Bernstein is a hiker, hike leader and outdoor writer. She has been a committed hiker for more than 40 years, having completed the Appalachian Trail, all the trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the South beyond 6000, and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail across North Carolina. Currently, Danny leads hikes for Carolina Mountain Club, Friends of the Smokies, Great Smoky Mountains Association, and Family Nature Summits. She has also authored two hiking guides for the Southern Appalachians, a travel narrative on hiking the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and *Forests, Alligators, Battlefields: My Journey through the National Parks of the South*, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Art Bohanan got his start in law enforcement as a fingerprint technician for the Sevier County Sheriff's Office when he was still a teenager. Throughout his career, Bohanan developed new techniques for finding fingerprints and became known as an expert and researcher in the field. Bohanan's advances in the field of fingerprinting are now used around the world. He discovered an important difference between the fingerprints of children and adults that have helped solve many missing person cases. His method of using vaporized Super Glue to see previously invisible prints is now commonly seen on television detective shows. Bohanan was recognized as an expert in the identification of the deceased and was called on to help find human remains at the World Trade Center site in the weeks after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He suffers from respiratory ailments caused by the chemicals he and other first responders inhaled

while working at Ground Zero. Bohanan's memoir, *Prints of a Man*, was published in 2017 and is available from bonezones.com

Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band, Keith Watson and Ruth Barber, will be at their booth full time when not conducting programs to talk about their Old-Time Music, its heritage, and its place in Great Smoky Mountain life, as well as demonstrate, educate, and offer hands on playing of some of their instruments, especially the wooden musical spoons. They will have for sale at their booth all four of their CD recordings, as well as musical spoons, penny whistles, and BTG stickers. They will even have a map to show you where Boogertown is! Come by for a lot of fun.

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Mike Braun is a volunteer with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, attached to the Back Country Office. He is a Master Educator with the Leave No Trace organization, and assists with training other volunteer and park staff about the principles of Leave No Trace. Mike is an avid hiker and backpacker.

Tom Brosch owned and operated a popular hiking store near Great Smoky Mountains National Park for 15 years. His deep knowledge of history on the park, the people who lived there and the location of the many trail systems provides him with ample skill to serve as the Wilderness Wildlife Week Assistant Transportation Director.

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Cades Cove Preservation Association was established to preserve the history, heritage and families that once called Cades Cove home prior to the formation of GSMNP. The "CCPA" volunteers clean the churches, repair trails to the old home sites and cemeteries and help the park service where needed in Cades Cove. The CCPA also maintains the Cades Cove museum located in the historic Thompson-Brown log house in Maryville.

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Jack Carman is a graduate of Mississippi State University and a retired aeronautical engineer. An amateur botanist and recipient of several photography awards, Jack is the author of *Wildflowers of Tennessee*, Tennessee's first color photographic field guide.

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Clint Carnley was the owner of the bygone Clint's Bar-B-Que where he served wonderful food and down-home music. He is joined by locals Joe and Jo Dunn and John Crowe. All have a love for bluegrass, bluegrass-gospel and country music.

Kefyn Catley is Professor of Biology at Western Carolina University. A naturalist, passionate photographer, and lifelong observer of the tiny creatures "that run the world", Kefyn gives talks and workshops at photographic clubs and societies where he encourages photographers to become citizen scientists by documenting and sharing their local arthropod diversity online. A portfolio of Kefyn's images can be found at: www.hiddennatureimages.com

Kendall Chiles is a freelance nature photographer with more than 30 years of photography experience. His photographs have appeared in numerous books, magazines and brochures. He is an instructor for the University of Tennessee/Smoky Mountain Field School and is President of Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers.

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Allen Coggins is a freelance writer and full time Facilities and Grounds Manager for the East Tennessee Technology Access Center in Knoxville. Before that he worked for Ijams Nature Center and Oak Ridge Associated Universities. In a previous life, Allen served as Chief Naturalist for both Georgia and Tennessee State Parks. A native of Knoxville and Oak Ridge, he and wife Barbara now reside in Blount County, in the shadow of their beloved Smokies. Allen's Wilderness Wildlife Week presentation "From Sugarlands to Clingmans Dome" is based on his previous experience as a tour bus guide in the Smokies. Allen is also a published author and has written three books *Place Names of the Smokies*, *Tennessee Tragedies*, and *Escape from Bone Cave—A Civil War Saga*.

Pat Corn is a musician, author, broadcaster, and pastor. He was born in the mountains of Western North Carolina and has resided in Sevier County for more than 20 years. He was the co-founder of The Smoky Mountain Cowboy Church in Pigeon Forge where he served as the host/pastor and musical director for their worldwide radio broadcast for nearly 10 years.

Tom and Pat Cory have been professionally involved in nature photography for many years. They have taught and led numerous photo workshops and tours locally, nationally and internationally. Their entertaining programs cover both the art and technique of photography and are enjoyed by photographers of all levels including non-photographers. Their images and articles have appeared in publications such as the Smoky Mountain Journal of Photography, Outdoor Photography, Nature Photography and Sierra Club calendars.

Olivia Helton Crisp loves family history. She has lived a large portion of her life in the Goose Gap community where she was born. Both Olivia and her late husband Rev. Bethel C. Crisp had three sons, and she is eager to pass along her stories to the next generation. Olivia is a faithful member of Mountain View Baptist Church, and she enjoys the outdoors and working in her flowers. We hope you appreciate her stories of the White Caps' effect on her family.

Craig Cruise is a Pigeon Forge police officer and a long-time resident of Pigeon Forge. He has a love of history and writing, so presenting this program that honors his grandfather's experiences in a World War II prisoner of war camp is a labor of love. He is the son of Ron and Beverly Chappell Cruise. He and his wife Geanine have three sons and one daughter. Mrs. Beverly Cruise was a young child during her father's war days. Her memories and her collection of memorabilia will be included in the presentation.

Donna Cyr has taught wild edibles for more than 45 years. She teaches how to turn weeds into food medicine and utilitarian items. Such items include weed ravioli, instant wound medicine and weaving mats out of cattails. Donna has taught workshops and classes across the United States and has called Tennessee home since 1998.

