

THE RIVER RUNS

News from the Cowpasture River Preservation Association



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This photo was taken by Lynne Griffith from the porch of the "Feed Bag" dining hall at Camp Mont Shenandoah. It was taken on the afternoon of May 18, 2019, right before the Annual Dinner and Meeting began. *(Please send us your best photos of the Cowpasture River and the surrounding wildlife.)*

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From the President

Despite some recent pipeline-related travel to Washington, DC, in February, I fully expected to provide a fishing report in the spring issue of The River Runs. After all, I'd already been on the water for an hour or so on a 55-degree day in January. I hooked two fish that afternoon and got one to hand—a pretty rainbow trout of about 12 inches. But, although we've had many mild days this winter, last night the temperature plunged into the teens, and the wind cranked up. I'm currently watching snow blow around outside and hoping that our internet service comes back on soon.



We noticed a few early flowers and pale green buds on some trees. More birds are out and dining at our feeders. And, in addition to the usual roving animals—turkey, deer, racoons, and possums—I've heard local reports of bear sightings. Either they are not hibernating for as long as they had been in prior years or there are simply more of them—or possibly both.

As a side note, one of our member/philosophers says that the biggest problem with climate change is that too many people like it. I may even be in that camp myself. I can certainly remember as a teenager shoveling snow out of the gates to feed the livestock, and even pushing it off the roof of the barn. But we haven't had winters like that for a long time.

Spring is certainly sending out its early signals. The sky brightens in the morning by 6:30 and the days stay light until past 6:30 in the evening. The river has plenty of water from winter rain. All the great warm-weather activities the Cowpasture River watershed delights us with are just a few weeks away.

"Boy, I was ready
Was ready for spring
Its beauty changes
Changes everything"

James Edward Olliges Jr.
My Morning Jacket



Executive Assistant's Corner

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We now have a new website that we are very excited about. Check it out at www.cowpastureriver.org when you get the chance. In addition, we are now up and running on Instagram. Nan Mahone Wellborn has led the way into expanding our social media presence beyond Facebook. Instagram allows us to share more of our “aesthetic values” in the form of paintings and photographs of the Cowpasture River. Many thanks to Nan for helping us to get there.



We have a lot to look forward to this spring and summer. Our Annual Meeting & Dinner is coming up on Saturday, May 16th at the lovely Camp Mont Shenandoah in Millboro. In addition to a fun social hour, a wonderful dinner catered by Chef Josh Elliott from Garth Newel, our annual “State of the Union” address and an enticing Silent Auction, we will also be nominating and voting on new board members. It is important that you participate and give us your input, so please join us for this event. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate in the vote for the Board nominees, please go to page 15, fill out your ballot and send it back to us so that your vote can be counted.

Also, be sure to save the date for our Annual Picnic & River Float being held on Saturday, July 18th. This year, Witcher and Elizabeth Dudley have kindly offered up their river property for this fun event, and we are grateful to them both for their generosity. We had a great turnout last year, and we hope to repeat the fun again this year. Further details will be forthcoming. We’re also very excited about our new slate of interesting field trips coming up. Be sure to check out Page 11 for all of the details.

And finally, we encourage you to join us for our Bi-Annual Walton Tract Clean-Up taking place on Saturday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m. This is an ongoing event that is so vital to our mission in preserving the Cowpasture River and keeping it clean. We would appreciate any assistance you could provide.



Photo by Lynne Griffith

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING RIVER CLEAN-UP AT THE WALTON TRACT

Saturday, April 25, 2020 — 1:00—4:00 pm

Please help us collect litter along the Cowpasture River at our adopted site in the national forest. Volunteers will meet at the Walton Tract lower public access point (“rope swing”). To sign up, email [Lynne Griffith at directorcrpa@gmail.com](mailto:directorcrpa@gmail.com) or call 540-620-7795. Details will be provided upon your RSVP.

