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Experts Listing

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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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. (Bill) Bass III is a Diplomate American Board of Forensic Anthropology (D-ABFA), world renowned, and is Professor Emeritus from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. After years of dedicated service, the University of Tennessee has built a new forensic center in his honor: "William M. Bass Forensic Anthropology Building". Dr. Bass is a third generation in his family to have an education building name after him. The new facility is located below the current "Body Farm". Dr. Bass has the largest skeletal collection of modern skeletons in the U.S. and has started a cremains collection as well. Dr. Bass is a legend in forensic circles. In 1980, he created the world's first laboratory devoted to human decomposition: The University of Tennessee's "Body Farm". Dr. Bass has written or co-authored more than 200 scientific publications, many of them based either on the research facility's work or on actual cases he has helped solve and prosecute. During half a century in the classroom, Dr. Bass has taught thousands of students,

including many of the foremost forensic anthropologists practicing in the United States today. Dr. Bass continues to be active in the forensic field by lecturing, testifying at trials from past cases and consulting on current ones from all over the U.S. Additionally, Dr. Bass and co-author, Jon Jefferson, have written nine books, and as of 2012 signed with Harper Collins for two more books [2013 -2014]. Death's Acre, Carved in Bone, Flesh in Bone, Beyond the Body Farm, The Devil's Bone, Bones of Betrayal, The Bone Thief, The Bone Yard, The Inquisitor's Key, Jordan's Stormy Banks, Cut to the Bone and The Breaking Point. Dr. Bass has been immortalized by novelist Patricia Cornwell as [Dr. Thomas Katz]. From the Lindbergh baby, The Big Bopper, current and cold cases, Dr. Bass turns each one into a learning experience and helps bring answers and closure to the victim's family and loved ones. Dr. Bass looks forward to his presentation and hopes people come prepared to ask questions and learn how forensics have changed and improved over the years.

Leon Bates graduated from the University of Georgia (B.S. Forestry) and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (M.S. Botany) and retired from TVA as a Senior Biologist/Botanist and later served for seven years as an Urban Forester/Horticulturist for the city of Florence, Alabama. His passion for the native flora and fauna of the Southern Appalachians has been shared with numerous individuals and groups for more than 50 years.

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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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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Jean Leigh Claudette consists of twin sisters Jean Valentine and Leigh Hartigan who were raised on a farm in Morgan County, Tennessee northwest of Oak Ridge. They learned their love for the arts early, coming from a creative family of authors, story tellers, musicians and artists. As adults, Jean remained in Morgan County while pursuing a variety of vocations, including running her own business and becoming a substitute school teacher. Leigh would eventually move to Seymour, Tennessee, raising her family while pursuing a career as an information technology systems engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority. After 33 years of marriage, Jean's husband passed away and Leigh retired from TVA. With these life transition, Jean and Leigh decided to open a new chapter in their lives by writing children's books together. They chose to use the pen name Jean Leigh Claudette for this new venture. All their books teach low-keyed life lessons built on adventure, mystery, problem solving, and fun. They attend many events, including festivals, book stores, and also present programs at schools where they share their passion for reading with children.

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*.

Tom and Pat Cory have been involved professionally in photography for many years. Working as a husband/wife team they have conducted photography workshops locally, nationally and internationally for 30 years. They also offer custom trips and individual lessons. They have had their work published in numerous calendars and publications, such as Outdoor Photographer, Nature Photographer, and Blue Ridge Country.

Mark Davidson is a lifelong resident of Blount County. His ancestors were among the first settlers to cross North Carolina's Blue Ridge. Mark was with the Blount County School System for 43 years (38 as full-time teacher). Currently, he teaches the OUR APPALACHIA series of non-credit classes at Pellissippi State Technical Community College's Blount County campus. These classes are designed for "those who love the mountains".

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.

Kim Delozier grew up living and working on his family's farm in Sevier County raising cattle, hogs, and chickens. Kim graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. He began his career with Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1978 working as a wild hog hunter. Kim retired in 2010 after 32 rewarding years of service. During his career, Kim's involvement primarily focused on nuisance black bear management, wild hog control, white-tailed deer management, small (skunks, raccoons, bats) animal management and re-introduction efforts for elk, peregrine falcons and red wolves. Currently, Kim works for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation focusing on elk restoration in the east.

Wilma Durpo has a remarkable passion for nature and hiking that led her from Atlanta, Georgia to the Smoky Mountains over 30 years ago. She has explored its trails as a hiking guide; taught at UNC-Asheville College for Seniors; presented at Wilderness Wildlife Week and is now a Roads Scholar at Junaluska. Wilma is an educator, naturalist, and speaker whose work exhibits the beauty and spirit of the Smokies.