Mark Davidson is a retired Blount County (TN) educator, having taught 38 years, primarily in a high school setting. He has also worked for 5 years as a teacher's aide in an elementary school. He has lived in the shadow of the Smokies all his life and has developed a love for "all things mountain." He developed a program called Appalachian Studies while at William Blount High School, which he has adapted to the non-credit OUR APPALACHIA series of classes which he now teaches at the Blount County Campus of Pellissippi State Community College near Maryville.

Brenda Dawson helped Tony Thomas and Judy Carson during past Wilderness Wildlife Week events by teaching Autoharp. This year she will help you learn how to tune your harp and produce a song as you to learn and play before the week is up. Brenda will play and sing old tunes you can learn, as well.

Bill Deitzer has hiked in 51 National Parks and in all 50 U.S. states. He is a member of the 900 Mile Club having hiked all 800 trail miles in the Great Smokies Mountain National Park. Bill has completed seven hikes to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. He is retired as CFO of Cincinnati State Technical & Community College.

Rosemary Deitzer is a retired association manager and meeting planner from West Chester Ohio. She is an active volunteer with the University of Cincinnati's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Hospice of Cincinnati. Rosemary enjoys sharing stories of famous women and towns who have made a difference.

Emma DuFort is an illustrator and designer whose primary focus is Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The park and its history and biodiversity are driving forces behind her work, as well as the complex interactions of people, animals, and the natural world.

Arlene Eagle's grandmother was a half breed, she was almost 50 before walking on the pow wow grounds at a local event, and immediately felt at home. Almost 30 years later, she is totally invested in her heritage, their crafts and her Cherokee/Catawba husband (Brave Standing Eagle). The love of her people is something she is always willing to share.

Brave Standing Eagle was raised among his people, the Cherokee. He served as Principal Chief of the Southern Iroquois Confederation for several years. His father was Shucata Standing Eagle who was considered a healer among his people. His grandfather was raised in the Cherokee orphanage. He is proud of his heritage and wishes to share it with others.

The East Tennessee Historical Society promotes, interprets, and preserves East Tennessee's incredible history through our membership publications and services, popular educational programs, and through our award-winning Museum of East Tennessee History's exhibits. Located in the East Tennessee History Center in downtown Knoxville, the ETHS serves all who walk through their doors, as well as reaching out beyond our walls to the rest of East Tennessee, the region and state.

Jim Eastin is a minister, photographer, performer, and storyteller who helps people share their joys with words, music and the visual arts. He has been performing in the area and teaching people to use cameras in the Smoky Mountains since 2000.

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Jon Elder is a fifth generation life-long Sevier County resident. His mother, Betty Walkingstick Elder, was a full-blooded member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and his father, Bill Elder, is a local businessman. Jon's maternal great-grandfather was a Cherokee Chief; his paternal great-grandfather was the doctor who diagnosed the first case of appendicitis in Sevier County. Jon is a graduate of Sevier County High and the University of Tennessee. He achieved his master's degree from Lincoln Memorial University. He resides on the family farm in the Harrisburg Community with his wife Jamie Beth.

Laurence Evans currently serves as the Assistant Director at the Sevier Senior Center. He was born and raised in Cardiff, Great Britain and moved to the United States when he was twenty years old. Laurence met his wife of twenty-three years, Jennifer, while working on ships. Jennifer and Laurence have four children: Maximillian, Alexander, Riley and Eloise and they all love hiking, swimming and exploring the mountains. Laurence graduated with a degree in recreational therapy 2014 from the University of Tennessee.

Judy Felts, originally from Arkansas, graduated with a degree in music and later moved to the Nashville area to pursue her music career. She was a performer at Opryland as well as keyboard and vocalist for Grand Ole Opry star, Bill Anderson. Judy started an organization in Nashville in 1995 called "Christian Women Connect" and also serves on the board for ACT (Artist in Christian Testimony) and on the Community Resource Board for the TN Prison for Women. She has also served as a volunteer at the Tennessee Prison for Women since 1999. Judy has been utilized as a keynote speaker, worship leader and soloist for various churches, conferences and mission events. In addition to Judy's solo ministry, she also performs with Lee Porter as a duo with piano, guitar, string bass and percussion. They have performed together for the last eight years and are available for churches, conferences and events. Judy and her husband Mike have been attending Wilderness Wildlife Week since 2000 and have a love for hiking and the outdoors.
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Melanie Fetterolf is an active painter who enjoys working in a variety of mediums; however, her most recent work is watercolor because she enjoys the portability of the medium and painting on site whenever possible. In 1993 Melanie graduated with a BA in Fine Arts with a Painting concentration from Virginia Tech, and after a significant break for motherhood, she currently paints from her home studio in Seymour, Tennessee and teaches watercolor and art classes at the Seymour Public Library. Melanie prints most of her art into note cards, which can be found in a variety of retail establishments, and she sells her artwork at local farmers markets and area Arts and Crafts festivals. Melanie is an active member of the Knoxville Arts and Cultural Alliance, a juried selling member at the Appalachian Arts and Fine Crafts Center in Norris, Tennessee, and exhibits regularly throughout the Knoxville area.

Keith Garnes lives in Gatlinburg and leads hikes for Smoky Mountain Outdoors and is the hiking director for Friends of Pickett State Park in Middle Tennessee. He is active in promoting Pickett State Park's new addition, the Pogue Creek Canyon. Keith will share Pogue Creek Canyon's secrets during his Arches and Natural Bridges on Tennessee's Trails presentation during Wilderness Wildlife Week 2017.

Robin Goddard is retired from a 32 year teaching career, and has received many educational honors. She has been a VIP (Volunteer in the Park) for 46 years where she is the interpreter (schoolmarm) at the Little Greenbrier School, and she continues to teach at Tremont. Robin is also a 2016 GSMNP Centennial Ambassador. She received the President's Highest Call to Service Award, and in February of 2013, she received the George B. Hartzog National Award for Enduring Volunteer Service for the entire National Park Service.