A Big Thank You to Dave Peters

Recently Dave Peters informed us that he would be stepping down as the head of the Education Committee, on which he has served for many years. He and his wife, Sandra, are looking forward to getting out on the road and traveling more and enjoying their retirement years. We want to thank Dave for his years of selfless service. He has been a true treasure to CRPA.

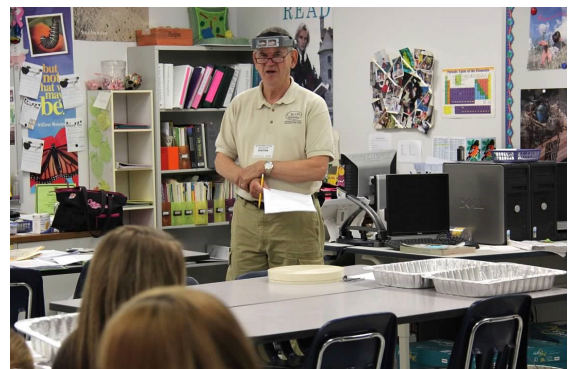
Once in a while you come across an individual that is smart, dedicated, dependable and willing to spend hours putting things together; not for money, not for recognition, but just because it is important to do. For me, that person is Dave Peters. He took a concept and turned it into a vital part of the CRPA, our Education Committee.

Over the last four years, hundreds of young people from grammar school to college freshman have been exposed to how important river health is to our lives. Whether sloshing around in the river or bringing “bugs” to the classrooms, Dave teaches, and he teaches well. He engages the students, refers to posters he made, passes around specimen macroinvertebrates he preserved, explains, quizzes, and through it all, never misses a beat. When he starts his lecture, I sit back, listen, learn and realize how fortunate for the CRPA that we have this guy. It has been an honor for me to work with him. — Puggy Farmer (Former CRPA President and Board Member)

Dave has demonstrated his nature as a true educator through the conservation practices he has implemented on his own farm along the river and also by opening up his property for others to visit and see these conservation efforts first-hand. His land has hosted numerous educational activities for CRPA and other conservation organizations. — Michael Hayslett (Board Member)



Michael Hayslett, Puggy Farmer & Dave Peters bringing the river “bugs” to the 5th graders.



Dave bringing the river “bugs” to the 7th graders at Clifton Middle School.



Dave with the 7th graders at Clifton Middle School.



Sandra and Dave Peters

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline Update — The CRPA Goes to Washington

by Dick Brooks, CRPA President



Dick Brooks (fourth from left) and colleagues in front of the Supreme Court on February 24, 2020.

On February 24, 2020 the Supreme Court of the United States started this term's roster by hearing the combined cases of *The United States Forest Service, et al. versus Cowpasture River Preservation Association, et al.* and *Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC versus Cowpasture River Preservation Association, et al.* It was a lively hour for sure. But before we get to SCOTUS, let me give this case some context.

Back Story

We've been in this fight to protect the Cowpasture watershed for more than five years. CRPA and other like-minded organizations have worked hard to get the developers—now only Dominion Energy and Duke Energy—to help us understand the need for the pipeline and to ensure that if it must be built that it is done with care in choice of route selection, technology, materials, construction and operation.

We've been met with resistance at every turn. Dominion insists that "this is the most scrutinized pipeline ever proposed to be built in Virginia," and that "we have enormous amounts of information..." Regarding the former, it is the **ONLY** pipeline project in Virginia to receive scrutiny by the likes of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the State Water and Air Control Boards, the US Forest Service, US Fish and Game, etc. And as for the latter assertion about information, they clearly don't yet have enough to commit to how they intend to cross under the Cowpasture and its tributaries.

So, as we enter 2020, the anti-pipeline contingent has seen more success than we could ever have predicted. The project was expected to be in service last year. Instead, fewer than six miles of pipe

are in the ground in Virginia, and none of it is in the mountains. Six ACP permits are still outstanding, including the air permit for the Buckingham compressor station, the Fish and Game permit for endangered species, and the water crossing permit for all waterbodies along the route—to name just three.