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.

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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Doug Elliott is a naturalist, herbalist and storyteller known for his lively, fun and informative presentations. He has performed from Canada to the Caribbean and has been a featured storyteller at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesboro, TN. He has lectured and performed at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto and conducted workshops for the Smithsonian Institution. Doug has led ranger training sessions for the National Park Service and guided people on wilderness experiences from down-east Maine to the Florida Everglades. He was named harmonica champion at Fiddler's Grove Festival in Union Grove, N.C. and has been seen on PBS- Farmers' Almanac TV. Doug is the author of five books, many articles in regional and national magazines and has recorded a number of award winning albums of stories and songs.

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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.

Friends of the Smokies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting critical projects in Great Smoky Mountains National Park including historic preservation, wildlife management, environmental education and more. As we celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016, Friends of the Smokies is poised to top \$50 million raised for the Smokies. For more information on becoming a member and supporting America's most-visited national park, visit www.friendsofthesmokies.org.

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.

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.

Missy Tipton Green has lived in Blount County, Tennessee her whole life. She comes from early settlers of the Cades Cove and Tuckaleechee Cove. More of her ancestors are early residents of the Blount County area. Missy enjoys hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains, loves doing family research and genealogy and is an avid historian. She is a charter member of the Cades Cove Preservation Association, serving on the Board of Directors and past president, treasurer and secretary; she has served the co-director of the Cades Cove Museum. Missy has also been a member of the Oliver Reunion Association, Smoky Mountain Historical Society, Myers Cemetery Preservation Association, 2013 graduating class of "Experience your Smokies", and participates in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park's Adopt a Cabin program. Missy and her husband reside in Maryville; she has 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Preservation of our local history and the history of her family is very important to Missy, together with Paulette Ledbetter they have authored three books, "From Mineral Springs to Bed Springs", Arcadia's Images of America "Cades Cove" and "Townsend" and Missy's first book she authored "Precious Memories", was about life in Cades Cove.

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".

Roy Henson is a lifelong resident of Tennessee. He is a retired teacher with 33 years of experience. Roy has presented a toy demo at Cades Cove for the past 10 years. Now he does toy making workshops with age appropriate persons in the shows he does.

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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Don Huskey & Marcia Huskey Nelson: Don is a long time Pigeon Forge resident and once was a miller for the Old Mill. He has been singing gospel music since he was a young man. His daughter, Marcia Nelson, has also been singing gospel music since she was a small child, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Sevierville's Celebration Choir and Orchestra. Marcia also composes gospel music and works at the Pigeon Forge Public Library.

Robert Hutson is an avid published nature photographer and wildflower enthusiast. He is a previous presenter here at Wilderness Wildlife Week and a co-author of *Great Smoky Mountains Wildflowers* with Carlos Campbell, William Hutson, and Aaron (Jack) Sharp. At the age of 3 in the 1950's, Bob started accompanying his father and Carlos Campbell on trips to the Smokies. He began taking flower pictures with an SLR in the early 1960's and made the transition to digital in 2004. Bob's formal photography training consists of attending various seminars and classes over the last 25 years from many of the nation's top professional nature photographers. He has been a Leader with the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage since 2005 giving wildflower photography lectures as well as in field instruction. Bob's greatest pleasure is sharing his knowledge and enjoyment of nature's beauty with others.

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.

Glenna Julian is a Sevier County Area Master Gardener. She volunteers at the Sevier Senior Center and Kodak Library. Glenna has been featured on The Learning Channel (TLC) and has been a Dogwood Arts Festival and UT Bloomsday speaker. She is a retired USPS rural postal carrier. Glenna's two acre garden is a National Wildlife Certified Backyard Habitat and a Monarch Waystation, which creates, conserves, and protects Monarch butterfly habitats. Her garden in Kodak has been featured in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* and *The Mountain Press*.
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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.

Clara Quarrels Killian has lived on River Road in the days when "String Town" looked like a page from television show Mayberry RFD. Her parents were Bill and Ruth Quarrels. President Roosevelt's new deal program, the National Youth Association was housed in a building by her home. Mrs. Killian remembers early Pigeon Forge as a place where everyone was friendly and there was closeness among neighbors. The children at the Methodist Church went to Vacation Bible

School with the children at the Baptist Church and vice versa. She recalls teachers from the old school across the river, lining up and marching to the Baptist Church by the on the hill for morning revivals.