Rhonda Goins works as a Naturalist at Bays Mountain Park, where she has been employed for 14 years. She holds a Bachelor's degree from ETSU in Biology and many certificates in wolf behavior and wildlife rehabilitation. Rhonda is also a member of the National Opossum Society and The Defenders of Wildlife. Being from the southeast, her minors, Geography and Appalachian Studies, come in handy teaching the topography and our Appalachian ways. Rhonda has worked closely with wolves for over 14 years and has designed and implemented the socialization of the Park's captive wolves. In 2009, she led and directed the capture of the escaped wolves and again in 2010. Rhonda works with all the animals and heads the Herpetarium which houses East Tennessee reptiles and amphibians. When the Herpetarium underwent a total renovation, Rhonda was instrumental in the design and implementation of all animal exhibits and habitats. Most recently, she directed the socialization of the Park's addition of 4 gray wolf cubs, born in 2014.

Pat Gordy represents the Photographic Society of America as the PSA State Membership Director for Tennessee. She also represents the Camera Club Council of Tennessee as its Treasurer and the Photographic Society of Chattanooga (PSC) as its President Elect/Programs Chairperson. Pat will have information on all three organizations at the exhibit booth.

GSM Outfitters LLC is committed to providing quality outdoor clothing and gear at lower prices while trying to assist its customers in having the best experience for the various activities they plan while in the National Park area. GSM Outfitters wants more than customers it wants friends that can share their experience, communicate and understand the National Park experience.

Kathy Gwinn is a former History Teacher. For the past 15 years, she has been employed as a Tour Guide for Smoky Mountain Tour Connection. She and her husband Mike, also perform music and storytelling and are known together as "Hills & Hollows".

Cherel Henderson is a native of Jefferson County, with deep roots in several mountain counties of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee. She is the director of the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville and the founding director of the First Families of Tennessee project. For several years, she was very active in the Smoky Mountain Historical Society and served as editor of its newsletter.

Chris Hoge developed a love of hiking, backpacking, rafting and climbing in the Appalachian Mountains of his home state of Tennessee. After earning a B.A. in Recreation and Tourism Management from the University of Tennessee, he headed westward in search of a change of scenery. His quest landed him in Flagstaff, Arizona where the Grand Canyon grabbed firm hold of him, and where he guided professionally for more than seven years. He also migrated north in the summer to lead trips in Yellowstone and Utah in the spring and fall. Eventually the green mountains and laid back hospitality of his Southern roots drew him back home, where his extensive experience, professionalism, and knowledge of the Appalachians are now put to work in the position of Great Smoky Mountains Program Director and Lead Guide.

Maria Holloway grew up in a very large family with five living generations in the same little New England town. Her family emigrated from the Azores to the USA for a better life. At a very young age Maria loved to sew with her

grandmother. She stitched a little crazy quilt at seven and has been hooked ever since. Now, Maria is 76 and has lived more of her life in the south. She tells folks, "I am a Yankee by birth, but Southern by choice!"

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Joey Holt grew up in the foothills of the Smokies. Joey has been a lover of the outdoors all his life enjoying activities such as camping and hiking. He has been an avid hiker for several years. Joey is a member of Great Smoky Mountains Association and is a volunteer with Appalachian Bear Rescue. He has been presenting a hiking program at a local camp resort for the past few years where he also does guided hikes for their guests, church groups, and others who just enjoy the outdoors.

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Rose Houk is a freelance writer and editor specializing in natural history, history, archaeology, and travel. Rose first came to Arizona to work as a ranger-naturalist at Grand Canyon National Park, where she also served as publications assistant for the Grand Canyon Association. She has been an editor at the University of Arizona Press and National Wildlife Federation, and a daily newspaper reporter in Kentucky. Rose is the author of Pictures for a Park, the 2016 Best Publication of the Year from the Public Lands Alliance. She is also the author of The Guide to Southwest National Parks; books on bats, butterflies, hummingbirds, and Southwest deserts; several books about the Great Smoky Mountains, and guides to Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway, among others. She also wrote the text for The Mountains Know Arizona: Images of the Land and Stories of Its People, with photographer Michael Collier. Rose edited the award-winning anthology, Mesa Verde National Park: The First 100 Years. For a full list of publications please click [here](#). For KNAU Arizona Public Radio, she has written and narrated series including "Land Lines" and "America's Best Idea," and is editor and contributor to Earth Notes. She guides and lectures for Road Scholar, the American Orient Express, Smithsonian Journeys, Lindblad Special Expeditions, and the Museum of Northern Arizona. From her home in Flagstaff, Arizona, she travels widely for business and pleasure.

Douglas Hubbard has a passion for photography spanning more than 50 years. By the age of 13, he had contracted his first wedding which included the darkroom work. He progressed from film capture to digital capture by digitalizing film and processing those files in Photoshop. Douglas has served as president of the Camera Club of Oak Ridge; has been successful in photography competitions; chaired major photographic competitions; and presented photographic programs.

Don Huskey is a Pigeon Forge native who watched as Pigeon Forge went from cornfields and hay fields to the premiere family vacation destination that it is today. He was born at the foot of Pine Mountain in the 1930s, into a large family. As a boy, he worked on local farms putting up hay, fished local streams, and began working at a young age in Gatlinburg restaurants. As a young man, he sang in a gospel group on the local WSEV radio station and has sung in church for more than 60 years. Don was the miller at The Old Mill in Pigeon Forge for over 20 years.

Ken Jenkins, professional photographer and creator of Wilderness Wildlife Week, is known throughout North America. He is an accomplished author of numerous books covering black bears, grizzlies and other wildlife. Because of Ken's vision 27 years ago, WWW is an award-winning event, having won prestigious awards from the International Festivals and Events Association for Best Environmental Program, Best Educational Program, Best Children's Programming and Best Community Outreach Program from among approximately 1,500 award entries.

