

Tennessee's Grand Canyon

TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE TRUST 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 26 Years: 1981-2007



DEAR FRIENDS...

The beginning of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust's second quarter century has seen the Trust successfully begin its inevitable shift of mission from primarily land protection, to an emphasis on stewardship and community outreach. Be assured, however, that land acquisition continues. This year, the Trust protected an additional 105 acres to include with the already protected 16,364.2 acres within the Gorge. The Trust's outreach, education, and stewardship activities are quickly assuming a greater portion of our time and effort.

To help with the increased work load and to keep costs to a minimum, the Trust completed its first year as part of a collaborative volunteer program in which we partnered with Reflection Riding and Lookout Mountain Conservancy. Increased educational and scientific programs introduced a new generation to the natural wonders of the Gorge and will only be strengthened in the years to come.

Development has continued the strong membership growth that began in 2006 and has gained regional and national attention from both the print and electronic media. The Trust continues our well received and attended events such as Bargin' for the Gorge, Kayak for Conservation, and Gorge Fest. We also initiated a new program of historical and cultural exploration beginning with the National Register nomination of the old Shakerag mines on Hicks Mountain.

So, as the Trust has firmly entered a new era it has not lost touch with its core mission, or forgotten the many friends and supporters who have made protecting "Tennessee's Grand Canyon" so rewarding and successful. Thank you all.



JAMES C. BROWN
Executive Director



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President



THE MISSION OF THE
TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE TRUST
IS TO ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY
BY CONSERVATION OF THE
TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE
THROUGH LAND PROTECTION,
EDUCATION AND THE
PROMOTION OF GOOD
LAND STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship

TENNESSEE RIVER RESCUE

In October, the Tennessee River Rescue celebrated its 19th year! Over 35 Trust volunteers joined forces with more than 800 other volunteers in the region to pick up trash that had been discarded in and around the Tennessee River. Clearing an area covering 15 zones, from South Mouse Creek in Cleveland to Hales Bar Marina near Nickajack, volunteers were seen picking up trash on foot and in boats. At least 16 dumpsters were filled with debris and more than 175 tires were disposed of properly.



*Dedicated volunteers
“greening up” debris.*

STEWARDING THE LAND

On three separate Saturdays this spring, volunteers, neighbors from the local community, and Trust staff continued their cleanup efforts on a piece of Gorge property. Energetic workers succeeded in clearing all but the smallest remnants of trash from along a road that cuts through the land. With help from Marion County landfill personnel, the Mullins Cove Volunteer Fire Department, and a donor who helped defray the disposal cost of over 300 tires, the area looks better than it has in more than 60 years!



*The after photo shows
the results of three Saturday’s
worth of hard work.*

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions made in 2007 by members, businesses and organizations. This continued financial support not only allows the Trust’s conservation, education and stewardship efforts to expand, but also brings opportunities for people of all ages to experience the Gorge — forever! If your name has been omitted or listed incorrectly, please accept our sincere apologies and notify us so that we can correct our records.

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NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY SERVES THE GORGE

An enthusiastic group of 20 students from the Urban League's National Achievers Society visited the Gorge for a day of learning, fun, and service on February 27. James McKissic, Vice President of Programs for the Urban League of Chattanooga, wanted the experience to give students a better understanding of the Tennessee Valley's natural resources, the variety of organizations serving the environment, and career opportunities in conservation and environmental studies.

With grade point averages of 3.0 or more, these high achievers have proven themselves academically. On that cloudy Saturday, they managed to prove themselves in the field of natural resource conservation as well. After a brief introduction to tall grass prairies and why the Trust is preserving the meadow as a tiny representative of Tennessee's original landscape, the students used swing sickles and

loppers to clear woody and nonnative plants from the meadow.



Students hard at work clearing non-native plants from meadow.



NAS students heading out for a "hands-on" experience.

Education

CREATURES OF THE CANYON: REAL AND IMAGINED

In September, approximately 25 families gathered at the historic Pot Point Cabin to learn about creatures living in the Gorge and their specific habitats within it. Storyteller Jim Pfitzer shared stories, including the tale of the Dread Mock Turtle, a creature Jim encountered as a child and swears can still be found in the forest. The evening continued after sunset as a group of sixty-plus hiking humans set out into the woods to experience owls, raccoons, opossums, and other Gorge dwelling animals.



Students discover a tractor while on their hike.



Heading out on the trail!

BAYLOR/TUBMAN MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

The Trust strove to enrich our community this year with a mentoring partnership between Baylor School and the Tubman Homes' One-Room Schoolhouse. Trust Board Member and UTC Professor, Dr. Henry Spratt, developed a twelve week lesson plan about the Tennessee River Gorge which was taught to elementary school students by their mentors from Baylor.

The younger students, who previously knew very little about the natural world, experienced the Gorge first-hand during a field trip to the Pot Point Cabin on April 28. Games and crafts brought smiles to the faces of kids and parents alike. After snacks, Dr. Spratt led the students on a nature hike, a first time experience for many, as they learned the importance of preserving our land and environment for future generations.