Joining these key permits is the permit required to tunnel under the Scenic Appalachian Trail, and that is how we got to the Supreme Court in Washington, DC. Twice, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals heard and turned down this permit application. According to Judge Thacker of the 4th Circuit Court: *“In this case, we address whether the United States Forest Service complied with the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Mineral Leasing Act in issuing a Special Use Permit and Record of Decision authorizing Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC, the project developer, to construct the Atlantic Coast Pipeline through parts of the George Washington and Monongahela National Forests and granting a right of way across the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. ...We conclude that the Forest Service’s decisions violate the NFMA and NEPA, and that the Forest Service lacked statutory authority pursuant to the MLA to grant a pipeline right of way.... Accordingly, we grant the petition for review of the Forest Service’s SUP and ROD, vacate those decisions, and remand to the Forest Service for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.”* ACP then asked the 4th Circuit for an en banc hearing in which they empanel the entire court. This request was turned down. So, with no other options they appealed to the Supreme Court and, with the urging of the White House, they were granted a hearing.

That is how I, along with representatives from Highlanders for Responsible Development, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, the Shenandoah Valley Network, Sierra Club, Virginia Wilderness Foundation and Wild Virginia, all joined the legal team from the Southern Environmental Law Center and Attorney Michael Kellogg of Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel and Frederick at 1 First Street NE in Washington.



Board member, Steve Van Lear, and his compatriots waiting in line outside of the Supreme Court at 2:00 a.m. on Monday morning, February 24, 2020. They were standing in line in order to be first for those scarce tickets to the hearing.

The Case

Here’s what CRPA member Ross Waller, who also sat in on the court session, had to say about the proceedings:

“On Monday morning, February 24, the Supreme Court was back in session, and *U.S. Forest Service vs Cowpasture River Preservation Association* was first on the docket. The sunny sidewalk in front of the building was populated with pipeline protestors. The night before, the *Wall Street Journal* had published an editorial that made fun of them and heckled the Lorax. The stage seemed to be set for a political battle royale — the soulless corporate hegemony in one corner and the tree-hugging environmentalists in the other.



Ross Waller at the Walton Tract Clean-Up on April 27, 2019.

But in the courtroom, it didn't feel that way to me at all. It was pure legal reasoning, not political theater, that was on display. And I will do my non-lawyerly best to tell you how it went. If you want to read professional legal analysis, I recommend the SCOTUS blog (<https://www.scotusblog.com/2020/02/argument-analysis-cowpasture/#more-292005>).

I don't think any of the Justices thought this was an easy case to decide. The challenge before them was made evident by their earnest questions, some of which veered toward the metaphysical (Why isn't the Appalachian Trail land? If it is land, does it go all the way to center of the Earth? and What will this all mean for Selma, Alabama?). And even though Justice Thomas stuck to his "no questions" principles, I could not stop watching him because of his very animated and active listening!

The attorneys for the government and corporate interests went first. I could not have been more impressed by Paul Clement (the attorney for the ACP, who was recognized by Chief Justice Roberts at the conclusion of the arguments for his 100th appearance before the Supreme Court). He was well prepared in his statements and nimble in his responses to the sharp questions from Justice Ginsburg, Kagan and Alito. His line of argument was mainly that upholding the 4th Circuit ruling would have consequences that Congress could not have intended, i.e., creating "untraverseable" barriers. He questioned how such a ruling would apply in places like Hanover, New Hampshire, where the Appalachian Trail runs through the middle of town.