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 grew up in Telford, Pennsylvania and graduated from Souderton Area High School in 1988. He holds a BS in Biology from Pennsylvania State University ('92) and a MS in Biology (fisheries) from Tennessee Technological University ('94). During his junior/senior years at Penn State, Matt worked at the Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research unit as a fisheries technician. Matt began his career with Great Smoky Mountains National Park in May 1994 as a fishery technician and in May 1995 became a fishery biologist with the Park, where he continues to serve. 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 and fisheries monitoring. He has planned and assisted other agencies on numerous native fish restoration projects around the country. Matt was selected as Employee of the Year at GRSM in 2010. He is Certified Fisheries Scientist with the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and is former President of the Southern Division of the AFS Trout Committee. He is an avid wild turkey and deer hunter and also enjoys fresh/saltwater fishing and woodworking. He enjoys time with his wife Mimi and children Michael and Pauline, all of whom reside in Wears Valley, Tennessee.

Bill Landry was the voice, host, narrator, and co-producer of *The Heartland Series*. For more than 25 years, this program has continued to celebrate the people and the land of the entire Appalachian region. *The Heartland Series* has received three Emmy Awards. Bill has written and directed many of the episodes. As a graduate of the Dallas Theatre Center with a Master of Fine Arts degree, Bill considers himself a lover of theatrical crafts that have an educational purpose and has portrayed numerous characters on the series. Prior to joining WBIR/TV, he was an accomplished theatre professional and performed a one-man show, "Einstein the Man," before hundreds of groups and organizations in 38 states and Canada.

Paulette Ledbetter descends from early settlers located in the Tuckaleechee Cove and Wears Cove area. She loves to hike in the Great Smokies area along with her husband and son. Paulette is a member of the Cades Cove Preservation Association, serving on the Board of Directors and as past Treasurer as well as past co director of the Cades Cove Museum, Oliver Reunion Association, Smoky Mountain Historical Society and Myers Cemetery Preservation Association and a graduate of the 2013 class of "Experience your Smokies", and participates in the Great Smoky Mountains Adopt a Cabin program. Paulette resides in Maryville with her husband; she has two children and one grandchild. She is also an avid historian and genealogist and supports many programs that preserve the history of our region. Paulette along with Missy Tipton Green have authored three books, "From Mineral Springs to Bed Springs", Arcadia's Images of America "Cades Cove" and "Townsend".

Lee Lewis has been involved in wilderness search and rescue, including technical rescue since 1990. As a volunteer, he has responded to incidents in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, both in field operations and search incident management. Lee has over 1400 hours of SAR training, and is a graduate of the National Search and Rescue School. He is certified as a Search and Rescue Technician II, Wilderness First Responder, and Man-Tracker. He also instructs area law enforcement agencies in the art of tracking. He is a member of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR), and the Society of Professional Access Technicians (SPRAT). Currently, Lee is only one of two people who have hiked all six trails to Mt. LeConte in under 24 hours. Lee has led numerous hikes into GSMNP for Wilderness Wildlife Week and now serves as the Wilderness Wildlife Week Transportation Director. E-mail: leeplewis@hotmail.com

Dr. Don Linzey is currently an Instructor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia after retiring as a Professor of Biology for 24 years at Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, Virginia. He began his career in GSMNP as a Park Ranger-Naturalist in 1964 and has been conducting research in the Park for the past 52 years. He has authored or co-authored over 200 articles in regional, national, and international journals, books, and magazines. He has been the author of 12 books including *Mammals of Great Smoky Mountains National Park* (1971; 1995; 2016), *A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park* (2008), *Mammals of Virginia* (1998), and a textbook entitled *Vertebrate Biology* (2008, 2012). This is the 19th year that he has presented a program at Wilderness Wildlife Week.

Jeremy Lloyd has worked in the park since 1996. He received a B.A. from Calvin College and an M.F.A. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. As a naturalist for Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, he directs summer camps, hiking programs, college consortiums and family camps, and teaches several courses in the Southern Appalachian Naturalist Certification Program. He is the author of *Great Smoky Mountains National Park Pocket Guide & Journal* and *A Home In Walker Valley: The Story of Tremont*.

Lost Mill String Band (Jerry and Joan Paul) have been sharing their American Roots Music with visitors and locals of the Great Smoky Mountains since 2005. The duo sings and performs music of Appalachia, both past and present. Joan plays harmonica, guitar and clawhammer banjo and Jerry plays upright bass and bluegrass banjo. They are featured daily on Alewine Pottery's Channel 20 TV in the Great Smoky Mountains area.

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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.

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.

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.