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SUMMER INTERNS AID THE MISSION OF THE TRGT

Once again, the Trust was grateful to receive a grant supporting two summer interns. Monica Taylor and Jennifer Sexton were excited to experience work both in the office and out in the field. One of the outdoor projects included testing the water and soil on Williams Island for coliform bacteria. Another project involved studying fresh water turtles in the Gorge with Dr. Wilson from UTC and FeiYan, a student visiting from China on the Asian Turtle Scholarship Program.



Jennifer and Monica also took pictures of the Tennessee River Gorge to include in the Trust's new photo library. In the office, they helped with the Operations and Policies Manual and Erler's Land Stewardship database. Monica Taylor (*left*) is an undergraduate student at UTC; Jennifer Sexton (*right*) is a second year graduate student in Biological and Environmental Sciences at UTC.

POT POINT HOUSE AND SCIENTIFIC FIELD STATION

Built in the mid-1800s, the Pot Point House was purchased by the Trust in 1991. Major renovations added a large meeting room that overlooks the Tennessee River. The Pot Point House is popular with scouting groups and is also used for ongoing research projects by universities and students of all ages.

This year, the cabin was host to six weddings, thirteen education events, twelve family retreats and fourteen corporate meetings allowing more than 1,600 people to experience the beauty of the Gorge first hand. The Pot Point Cabin is available for rent, with indoor and outdoor accommodations for up to 100 and overnight lodging for ten.



Bargin' for the Gorge 2007

A THREE HOUR TOUR!

On a gorgeous June afternoon, 350 friends of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust barged through Tennessee's Grand Canyon for the Gilligan's Island themed 8th Annual Bargin' for the Gorge event. Guests enjoyed a scrumptious Polynesian dinner buffet and special "Castaway" drinks.



Bargers enjoyed the Gilligan's Island theme of this year's event, a "three hour cruise" aboard TVA's HED Freedom.

Ray Taylor and Dan Williams enjoy the view from the deck of the barge.



The Skipper (Thom Benson) won an overnight stay at the Pot Point Cabin for "Best Costume," while Nini Davenport was the lucky winner of a cruise for four down the Tennessee River, thanks to Marine Max. Fletcher Bright and the Dismembered Tennesseans were the hit of the night keeping everyone on their feet and clapping along.



Sharon Mills, Candy Kruesi, and Ruth Holmberg enjoying the festive atmosphere.



Charles & Lisa Brock enjoy the company of Kim Coulter & Ricky Park.

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Richard Park, Phylis & Jed Mescon, and Thom "The Skipper" & Sandie Benson enjoying the late afternoon cruise.



Castaways soak up the sun on a gorgeous June afternoon.

This annual event is the Trust's biggest fundraiser each year, with all proceeds going to help protect the ecological diversity, scenic beauty, and historic significance of the Gorge.

We extend special thanks to TVA and the Heavy Equipment Division for making Bargin' for the Gorge possible. TVA's continued environmental awareness, partnership, commitment, and philanthropic support of the Trust, and the community, is exceptional and irreplaceable.



Coca-Cola participants enjoyed dressing up Gilligan-style!

Bargin' is a great way to enjoy friends during a "three hour tour."



Volunteering

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On November 10th, fifty Trust volunteers, board members, and staff gathered at the Pot Point Cabin to celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of the volunteers who have helped the Trust carry out its mission during the last year through land stewardship efforts, special events, and office assistance. Many of the Trust's activities could not have been accomplished without these dedicated volunteers. Special thanks to members of The Bramble Roses who provided wonderful instrumental music.

VOLUNTEERS: VITAL TO THE TRUST

Volunteers are essential to the Tennessee River Gorge Trust's success in protecting land, educating the community and raising support to fund our work. During the first full year of the volunteer program (October 2006-September 2007), we have built a strong volunteer base. This ingenious program is a collaboration pioneered by the Center for Nonprofits and embraced by the Tennessee River Gorge Trust, Lookout Mountain Conservancy (formerly Lookout Mountain Land Trust) and Reflection Riding Arboretum & Botanical Garden. These organizations are sharing staff person Sarah Quattrochi to coordinate programs, tools, ideas, educational opportunities, and volunteers, thereby saving each organization thousands of dollars per year by sharing resources and volunteers.

During October 2006-September 2007, the TRGT saw 150 active volunteers who completed 911.75 hours of work worth \$14,915. Cumulatively, the three participating organizations benefitted from volunteer hours worth more than \$48,647 — which is nothing less than inspiring! To become involved with the Trust's volunteer program, please contact Sarah Quattrochi at (423) 653-0091 or sarahq@cnpchatt.org.



Volunteers from Invista helped clear brush on the Holmberg Trail and around the Pot Point Cabin during United Way's Day of Caring.

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Previous Recipients: Fred Robinson, Norma P. "Butch" Mills, Don Jensen, Gladys Mynatt, Richard Park and 2007 Recipient, Alan Nichols.