Michael Kellogg, attorney for CRPA, et al., was similarly impressive. He chose to argue the law as written more directly, highlighting what Congress wrote in the Mineral Leasing Act and the NPS General Authorities Act and applying common sense to how those words should be interpreted. He was pressed with questions from Justices Breyer and Gorsuch, who both seemed concerned about ruling for a 2000-mile-long impenetrable barrier. Gorsuch went even further, suggesting that a ruling here that would make the Appalachian Trail inviolable could have the opposite effect in the western U.S. where the relationship between the Forest Service and the National Park Service is different. As Mr. Kellogg's time wound down, Justice Sotomayor told him that she was not satisfied that his arguments adequately addressed the far-reaching implications of a favorable ruling. I interpreted that as her kindly teasing him up for one more chance to convince the Court, but from where I was sitting there was no easy answer to the question. Hopefully, the fact that the 4th Circuit remanded actions on existing environmental rules and regulations will be enough to ensure the pipeline does not disturb our beautiful little corner of the world."

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What's Next?

The outcome of cases such as ours are impossible to predict, and next steps are even more difficult. The Supreme Court was looking narrowly at the permit authority, yet the 4th Circuit looked much more broadly. Even if they uphold the USFS right to permit the project, what of the NEPA and other violations? What about the all too cozy relationship with the applicant?

We still have much to learn about this permit. The SCOTUS decision won't come out until May or June. And what about the other six permits? They are still needed **before** any construction can restart. And while we wait, we and our partners will carry on the fight to protect our watershed and the lands around it.

Further Reading/Listening

Written transcript of the case - https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/2019/18-1584_onkq.pdf

Audio transcript of the case - https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_audio/2019

Will the Appalachian Trail Stop an \$8.0 Billion Pipeline?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/23/opinion/appalachian-trail-pipeline.html>



CRPA Board Nominee, Andrew Young (in the lime green jacket in the center), and thirteen other fellow ACP opponents with their "golden tickets" to SCOTUS oral argument in U.S. Forest Service v. Cowpasture River Preservation Association. Photo courtesy of Nancy Sorrells.

Support From Across The Country

In response to the press coverage the Cowpasture River Preservation Association has been receiving as a result of the Supreme Court hearing, we have been receiving donations and support from all over the country — from people who had never heard of our organization before now. Check out all of the various locations these people have been contacting us from:

Arizona — Flagstaff	New Mexico — Corrales
California — Los Angeles	New York — Brooklyn (two people)
California — Oakland	New York — Cold Spring
California — Palo Alto	New York — Mineola
Colorado — Boulder	New York — New Rochelle
Florida — Edgewater	Pennsylvania — Erdenheim
Maryland — Silver Springs	Pennsylvania — Greeley
Massachusetts — Chilmark	Pennsylvania — Philadelphia
Massachusetts — Fairhaven	Tennessee — Nashville
Michigan — Grosse Pointe Farms	Texas — Austin
Minnesota — Eagan	Vermont — Belmont

We thought you would appreciate hearing the words of support they are sending along:

- Good Morning. I read the NY Times article about the amazing action you have/are taking to stop the pipeline and want to thank you for all you're doing! I'm about to donate to your organization and am wondering if there's anything else we can be doing in NY to assist you in the case and in this incredibly important effort?*
- Hello. My father was a member of the Cowpasture River camp. He was from Lynchburg. I also enjoyed the camp as a child. Now I'm reading you all are holding up the pipeline access across the Appalachian Trail, in support of protecting the river. THANK YOU!!!*
- I just read an article about a gas pipeline and the Appalachian Trail. Please tell me it was a joke. If this isn't, please tell me how I can help . . . I can't stand by while this treasure of America is being threatened.*
- I saw you in the NY Times. I have hiked the trail in Georgia. Stop them.*