Ken Johnson is a Certified Wildlife Ecologist, has 40 publications on 11 species of wilderness wildlife, including field research and photos in "National Geographic", "International Wildlife", "National Parks, and Cornell University Press. He studied black bears for the University of Tennessee (UT) for 10 years before going to China for research and management of giant pandas, red pandas, Asiatic leopards, black bears, and habitat. Kene briefly administered an interagency field project for endangered Florida Panthers, the last population remaining in eastern North America. Eventually his overly zealous career in wildlife evolved through friendships and adoption of a Chinese child into the profound realization that PEOPLE and human dimensions are of paramount importance to wildlife, wilderness, and our

interdependent lives in general. He is from and still lives in rural east Tennessee, retiring from UT in 2014 to a second career as an emerging writer, and wildlife, education, and children's advocate.

Glenna Julian is a Lifetime Master Gardener whose special interest are butterflies, birds, and herb gardening. She volunteers many hours at Sevier County Volunteers in the Garden Senior building. Glenna gives programs on butterfly gardening, tagging and herbs. The Mountain Press and WVLT, Knoxville has recognized our work and our screened butterfly house this year.

Guane Julian is a Sevier County Master Gardener who fills his days with hard background work prep for programs with mom, Glenna. Guane is a member of Wild Ones and currently works with Sevier County Library System.

Joe Kelley served as a National Park Ranger for more than 30 years, mainly in the Great Smokies and on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Special assignments nationwide included major disasters, forest fires, search & rescue incidents, and the NPS Special Events Team. He and his family lived and worked with other GSMNP rangers, staff, and neighbors who were raised and lived in the area before the park was established. Joe was co-author with Dwight McCarter on the book "Meigs Line", which tells of ranger adventures and boundary lines in GSMNP.

Veta King is historian for the Pigeon Forge Public Library. Mrs. King preserves and promotes the awareness of area heritage. In 2010 Arcadia Publishing released a new book by Mrs. King – Images of America, Pigeon Forge with over 200 vintage photographs of the town. Her first book, Mountain Folks of Old Smoky is still in print. She is descended from the first Ogle family to arrive in Gatlinburg. Her paternal grandfather was a foreman for the Little River Lumber Co. E-mail: vwking@cityofpigeonforge.com

Matt Kulp holds a BS in biology from Pennsylvania State University ('92) and a MS in biology (fisheries) from Tennessee Technological University ('94). Matt began his career with Great Smoky Mountains National Park in May 1994 as a fishery technician, in May 1995 became a fishery biologist and in 2014 became the Supervisory Fishery Biologist at the Park. His fisheries management objectives focus on brook trout inventory and monitoring, brook trout genetics, native fish restoration, threatened and endangered fish reintroduction and monitoring, and long-term water quality monitoring/modelling and critical load development. Matt has authored or coauthored over 30 peer reviewed publications covering fisheries management, water quality monitoring and biotic effects and native fish restoration. He enjoys time turkey hunting and woodworking with spending time with his wife Mimi and kiddos Michael and Pauline, all of whom reside in Wears Valley, Tennessee.

Knox County Jug Stompers started out as friends jamming and sharing their love for jug and string band music. They quickly developed into a foot stompin' full-fledged jug band extravaganza. Over the past five years the group has performed at or appeared on: The International Biscuit Festival Songwriting Competition (winners of 2013-15), WDVX's Blue Plate Special, Red Barn Radio Show, Dollywood's BBQ and Bluegrass, Dogwood Arts Festival, Cooking Channels Debbie Mazar's Virgin Americana, the Knoxville Stomp, the Bijou Theater, Museum of Appalachia's Fall Homecoming, Muddy Roots Festival, A Simple Life Magazine's Days of the Pioneer Antique Festival, and the Paint Rock Valley Old Timey Craft and Bluegrass Festival.

Dr. Don Linzey is on the faculty of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. He began working in the Park as a seasonal Park Ranger-Naturalist in 1964. He has conducted research on Park mammals for the past 54 years and has authored several books including "Mammals of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Third Edition" and "A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park". Dr. Linzey and his wife, Nita, reside in Blacksburg but also have a home in Gatlinburg.

Bobbie Lamons Lovell was born in the Lemons Hollow in the foothills of the Smokies. Her passions include art and poetry. Retirement has allowed Bobbie to paint daily and early morning musings gift her with subjects for poems. The Great Smoky Mountains provide Bobbie with subject matter for both. Her art and poetry reflect her love and memories of the mountains and its people and their traditions.

Dwight McCarter was a backcountry park ranger for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He was, and still is, one of the best search and rescue man trackers in the nation. Dwight has tracked and found numerous lost children and adults in and out of the park. He has also tracked and found numerous criminals including murder suspects, arson suspects, and assault suspects, in and out of the park. In 2007, David Post, Dave Ledbetter and Dwight found the missing forge hammer that was lost in 1817 at Cades Cove. Dwight was, and still is, very familiar with all aspects of the Smoky's backcountry.

Carroll McMahan resides in Fountain City. He is the Special Projects Coordinator for the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce. Carroll is a contributing writer and coordinator of Upland Chronicles, a weekly column featuring mountain heritage stories in The Mountain Press. In 2010, he organized and continues to coordinate the annual Rose Glen Literary Festival at Walters State Community College, Sevier County Campus. A native of Sevierville, he moved back to East Tennessee after 25 years in Nashville and for one entire summer in Glacier Bay, Alaska. For the past seven years, Carroll has presented various heritage programs at Wilderness Wildlife in Pigeon Forge. He periodically conducts walking history tours of downtown Sevierville. Carroll is recipient of the 2012 Community History Award presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Recognition Award presented on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Spencer Clack Chapter. He is married to Michelle Ingolia McMahan who is a nurse at the Sleep Disorder Center of Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. They are members of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church and serve together on the advisory board of East Tennessee Catholic Charities. His interests include hiking in the Smokies, history, folklore and storytelling.