Ruth Carr Miller loves life in the Smokies. If you listen to her, you will know the acorn doesn't fall far from the tree. She speaks with the same mountain drawl as her late father, the Rev. Melvin Carr. Ruth loves these Great Smoky Mountains and the rich heritage tucked inside every "holler" and on every ridgetop. Her Carr ancestors lived in the Sugarlands section of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and she grew up near the Little Pigeon River in the Pittman Center community. She continues to preserve area heritage through guiding tours for the many, many visitors traveling through on a motor coach.

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Ron Rader is a “born ‘n’ raised” son of Pigeon Forge. He is the author of *The Blue Mountains Sing of rivers, old men, trails, and trout*. His book won the IPPY 2014 silver medal for Best Non-Fiction in the South awarded by the Independent Publishers Association in New York on May 28, 2014. Ron’s book recounts the forties and fifties mountain lifestyle and stories of his mom’s family grocery store in Pigeon Forge and his dad’s working career with the CCCs and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Ron is a former US naval officer, University of Tennessee retiree, and currently is a commercial real estate advisor.

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.

Crocia Roberson of Winchester, Tennessee is a retired county extension agent having worked primarily as a 4-H youth educator. She grew up on a small isolated farm in Southeast Tennessee without electricity or other modern conveniences until she was a high school senior. Having developed an interest in providing recreational activities for rural youth as a young 4-H member she has had a wide variety of recreational interests and experiences which have continued throughout her lifetime. Since retirement Crocia has taken special interest in a unique collection of BTV toys and games—the types that families and individuals made to entertain themselves before the days of television. She has shared her resources, knowledge and skills through presentations in workshop, and special events at local, area, state, regional, national and international levels. Using old board games she developed an activity to help youth learn personal responsibility and respect for property while having so much fun they did not realize they were learning. Crocia made and gave approximately 35 wooden board games to each of the four 4-H camp sites in the state. As a “giver” she has been active in numerous professional, civic, and organizations of special interest and volunteered thousands of hours of community service.

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 syndicated cartoonist for King Feature’s popular, long-running Snuffy Smith comic strip. It runs in hundreds of newspapers and websites worldwide, including many in Tennessee. Rose’s website is www.SnuffySmithComics.com.

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.

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.

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 (TCWP) has been taking care of wild places for more than 50 years. TCWP empowers citizens with information about environmental and conservation issues through the TCWP Newsletter, as well as e-alerts. 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.

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.

LaDonna Twyman began making jewelry five years ago. She has always loved jewelry so it was only natural for her to begin making it for others to enjoy. LaDonna has resided in Cosby, Tennessee, for 10 years and refers to the Cosby Creek area as her home. Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, she has always dreamed of living in the mountains making jewelry, a dream which has turned true.

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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Keith Watson is a native to Sevier County, Tennessee, who more than 35 years of national birding experience, including East Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains. He began his birding experience as a conservationist and birder in the mid-1970's in Knoxville, Tennessee, as a student at the University of Tennessee. During his career with the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service, he advanced bird conservation in the Caribbean, Appalachian Mountains, Southeast Coastal Plain, and the Piedmont regions of the U.S. After leaving federal service, Keith established the Southern Appalachian Bird Conservancy, a small business to assist local and regional conservationists with bird conservation needs. He has assisted the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with Peregrine Falcon monitoring, Breeding Bird Surveys, Christmas Bird Counts, and special wetland surveys and developed an Avian Conservation Implementation Plan for the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Piedmont Bird Conservation Region. Together with fellow birders, he has documented birds never before reported for Sevier County, Tennessee.

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 descendants from the Greenbrier area in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. They keep alive the old time traditional songs of their ancestors in song and story.

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.

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.

Kathleen Williams has served as the President and Executive Director of the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation (TennGreen) since its inception in 1997. Her work through the Foundation has preserved thousands of acres that conserve beautiful Tennessee natural treasures across the state. Under her leadership, the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation was recently awarded national accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. In 2011 Kathleen was recognized as Conservationist of the Year by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation for her leadership with Forever Green Tennessee, a successful effort to restore \$16.5 million for conservation in Tennessee's State Budget.

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.

Lois Worthington started raising butterflies in 2007, and what an exciting adventure it has been. She has always taken pictures of butterflies and she also raises tree frogs in the summer. Lois was raised on the farm she currently lives on in Kodak. It was 100 acres when her grandfather owned it and she now has five acres. She plants a garden every year, and lots of flowers for the butterflies to lay their eggs on and to nectar on. Lois also loves to hike in the Smokies and other places. Just two years ago, Lois married her husband, Bob, who is also learning about butterflies. He is her biggest supporter when she gives a PowerPoint presentation.

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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