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- *I am inspired by your willingness to take a meaningful stand to protect the Appalachian Trail and watershed from the pipeline. Thank you.*
- *Just read the NYT article re the pipeline. Fight hard!*
- *I just read Will Harlan's piece in the NY Times about CRPA's challenge of the National Forest Service permit for a pipeline cross of the Appalachian Trail. I hiked a very short section of the Appalachian Trail once some 40 years ago and can still remember the beauty and serenity of that experience. It will be a shame to have that experience scarred for future generations. Please use my token contribution to help with your fight to preserve the wonder of the Appalachian Trail. Thanks.*
- *Thank you for your fight at the SCOTUS! It could have wide-ranging impacts for protecting the environment across the country.*
- *Please hold the line. After reading Harlan's op-ed, I felt like crying. . .*
- *Thank you for your hard work to protect the Appalachian Trail.*
- *I grew up with family in Lynchburg, Lexington and Richmond. . . My sisters and I loved to visit the Cowpasture River camp back in the early 60's. Though I now live in Oregon, I still have many fond memories of times at Cowpasture. . . In the world today, there now seems to be a run on resource extraction to the point of destructiveness. I hope you will prevail in your pipeline fight . . . I will be paying attention to see how you do it!*

Many of the folks who wrote in and donated were also interested in receiving the Allegheny—Blue Ridge Alliance (ABRA) newsletter that we send out weekly to our interested members. It is a newsletter that contains some of the latest information about what is happening with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. If you would like to start receiving that newsletter and are not already on the email list, please send a message to directorcrpa@gmail.com and we'll add you to the list.



As we say goodbye to winter and look forward to embracing spring, we look back to the winter beauty of the Cowpasture River in this photo taken by Stewart Ford in January 2019. It is a photo of the low water bridge at her parents' house, Kit and David Burnett.

Field Trips—Don't Forget to Sign Up!

- ♦ **Sunday, March 22, 2020 — Mountain Wetlands of the Cowpasture River Valley, 1:00—5:00 pm**
Led by Michael Hayslett, Principal of VA Vernal Pools, LLC

Explore rare mountain wetlands and their fascinating aquatic wildlife. These special habitats are known as “vernal pools” and were featured in the 2016 Spring issue of THE RIVER RUNS. New sites for this year are Allegheny Mountain Sinkhole Ponds on national forest in Bath County at Wide Draft and Tower Hill Mountain. (\$10 per person; limit of 20 people)

- ♦ **Thursday, April 30, 2020 — Spring Birds of the Cowpasture River Valley, 7:00 am—12 noon**
Led by Terry Flaherty (formerly, U.S. Forest Service) and Michael Hayslett, CRPA Board Member

Join Terry and Mike for a guided hike through a variety of habitats along the Cowpasture River to listen for spring migrants as they're returning to our area for breeding season. We may hear species moving through this area to habitats further north. Bring drinking water, field snacks, sturdy shoes and binoculars if you have them. Bring a bagged lunch to picnic with the group after the walk. We have invitations to bird on the private farms of the Peters, Burnett and Cauley families, and we may visit the Walton Tract in the national forest, as well. Details will be provided upon registration and payment. (\$10 per person; limit of 20 people)

- ♦ **Sunday, May 17, 2020 — Interpretative Float on the Lower Cowpasture, 10:00 am onward**
Co-led by Mike Whiteside and Michael Hayslett, CRPA Board Member

Join these seasoned “river rats” for an interpretive float from Sharon to Evans, under the Anthony Knobs and along the shoals of the lower Cowpasture. We will focus on the flora and fauna of the river zone, including seining and searching for aquatic organisms, wildlife and riparian plants. Bring your boat and we'll set up the shuttle! Meet at Sharon Park at 10:00 a.m. Pack a lunch and drinks. We'll be off the river by late afternoon. Details will be provided upon registration and payment. (\$10 per person; limit of 20 people)

- ♦ **Saturday, June 27, 2020 — Mussels Under the Cowpasture (time to be determined)**
Led by Brian Watson, VA Department of Wildlife Resources (VDGIF)

This special freshwater mussel program with Brian Watson will involve snorkeling and getting underwater to see rare James Spiny mussel and Notched Rainbows at the Walton Tract in the national forest. Space will be limited. Bring your own mask and snorkel. Details will be provided upon registration and payment. (\$10 per person; limit of 20 people)

- ♦ **Two more additional field trips are being planned for the Fall. Details will be forthcoming in the Summer newsletter.**

Registration by email for each field trip will open up 30 days prior to the trip date. Check our website and Facebook page for updates. Questions? Contact directorcrpa@gmail.com.