Renée Michot and **Jim Rigsby** have, since 2013, produced a blog titled "Remembrance" on the Knoxville News Sentinel's website GoSmokies, memorializing the Smoky Mountain backcountry cemeteries. Renée has worked as an editorial photographer for the Appalachian News Express (Pikeville, KY) and sports editor/photographer at the Donaldsonville (LA) Chief. Jim's writing has appeared in the Indianapolis Star Magazine and a variety of commercial websites devoted to Smoky Mountain travel. Both reside in Sevierville for love of the mountains.

Karen Miller is the Education Coordinator for Keep Sevier Beautiful. She has been working with children for most of her career teaching drug prevention and as a youth leader in Ohio. Karen moved to Tennessee where she has been with Keep Sevier Beautiful for over a year working with students to learn litter prevention, beautification, composting and recycling education. Karen can be reached at KSB to schedule a class for your group at kmiller@keepsevierbeautiful.org.

Charles Monday is organizer of the musical component of Townsend's Fall Old Timers Day and their Spring Festival. Charlie also manages the Carolina Bluegrass Boys. Years ago Charlie realized that he had the "gift" of dowsing, which can also be referred to as "water witching." Through the years, Charlie has discovered many uses for dowsing including locating underground water, graves, pipes, electric lines, old building sites and many other things. Putting this talent to work in Knoxville two years ago, Charlie was instrumental in locating a previously unmarked Confederate cemetery that, until then, was only a rumor.

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Debbie Stephenson Moore is a native of Bradley County, Tennessee. She has worked in the Bradley County School system for over 38 years. Moore has completed extensive local historical research including Confederate and Cherokee history. In 2014, her book *Confederate Voices* received a national award from the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the preservation of Confederate history. She and her husband, Ron, have completed five local history documentaries and for nine years they have hosted a local history radio show, Old Town Cleveland on WOOP FM 99.9. Moore is president of the Tennessee Trail of Tears Association. Her most recent publication is *The 1836 Cherokee Nation Property Evaluations*.

Harry Moore holds both a BA (1971) and MS degree (1974) in Geology from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He retired June 30, 2009 from Tennessee Department of Transportation after 37 years where he managed the TDOT Geotechnical Engineering Office in Knoxville for the last 17 years. Currently, Harry works part time as a Senior

Consultant with Golder Associates, Atlanta office. He has authored numerous technical papers dealing with karst, landslides, and other geotechnical issues related to highways. Harry has also authored numerous books including *The Bone Hunters: The Discovery of Miocene Fossils in Gray, Tennessee*. Now Harry resides in Knoxville, Tennessee with his wife Alice Ann, who retired in July of 2008 as the State Director of the University of Tennessee Extension 4-H program.

Billie Morgan grew up in these Appalachian Mountains. Alongside her homeschooled daughter Wren, she enjoys identifying, sustainably harvesting and incorporating our region's native plant's healing properties into salves, tinctures and edibles.

Marcia Huskey Nelson, the daughter of Don Huskey, is part of the worship ministry at First Baptist Church Sevierville, and is also the director of the Pigeon Forge Public Library.

J. Duay O'Neil, a lifelong resident of Cocke County, TN, has dedicated over half a century to the study and preservation of its fascinating history. He taught English and drama for over 30 years and then returned to an earlier career as a newspaper reporter, a job he has now held for over 13 years. He has won first place awards from the Tennessee Press Association in the following categories: Special Issue/Edition, Education, Public Service, Investigative Reporting, News Reporting, and (with others) Website. He has been honored by the East Tennessee Historical Society several times, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the William Cocke Chapter DAR, and the Cocke County Partnership for his work in preserving local history. In 2016, he was named Cocke County Citizen of the Year. His weekly column, "As It Was Give to Me," has appeared in the Newport Plain Talk for 17 years. He also wrote/directed the following plays about Cocke County history: The Hanging of Dan Potter, Under the Apple Trees, and Sunset Is Coming. He and his wife, Kay Keener, reside in Fenwood, the 116-year-old home built by his grandparents. They have one daughter, Amber Mary-Margaret O'Neil, and one grandson, Connor Dash O'Neil, of Charleston, SC.

Chris Ogle is a native son of Sevier County, Tennessee. He works as a Wildlife Surveys Manager for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) within their administrative Region IV and covers the 21 eastern counties. Chris' job is to inventory nongame wildlife on the agency's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and provide technical assistance to private landowners for issues concerning nongame species. He specializes in rare, threatened, and endangered species. Chris holds a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a M.S. from East Tennessee State University where he conducted a project on tiger salamanders in East Tennessee. He is also heavily involved in the local community. For the past few years he has taught the 8th grade Hunter's Education class at Caton's Chapel Elementary School. Chris also attends and works with many ministries at Richardson's Cove Baptist Church, and serves as Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 211.

Larry Ogle is descended from the first Ogle family to settle in Gatlinburg. He shares his Great Grandfather Alson Ogle's love for working with bees. Larry is a retired Sergeant First Class, Army National Guard, and a member of the Sons of the Revolution. His Revolutionary War ancestors are Billy Ogle and James Ownby. He has a love for local heritage.

George Owen has led hikes and done intensive trail work in the Southern Appalachians for the last half century. He has served as trail maintenance director and trail construction director for both the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club and the Benton MacKaye Trail Association, serving also as president of the latter. George provided the layout and supervised much of the construction of the Benton MacKaye Trail in Georgia. He has also served as conservation director for three trail clubs, and is a recent past president of the Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition. For 10 years he served part summers as an alpine guide for two companies in the Swiss Alps following his occupational retirement in 2002. In addition, George has led hiking group adventures from Virginia to California. He now has years of exploring and leading hikes on trails in the Smokies, beginning with his children decades ago. Currently George serves as a leader in a southeastern regional project to provide accessible trails for the mobility impaired, mainly on public lands.

Sherra Owen is a retired Home Economics/Character Education Teacher of 33 years, mother of two sons and grandmother of six. In addition to being an Audubon Master Naturalist, Sherra is a Master Gardener, a member of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, the Mississippi Native Plant Society and curator of the William Faulkner Literary Garden.