On September 20, the Trust awarded long-time supporter and board member W. Alan Nichols with the 2007 Adele Hampton Life Achievement Award for Conservation (formerly the Founder's Award). This award is given each year to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the Founders of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust. Mr. Nichols has been at the forefront of the Trust's land stewardship efforts, including spearheading the ongoing cleanup and restoration of an old junkyard in the Gorge. Throughout his nearly fifteen years of involvement, he has served on the Board of Directors (including a two year Presidency) and has been a valuable legal advisor to the organization.

PROTECTING THE GORGE FOR ALL GENERATIONS

The Tennessee River Gorge Trust's Circle of Conservators is a planned giving program to ensure that the Trust's work can continue for generations to come. Planned gifts are an excellent way to benefit the Trust while securing personal assets. In addition, donors of planned gifts (gifts established through wills, annuities or life insurance policies) often reap valuable tax savings.

Special thanks to these individuals who have already made a commitment to the lasting legacy of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust by becoming a member of the Circle of Conservators:

Mr. Robert D. Brown (deceased)
Ms. Elisabeth Bryan (deceased)
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Evans
Ms. Betty Hall (deceased)
Mrs. Mabel Hampton (deceased)
Ms. Adele P. Hutchinson (deceased)
Mr. K. Donald Jensen

Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Park
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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Powell
Mr. Ralph Shumacker (deceased)
and three donors who wish to remain anonymous



Events and Activities

KAYAK FOR CONSERVATION

The third annual Kayak for Conservation, held on May 5, continues to be a popular event. Approximately 55 kayakers were shuttled to the Suck Creek boat ramp to begin the eight mile adventure. Mid-way, paddlers stopped at the historic Pot Point Cabin to refresh and re-fuel before heading out for the last stretch of the river. A “Post Paddle Party” featured Cinco de Mayo-style refreshments, and a silent auction.



Paddlers get ready to hit the water for the third annual Kayak for Conservation.



A misty morning on the river.

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

The largest environmental film festival in North America visited Chattanooga on October 21 at the Tennessee Aquarium. The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival Tour offers award-winning environmental films to inspire and educate. Topics included environmental justice, renewable energy, and endangered species to raise awareness of the delicate balance that exists in the natural world. Patagonia hand-selected the Trust as a grant recipient to bring this film festival to Chattanooga.

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GORGE FEST '07

The sky could not have been more blue for Gorge Fest '07, held at Baylor School on October 20th. Approximately 750 participants enjoyed activities on and off the water throughout the day. Thanks to Rock/Creek Outfitters and Outdoor Chattanooga, many participants were able to try their hand at kayaking and/or canoeing, some for the first time. Trips to Williams Island, face painting, and hayrides around campus were offered all day. Sportsman's Warehouse provided geo-caching (a high-tech scavenger hunt) which was a favorite for families. While the younger children enjoyed the inflatable moon jump, slide and rock climbing wall, the young at heart enjoyed watching the smiles on their faces! Special thanks to Baylor for opening their beautiful campus and to our many friends and volunteers who made this event possible.



Both parents and children learned about the nocturnal residents of the Gorge.



Gorge Fest paddlers enjoyed a perfect day on the river.

FIREFLY FESTIVAL

The Trust hosted the first-ever TRGT Firefly Festival, a free educational event on the New Moon in July. Over 80 participants arrived at the historic Pot Point Cabin in “Tennessee’s Grand Canyon” for a fun and unforgettable learning experience. The five-hour evening began with a story about fireflies, owls, and other nocturnal animals of the Gorge. Kids and volunteers played games and had a picnic on the cabin lawn.

After dinner, the group roasted marshmallows and feasted on s’mores. The cabin was open for tours and educational activities. Participants young and old were amazed by the Tomato Hornworms, nocturnal caterpillars which were on display in the cabin. Moriah Salter gave a lesson on fireflies and other nocturnal creatures, then led an exciting hike into the woods at dark.

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REVENUE	2007	2006
Contributions	308,800.00	255,088.00
Special Events	104,325.00	94,930.00
Investment Gains & Misc	218,187.00	252,308.00
TOTAL REVENUE	631,312.00	602,326.00
EXPENDITURES	2007	2006
Land Preservation	137,604.00	100,537.00
Land Stewardship	116,651.00	138,924.00
Science & Education	94,934.00	78,709.00
Administrative	52,242.00	57,169.00
Fundraising	56,319.00	45,543.00
Land/Easement Acquisition	8,077.00	1,764.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	465,827.00	422,646.00



SUMMARY COMBINED BALANCE SHEET *(As of December 31)*

ASSETS	2007	2006
Current Assets	2,983,543.00	2,730,944.00
Property & Equipment	7,782,817.00	7,808,419.00
Pledges Receivable - net	27,770.00	47,352.00
TOTAL ASSETS	10,794,130.00	10,586,715.00
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	2007	2006
Liabilities	34,407.00	222,691.00
Fund Balance	10,759,723.00	10,364,024.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	10,794,130.00	10,586,715.00

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