Meet Our New Board Member Nominees

Please meet our board nominees who will be on the ballot at our upcoming Annual Meeting .



Tom Reyecraft — My wife first came to Hot Springs in the early 1970's to visit a college friend, Reed Williams. During our nearly 40 years together, Sera often spoke about her fond memories of the area. In particular, she recalled going to an apple cider party "at a farm over the mountain" from Hot Springs. That farm was Buxton Farm!

In 2014, I came for my first visit and fell in love with Bath County too. The warmth of the people, the beauty of the mountains and the charm of the Cowpasture River all struck me. When I was younger, I used to boat on the Chesapeake Bay, never realizing that the Cowpasture was part of what contributed to the beauty of that body of water. Knowing we wanted to plant firm roots in Bath County, we began to explore the possibility of buying a farm. In 2017, our family had the opportunity to visit Buxton Farm, I for the first time, Sera for the second (though with nearly 40 years between visits!). Again, Buxton captured everything we came to love about Bath. When I learned of the history of the Brooks family and their stewardship of the farm and the two miles of the Cowpasture that runs through it, I was convinced it was the place for us, hopefully for generations to come.

As we all know, there are many challenges ahead of us if we are to maintain the beauty of the Cowpasture, not just for this generation, but for those that will follow us. I'm hoping to do everything I can to be part of the team that makes that happen.



Andrew Young — Originally from Upstate New York, Andrew moved to Virginia after college in order to be with his high school sweetheart. It was the best decision of his life as he not only won the girl, but he also found a role with the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance (ABRA for short), where he has worked since 2018. In his capacity at ABRA, Andrew has worked diligently to protect the heritage, resources and economy of the Allegheny-Blue Ridge region by supporting the coordinated resistance to the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Andrew will enter law school in the fall of 2020 with a focus on environmental, energy and land use law, and he intends to make a career defending the public interest. He has enthusiastically followed the Cowpasture case, even recently camping overnight on the streets of Washington, DC to witness oral arguments at the Supreme Court of the United States. He is very excited about having the opportunity to join CRPA as a member

of the Board and looks forward to assisting with CRPA's conservation, advocacy and community outreach efforts. Andrew and his wife Linsey live in Charlottesville with their dog Maisie. When they are not working, they can likely be found mountain biking or kayaking somewhere in the Allegheny Highlands.

Meet Our New Board Member Nominees (cont'd.)



Caryl Cowden — Caryl and her husband John are the proud owners of historic Fort Lewis Lodge. She has graciously agreed to join the Board after a year off. Caryl previously served on the Board for six years, and she also served as the chairperson of the Membership Committee afterwards. She and John, along with David and Erin Cowden, have hosted our annual Patron's Party at the lodge for several years now. They are long-time members of CRPA, and we are very grateful to once again have Caryl back on the Board.

Dates to Remember

April 30—May 3, 2020 — **Bath County's Second Annual Fly Fishing Festival**, celebrating the beautiful rivers and streams of our area. Come out to enjoy cozy lodging, culinary experiences, tastings, artisan market, classes, speakers, and, of course, fly fishing. A full event schedule and tickets can be found at <https://www.gristmillsquare.com/were-so-fly-festival.htm>

May 16, 2020 (Saturday, 5:00 - 8:00 PM): **48th Annual Meeting** on the river at Camp Mont Shenandoah, including a social hour, silent auction, business meeting, catered dinner and special program! *See full-page advertisement on page 14.*

July 18, 2020 (Saturday, 3:00 - 8:00 PM): **Summer Picnic & Family Fun Day** on the river with water activities, games, a guided float on the Cowpasture River, social hour and cook-out dinner! *Don't miss the fun.*

In Remembrance



Brenda Dunn Hobbs died peacefully on December 30, 2019, surrounded by family. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Stewart Bolling Hobbs, Jr. and her two daughters, Carson Sullivan and her husband, Jeff, and Sarah Hoffman and her husband, Van, as well as her four beloved grandchildren, Kate, Tucker, Will, and Ali.