Sherra is a Garden Lecture Series speaker and has been a popular native plant educator, tour guide and speaker since 1986. She and husband, Ken, maintain a backyard native woodland garden and a mile trail through a mature riparian forest which they open to the public in April where she educates about food, fun, folklore, medicinal value and sustainability of native plants. When asked how she would like to be introduced, she says simply, "I love God. I love my family. I love people. I love plants and nature and I love sharing stories about all of them."

Dr. Gail Palmer is an award-winning author from Townsend, TN and is also a proud graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has produced two DVDs and three books about the people of the Smoky Mountains. The DVDs are "Sacred Places of the Smokies" and "When Mama Was the Doctor: Mountain Medicine Women." The books include GSMNP: In the Beginning... Fact, Legend & Eminent Domain and two volumes of the Smoky Mountain Tales Series: Feuds, Murder & Mayhem. The Smoky Mountain Tales books are creative non-fiction, true stories told as fiction. Palmer, a native of Blount County, has deep roots to the people of Cades Cove and the Smokies through her mother, Mary Sparks Palmer, and her grandparents, John Marion Sparks and Elizabeth Shuler Sparks. Her goal is to present as true and as real a picture of the people in these stories, their way of living and the events that affected their lives. Palmer's Cemeteries of the Smokies was published by Great Smoky Mountains Association in 2014.

Daniel Pierce is an avid hiker, biker, and fly fisherman who has spent almost 50 years of his life in Western North Carolina. He is the author of *The Great Smokies: From Natural Habitat to National Park* (UT Press, 2000), *Real NASCAR: White Lightning, Red Clay, and Big Bill France* (UNC Press, 2010), *Corn From a Jar: Moonshining in the Great Smoky Mountains* (GSMA, 2013), *Hazel Creek: The Life and Death of an Iconic Mountain Community* (GSMA, 2017), and co-author of *An Illustrated Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park* (Anderson Design Group, 2017). He serves as Professor of History, NEH Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, and resident professional hillbilly at the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

Pistol Creek Catch of the Day is a musical ensemble comprising guitar, fiddle, doghouse bass, tenor banjo, mandolin, maybe a ukulele and an assortment of percussion instruments, whistles and squeaky toys.

Jacki and Janis Proffitt are craft artists who continue to draw from their rich history and cultural heritage of Appalachia. Woodworking has been in their family for several generations dating back to some of the first settlers in Sevier County. Proffitt's Woodworks was established in 1979 in the town of Pittman Center, Tennessee by their father, Ellis Proffitt. Jacki and Janis grew up helping their father in his shop learning their woodworking skills from him. For more than 20 years they have been running the family business carrying on traditional Appalachia turnings such as wooden fruit and bowls, candle holders, bud vases and many on-of-a-kind pieces using woods native to the area.
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Jim Renfro is the Air Resource Specialist for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He started working for the Smokies in 1984, and is currently responsible for managing the Park's air quality program; one of the most comprehensive air monitoring programs in the National Park Service. He earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Forestry (Forest Recreation and Park Management) from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Jim's current duties at the Smokies include coordinating air resources management operations and monitoring activities at seven research stations. Jim has more than 31 years of experience in the areas of monitoring and research, public education and outreach projects, long-lasting partnerships, and air regulatory and policy issues related to the Clean Air Act and protection of Class I Areas under the Act and the effects of air pollution on the natural resources of the Park, specifically ozone, acid deposition, regional haze, particulate matter, mercury, and climate. Jim lives in Gatlinburg, Tennessee with his wife Jeanne (an elementary school teacher at Pi Beta Phi in Gatlinburg) and their three children Joey 16, Jaynie 19, and Jake 24.

Pamela Rodgers is the Backcountry Information Specialist for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She is a Leave No Trace Master Educator. She loves to hike and share her knowledge of the Smokies with park visitors.

John Rose is the cartoonist for the popular, long-running Snuffy Smith comic strip which is syndicated by King Features to hundreds of newspapers and websites worldwide, including many in Tennessee. He has authored three Snuffy Smith comic strip book collections.

David Sarten has been an avid Old Harp singer for several years, taking the initiative to host a monthly singing for Sevier County area shaped note singers. His ancestors learned to sing Old Harp in the singing schools of the early 1900s. David serves on various community and state organizations such as with Farmer's Cooperative, the Sevier County Library Board, and others.

Frances Fox Shambaugh is a fifth generation studio weaver producing "Art to Wear" clothing and handwoven wall-hangings. She is also a historian and storyteller with many stories of early weaving and crafts in Sevier County and has given many programs and demonstrations in the area.

Kathy Sherrard is a member of the Board of Directors and an educator for Appalachian Bear Rescue. Since her initial experiences with bears in the mid-90s, Kathy has studied the animals extensively. She has presented programs about bears for the last 15 years at WWW and numerous other venues, including schools.

Smoky Mountain Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization of volunteers whose mission is to perpetuate the cultural and genealogical studies and histories of the Tennessee counties of Blount, Cocke and Sevier; and to promote a sense of pride through the heritage and connections associated with the Great Smoky Mountains.

Smoky Mountain Spinnery is not only a spinning and weaving shop, but a gathering place for fiber lovers from across the country. At approximately 3,000 square feet, the shop carries supplies for not only spinning and weaving, but also knitting, crocheting, dyeing, felting and rug hooking. Classes and group Sit-n-Knits and Hang Out and Hooks are offered in the in-house studio.

Mark & Janet Snyder are retired school educators who reside in Townsend, Tennessee. Both are members of Cades Cove Preservation Association, with Mark serving on the Board of the CCPA. Both Mark and Janet serve as Board Members of the Little River Railroad and Lumber Museum. They also maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail north of Newfound Gap. Mark is a driver/interpreter of the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center's 'Cades Cove Heritage Tours'. He also works part-time at the Townsend Visitor Center. Janet's love of hiking is evident in her quest to hike the entire AT. She was going to hike with or without Mark, so reluctantly he joined her. They completed their five year section hike in 2014. Both Mark and Janet are 900 mile hikers having completed all the park trails. They really enjoy off trail hiking looking for history prior to the creation of GSMNP.

