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Be Our Valentine

Instead of flowers and chocolates (or maybe, in addition to!), why not give the **gift of a GAFW Membership** to a friend or partner? Show more than just love for them; a gift membership shares that love with our forests.

Capitol Conservation Day - February 21

Please join Georgia ForestWatch and the **Georgia Water Coalition** at the Georgia State Capitol on Tuesday, February 21, from 8 am to 1 pm.

We will gather for a continental breakfast, orientation, and issue briefings at the

Central Presbyterian Church. Then we will walk across the street to the Capitol for a group photograph and meet with legislators about timely environmental legislation. Tickets are $15 per person to cover our costs for the event and include a continental breakfast. There is a discounted ticket option of $5 for those in need. **Register here.**

Central Presbyterian Church
Tull Fellowship Hall
201 Washington St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Arrival and breakfast at 8 am
Orientation and issue briefings begin at 8:15 am
Group photograph at 9:45 am
Meet your legislator from 10 am to 1 pm
Debrief with the GWC between 11 am and 1 pm

More details about the agenda, issue briefings, how to schedule meetings with legislators, and more to follow upon registration. For questions, please **contact Juliet Cohen**, executive director of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper.

Go Eagles!

Newly hatched Bald Eagles are called Eaglets, and **the first Bald Eaglet of the 2023 season** has hatched in the nest on Berry College's campus (the second egg did not hatch and was buried).

First appearing in 2012, the Eagles have continuously nested on the top of a tall pine tree on the Rome campus, with the college providing **live video feeds** for us to enjoy these magnificent raptors in a family way.

While Eaglets are not anticipated to fly from the nest until late April or May, we can enjoy the parents' feeding and keeping everyone warm while they prepare to leave the nest.

GAFW Announces New Board Members

Stacia Pelletier

Stacia Pelletier is the author of *Accidents of Providence* and *The Half Wives*, both of which were shortlisted for the Townsend Prize in Fiction.

She earned graduate degrees in religion and historical theology from Emory University. She has been a Woodruff Fellow, a W.M. Keck Foundation Fellow, and a fellow of the Hambidge Center.

She worked for many years at Emory University as a speechwriter and fundraiser. She has taught creative writing at the Candler School of Theology, Wake Forest School of Divinity, and the University of North Georgia.

She lives with her family in the mountains of North Georgia.

Suzanne Brosche

Suzanne Brosche is the co-owner of **Art of Stone Gardening**. The company is a 22-year-old, award-winning landscape and stone masonry company located in Dahlonega.

Suzanne has taught Horticulture and Landscape Design at Lanier Tech. Previously, she was an adjunct at Brenau University and taught Small Business, Marketing, and Management.

She has worked in the small business environment as an owner or manager for over 30 years. After graduating from the University of Arizona with a degree in Political Science, she received her Master's in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona.

Since 2018, Suzanne has served on the board of the Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center and is currently Vice President.

As a passionate landscaper and nature lover, she is an ISA-certified arborist and a volunteer Georgia Master Gardener. She and her husband, Jason, live in Dahlonega.

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Upcoming GAFW Outings

Thursday, February 23 - Funk Heritage Center Guided Tour - Reinhardt University, Waleska, GA. 10:00 am.

Saturday, March 18 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Fannin Brewing Company, Blue Ridge, GA. 1:00 pm.

Thursday, April 27 - **Keown Falls & Johns Mountain with Bill & Leslie,** NW Ga near Resaca, GA. 10:00 am.

Saturday, October 14 - Save the Date! GAFW Annual Retreat at Red Top Mountain.

Interested in leading a hike or other outing for GAFW? We are searching for additional leaders who are willing to share their favorite parts of the forest. Let us know at **outreach@gafw.org**.

GAFW Outings on Meetup

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Thank You

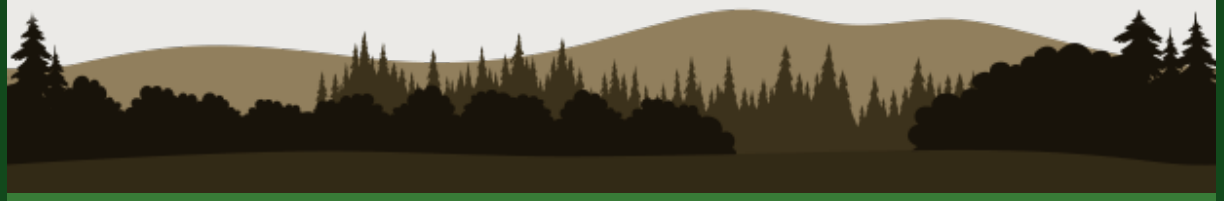
Georgia ForestWatch is the only nonprofit organization with a mission solely dedicated to ensuring the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests remain healthy and available for future generations, and we can only pursue our mission with the support of the community.

Please support our mission by ensuring your **membership is up to date** and providing **additional support** as you are able.

On behalf of our entire national forests in our beautiful state, we thank you for your support.

Our Mission

Our mission is to enhance the health of over 867,000 acres of Georgia's national forest by protecting our forests and streams, advocating for natural processes, and identifying opportunities to improve forest management. Visit **Georgia ForestWatch** (GAFW) to learn more.



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