Brenda spent many wonderful summers at Lynchburg Camp on the Cowpasture River. She enjoyed raising her children to love the river and watching her grandchildren learn to swim, fish, and canoe on the river. Her family and friends have many cherished memories of being with her on the Cowpasture. It was her favorite place.

CRPA Annual Meeting & Dinner



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

Join us for good company and excellent food at our Annual Meeting and Dinner.

5:00—6:00 pm

Social Hour with Silent Auction

6:00—7:00 pm

Catered Dinner by Chef Josh Elliott (from Garth Newel)

7:00—8:00 pm

Presentation and Business Meeting -

Voting for New Directors

WHERE:

**Camp Mont Shenandoah
218 Mont Shenandoah Lane
Millboro, VA 24460**

COST:

\$25 per person

RSVP: Email directorcrpa@gmail.com

or call Lynne Griffith, CRPA Executive Assistant, at 540-620-7795.



Proceeds from the Silent Auction will support the CRPA and the participating artists.

The registration deadline is May 9, 2020. After that date, we will be unable to provide any refunds for cancellations. We are required to provide payment to the caterer for the final number given to him on May 9th, regardless of attendance. Thank you for your understanding.

IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT at the CRPA Annual Meeting, please return this proxy vote by April 30, 2020 along with any unpaid dues* to: **CRPA, Box 215, Millboro, VA 24460**

I am unable to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting and do hereby name the following Director (circle one) to be my/our Proxy. I authorize him/her to vote for up to three (3) directors.

Lucius Bracey	Richard Brooks	David Burnett	Linda Cauley	Elizabeth Dudley
Michael Hayslett	Marhsall Higgins	Catherine Manner	Norwood Morrison	Kim Manion
Steve Van Lear	Jeremy White	Nan Mahone Wellborn		

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please note: Unsigned proxies will be void. Unpaid dues will disqualify your vote. If you contributed to the 2019 annual campaign, or have sent dues in 2020, you are in good standing with respect to the vote.

But, in case you're behind in your dues ...

* Membership Categories (check one):

____ Member (\$25 minimum per individual)

Name _____

____ River Guardian (\$50)

Address _____

____ Headwaters Circle (\$100)

____ Watershed Stewart (\$250)

Phone _____

____ Wallawhatoola Society (\$500)

Email _____

____ Bedrock Patron (\$1000+)

The CRPA Nominating Committee has chosen the following individuals to fill the open and/or expiring board member terms:

- ◆ Tom Reycraft (3-year term)
- ◆ Andrew Young (3-year term)
- ◆ Caryl Cowden (3-year term)

Nominee Biographies:

Tom Reycraft — Founder/CEO of Benchmark Education Company LLC; member of the Board of Trustees of Harlem Academy for the last ten years; current owner of Buxton Farm, along with his wife Sera.

Andrew Young — Soon-to-be law student who currently works at the Allegheny—Blue Ridge Alliance; passionate about conservation, advocacy and community outreach.

Caryl Cowden — Former Board Member; Chair of the Membership Committee; Co-Owner of Fort Lewis Lodge, along with her husband, John.

Thank you for being a part of the CRPA annual elections process!





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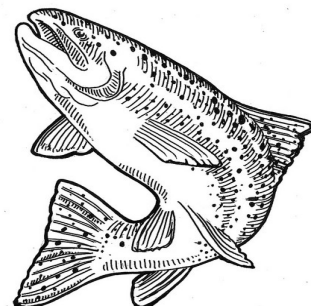
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