J.L. Stepp is the co-author of the best-selling Smoky Mountains hiking guidebook *The Afternoon Hiker*, featuring 110 trails descriptions and over 300 color photos, and the recently published *Discovering Tennessee State Parks* guidebook (2019) offering full descriptions of all Tennessee's 56 state parks with over 500 illustrative photos. A native East Tennessean and UT grad, Stepp owns S & S Communications, established in 1990, which publishes a monthly outdoor magazine called *Tennessee Fishing & Hunting Guide* and his background includes over 45 years in sales, marketing, management, and publications. [magazine website: www.tnfhg.com]

Dr. Lin Stepp, a New York Times and USA Today Best-Selling international author, is a native Tennessean, businesswoman, educator and the author of eleven Smoky Mountain novels, including the most recent *Lost Inheritance* (2019) set in Gatlinburg, a novella in one of Kensington's Christmas anthologies, and she is the co-author of both a hiking guidebook and state parks guidebook with her husband. Stepp writes engaging, heart-warming contemporary Southern fiction with every novel set in a different location around the Great Smoky Mountains.
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Jim Strohm is originally from the Midwest and is currently retired. He previously served in the US Navy for 20 years in the Submarine Service. After that he worked at the South Carolina State Ports Authority and retired after 17 years as a

Heavy Lift Maintenance Supervisor. Jim currently volunteers with the American Red Cross Palmetto Chapter and responds to local disasters such as residential fires, floods, and ice storms. He is a Journeyman Beekeeper in the South Carolina Master Beekeeper program; a member of the Charleston Area Beekeepers Association; and the President of the Charleston Community Bee Gardens (CCBG). Jim has been beekeeping in the Lowcountry for seven years. Additionally, he teaches a South Carolina Certified Beekeeper Course annually along with several Beekeeping Seminars at the local Technical College and frequently speaks to garden clubs about pollinators. The group recently held a week long “Junior Beekeeper Camp” during the summer for 7-14 year olds with a school as the sponsor.

Don Taylor is a member of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild. Carving is a hobby which he demonstrates at various events. He specializes in birds of prey and songbirds. Don teaches a carving class at the Sevierville Senior Center.

Pat K. Thomas is one of the artist/owners of the historic Cliff Dwellers Gallery in Gatlinburg, TN. Pat teaches classes and leads workshops at Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN, the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC, as well as regional history, art and event centers. Her specialties include book arts and surface design on fabric. Websites: www.facebook.com/seenmymarbles? and www.seenmymarbles.com.

Nancy Thompson learned to spin about 30 years ago after visiting a living history museum in Western Kentucky. Those lessons led her to raising sheep and other fiber animals. Now owner of Smoky Mountain Spinnery in Gatlinburg for the past 17 years, she is still sharing her love of spinning through lessons and historical demonstrations.

Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, an Oak Ridge-based environmental advocacy organization, was established in 1966. The organization empowers citizens to help our natural lands and waters through informational outings and programs and science-based comments on environmental issues. The bi-monthly TCWP Newsletter is acclaimed throughout the state as an outstanding informational resource on environmental issues. Enroll for free e-alerts at www.tcwp.org.

Tennessee State Parks offer diverse and varied natural landscapes, family friendly recreational activities, affordable lodging, and hundreds of interpretive programs and events. From cypress swamps to rugged ridge tops and waterfalls, Tennessee State Parks have something for everyone.

The Tennessee Trail of Tears is a non-profit group that strives to provide information about the Trail of Tears and work to get the many trails associated with the Trail of Tears marked.

Rick Turner has been a VIP (Volunteer in Park) since 2004 working at the Sugarlands Visitor Center where he enjoys meeting, greeting and directing visitors to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Rick enjoys learning about and explaining the rich history of the land that forms GSMNP and what led up to the formation of the Park. From 2005 to 2012, Rick served as president of the Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum in Townsend, Tennessee which led to his developing programs about logging and railroads in what is now GSMNP. Prior to his volunteer work in GSMNP, Rick enjoyed a career as a software developer and is retired from the U.S. Navy.

Gary Wade received both his law degree and his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee. From 1972 until 1987, he practiced law in Sevierville where he also served as mayor of the city from 1977 to 1987. He was appointed and then elected as a judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals from 1987-2006, and held the position of Presiding Judge for that court for the last eight years of his term. In 1993, he co-founded Friends of the Smokies, which in its history has generated over \$60 million in support for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Judge Wade was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2006 and served as Chief Justice from September 1, 2012, to August 31, 2014. He served as president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference in 1995-1996 and is the founder of the organization’s scholarship foundation. After announcing his retirement from the Supreme Court in 2015, Judge Wade was named Dean of Lincoln Memorial University’s Duncan School of Law. Judge Wade and his wife, Sandy, a native of Pigeon Forge, have three children: A. Zachary Wade, Katherine Wade, and Elizabeth Wade Simonis. They are also the proud grandparents of five grandchildren: Taegen, Claire, Gretchen, Chaz and Reagan.

Greg Ward is a full-time fishing guide and outdoor writer from Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He is the owner of Rocky Top Outfitters, co-author of *Ultimate Fly Fishing Guide to the Great Smoky Mountains*, and is the fly fishing instructor for the University of Tennessee's Smoky Mountain Field School held in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Ward is not only an acknowledged expert on fly fishing for trout in the streams of the national park, but he is also renowned as one of country's leading experts on fishing for stream smallmouth bass.

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Becky Weaver is a native of East Tennessee and has always enjoyed working with her hands to create useful items. She has been weaving baskets since 2005 and is a teacher at heart. She loves to share her skills with others, especially those who may not think they are not creative. Her style of basketry ranges from traditional Appalachian to rustic variations using local vines. Becky is a member of the Tennessee Basketry Association and the Foothills Craft Guild. She can be found demonstrating her craft at various historical events in the local area.

David Weaver is a native and lifelong resident of East Tennessee. He grew up watching his grandfather use his hands to make useful objects and continues the same by chair seat weaving. Because this is a dying art, David wants to share his skills with others. He is a member of the Foothills Craft Guild and can be found demonstrating his craft at various historical events in the local area.

Don Wells is President of the Mountain Stewards. The Mountain Stewards, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, formed in 2003 launched in conjunction with others in three states, the National Trail Tree Project to locate, document and preserve Indian Trail Trees which are part of the heritage of Native Americans. In late 2007, the Mountain Stewards launched the Indian Trails Mapping Program to more precisely map Indian Trails from old survey maps of the 1700 and 1800's era. In 2011, Mountain Stewards published their book, *Mystery of the Trees* and produced the documentary *Mystery of the Trees* in 2015.

Whaley Family Singers are made up of a large portion of the Greenbrier population in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. When the park was established in the 1930s, many of the Whaley clan settled in Pigeon Forge. Each year in June, the descendants pack their lunches and their songbooks and go back into the mountains to reconnect with family at the annual homecoming celebration. Their voices ring out clear and strong with the sounds of music their ancestors sang many years ago.

Jerry Whaley is an East Tennessee writer, photographer and Getty Images contributor. His images are marketed worldwide by Getty and several other stock photo agencies. Jerry's images have appeared in Sierra Club Calendars, National Geographic Traveler, Blue Ridge Country, Outdoor Photographer, Peterson's Photographic, Reiman's Country, Backpacker, Southern Living & many other books, magazines, postcards, calendars, and trade publications. Jerry is a regular contributor to the Smoky Mountain Journal of Photography and does photography workshops through the Smoky Mountain School of Photography at www.smokymountainsop.com. You can see more of Jerry's images at www.jerrywhaley.photoshelter.com.

David Whitehead received a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from UT Knoxville in 1983 and started working for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in 1984 as a Wildlife Officer. In 1986 he transferred to the Wildlife Manager/Biologist position for the 6000-acre Tellico Lake Wildlife Management Area and the 305,000-acre South Cherokee WMA which is part of the Cherokee National Forest. David started working with wildlife as a research volunteer in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1976 with wild hogs, then with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the Brook Trout Recovery Project and as a Zoo Keeper at the Knoxville Zoo, working with the large carnivores. In 1983 he worked as a Wildlife Technician with the National Park Service on wild hog control and black bear management and continues to work with bears and wild hogs as a Wildlife Manager/Biologist. In 2016 David received the Wildlife Biologist of the Year Award. His wife, Anita, is a retired fourth grade teacher, and they have two daughters and five grandchildren. David retired March 31, 2017.

Wildland Trekking Company is an adventure based guiding company that offers anything from multi-day backpacking trips to day and multi-day lodge based hiking vacations all over the USA and internationally. Wildland Trekking Company provides top of the line gear, exceptional meals, comfortable transportation, and knowledgeable safety oriented professional guides. Book a trip today, www.wildlandtrekking.com or 1-800-715-4453 (HIKE).

WildOnes® is a national non-profit (501c3) organization with the national office in Wisconsin. With about 50 chapters and a membership of over 4,000, the major goal is to encourage homeowners and businesses to include native plants in the landscape to promote local biospheres.

Don Williams is a prizewinning writer and founding editor emeritus of *New Millennium Writings*, an annual anthology of fiction, poetry and nonfiction now celebrating its 20th anniversary. After hearing about White Caps and Blue Bills for most of his life he set out to learn more. He was so amazed by what he discovered that he is writing a book with the working title, *White Caps Unmasked: The true story of Smoky Mountain terrorists and the heroic rogues, "lewd women," suffragists, private eyes, lawmen and Blue Bills who fought back.* He may be contacted at DonWilliams7@charter.net.

Wilson Family Gospel Singers are five brothers, sons of the late Howard and Vera Wilson, who have been singing gospel music in churches since they were children and singing congregational hymns from the old "Favorite Songs & Hymns" book at Oldham's Creek or Boogertown Baptist Church. They love singing and playing instruments in worship and at Sunday afternoon family gatherings at their family home place. Singing: brothers Jim, David, Hal, Darrell, and Kevin, and Kevin's son Andrew. Singing for the second half: David and Brenda Wilson with Lori, Jason, Braden and Allie Watson, and Rachel and Brandon Truman.

Wings of America is an up-close look at America's magnificent Birds of Prey. This educational program features non-releasable birds including eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and vultures, some in amazing free flight. The program is a dramatic and effective way to learn about wildlife, environmental and ecological concerns.

Bob Worthington is a native of Michigan. After serving in the Army he worked for Pan American World Airways in Detroit. He continued in the transportation business in many capacities after Pan American. Now semi-retired, he works part-time delivering caskets for Batesville Casket Company. Lois English and Bob married three years ago. Bob states, "I caught my wife's love of butterflies from her."

Lois English Worthington has raised Monarchs, and five of the six Swallowtails that live in Tennessee, plus several different Fritillaries since 2007. She is a Master Gardener, member of Smoky Mountains Wild Ones, has a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat and a Certified Monarch Waystation (#1913). Lois is a volunteer at greenhouse and gardens at Sevierville Senior Center, and has volunteered at UT Gardens. She has given PowerPoint presentations at Wilderness Wildlife Week, Senior Centers, Garden Clubs, Schools, libraries, and churches. Her programs are about butterflies, flower gardens, and backyard animals. The Mountain Press did an article on her and fellow experts at the Sevierville Senior Center in the butterfly house on September 5, 2017. WVLT channel 8 TV aired a video on the Senior Center Butterfly House on September 29, 2017.

Nick Yarnell is a Backcountry Ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has been employed with the Park Service since 2010. He started his career as a seasonal employee in the Facility Management Division and moved into a position within the Backcountry Program in 2013. Nick has been involved in backcountry projects, interpretive programs, helicopter airlifts, rescues, and much more during his career with the National Park Service.

Joel and Kathy Zachry are the owners and guides for Great Outdoors! Adventure Travel and completed the 2,175 miles of the Appalachian Trail in 2005. They have been instructors for the University of Tennessee/National Park Service *Smoky Mountain Field School* since the early 1980s and are the current directors of the award-winning program in its 36th season.

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