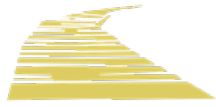


CELEBRATING

30 SPACE YEARS

COTTONWOOD TRAIL 30TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN



COTTONWOOD TRAIL

Earlier this year, SPACE launched an ambitious \$100K fundraising campaign in celebration of Cottonwood Trail's 30th anniversary. The original 94 acre tract on the Edwin P Griffin Nature Preserve along Lawson's Fork Creek was purchased in 1990 with funding from the Spartanburg County Foundation. Today the 116-acre Cottonwood Trail includes 4 miles of trail. Named after the "most impressive tree" on the preserve, Cottonwood Trail has become a local landmark and is cornerstone to SPACE's mission of land conversation, park management, and community engagement.

In the early days of SPACE, one might find Ed Griffin himself walking the property, clippers in hand; his famous quote was "aren't we having fun!" Trail building in those days meant someone with a bobcat following as Ed led the way on foot. The bobcat driver may have been Lynn Rhodes, the man still responsible for maintaining the property. Mary Walter, SPACE's founding executive director, is the source for these stories. She also remembers visiting the Francis Biedler Forest with Ed and Lynn



GIVE THE GIFT OF THE COTTONWOOD WITH A COMMEMORATIVE NAMEPLATE

A \$250 donation to our Cottonwood Trail Renovation project will allow your friend or loved one to be a part of the Cottonwood forever.



after realizing the wetlands there were similar to the wetlands on Cottonwood.

That trip inspired the current boardwalk. If you've been out to the boardwalk lately, you know that after so many years, it is in need of restoration. And who better to rebuild it than Lynn Rhodes himself along with Kam Neely and Wade Crow for the engineering and design. Thanks again to our founding partner, the Spartanburg County Foundation, SPACE was awarded a \$10,000 grant which has served as the seed money to restore the 550-foot wooden structure. Construction has begun.

The next step of this renovation project involves updated trail and wayfinding signage and parking area improvements. We need to raise the final 50K to complete this phase of the project and hope you'll consider mailing a donation or contributing to our GoFundMe campaign:

www.gofundme.com/f/cottonwoodspace

Throughout the year, we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary in exciting ways. Visit our website and social media to stay up to date. We hope you'll join us and make a contribution to this exciting celebration.

NEW & DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

SPACE is proud to announce the following new board members beginning their term in 2019:

Ben Boland
Project Manager, Morgan Corp

Michele Cook
Artist and Print Maker

Kathleen Crowley
Architect, McMillan Pazdan & Smith

Kathryn Harvey
Principal Partner
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Our 2019 departing Board members, thank you for your service!

Gil Bulman
Board service 2013-2019
Board President 2018
President ex officio, 2019

Dr. Melissa Pilgrim
Board service 2014-2019



A few years ago a friend asked if I would serve on the Board of Directors of SPACE. I was honored to serve. I love the great outdoors. Hunting, fishing, biking, hiking, camping and other outdoor activities have been passions of mine. I grew up in Spartanburg and have enjoyed building relationships in our community. I look forward to doing the same for SPACE.

I was asked to lead as President of the SPACE Board for 2020. This year is a milestone for SPACE since it is our 30th Anniversary. For those who have contributed to SPACE's mission through these years, thank you. We plan to share the achievements of SPACE and its supporters with our community in this 30th Anniversary.

Please continue in your efforts to support SPACE and to "Keep Spartanburg WILD."

Michael Pack
Board President
SPACE

STAFF UPDATES



Alix Refshauge has been promoted to Associate Director after a successful stint as our Development Associate. Alix is a Spartanburg native with BA from Furman and MPA in arts management from the College of Charleston.



Anyah Preston has been named Associate Conservation Director. Anyah is a recent Converse graduate with a degree in biology who has served as a SPACE intern, volunteer, and administrative assistant over the last year.



Clay McDonough has been promoted to Director of Special Projects. Clay has served the previous year as SPACE's Preserve Manager.

WILD SPARTANBURG POSTER CONTEST

SPACE'S Wild Spartanburg Poster Contest was a WILD Success.

Over 20 artists entered the Wild Spartanburg Poster Contest in 2018, a poster contest inspired by the WPA National Park posters and a partnership between SPACE and the Tyger River Foundation, funded in part by the Chapman Cultural Center. Artists were asked to create poster designs of one of four of Spartanburg's most beautiful natural places (Berry's Bridge, Cottonwood Trail, Glendale Shoals, and Nesbitt Shoals). During the April 2019 art reception at the Headquarters of the Spartanburg County Library, Peter Kay was selected as the winning artist based on his contemporary poster design of Glendale Shoals. Kay is a graphic designer and Composer for the Spartanburg Philharmonic. Join SPACE, the Tyger River Foundation, and the Spartanburg Philharmonic on Thursday February 20th at the Chapman Cultural Center for an artist reception and poster release party.

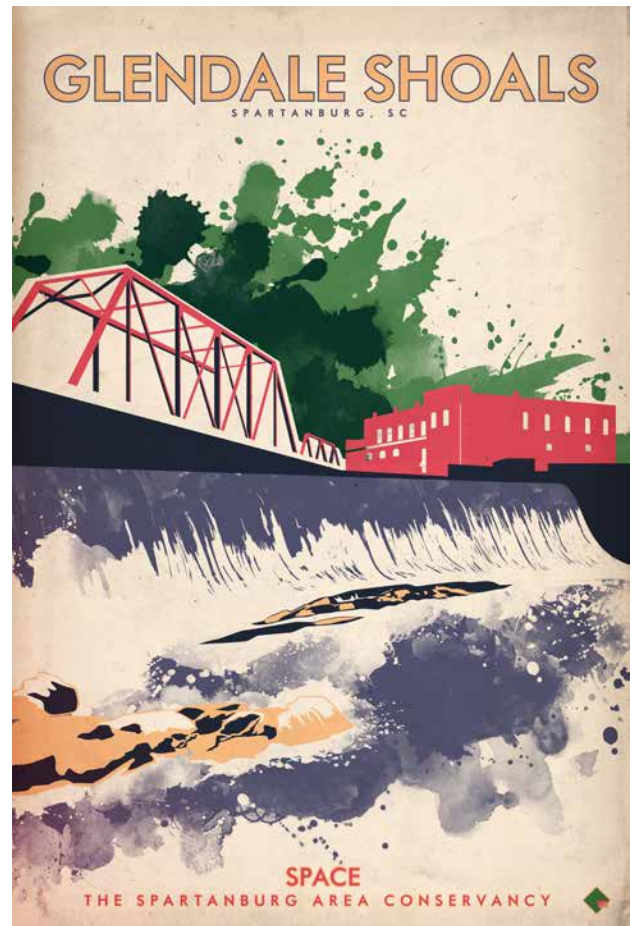
SPACE RECEIVES SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK GRANT TO CONSERVE S. TYGER RIVER BLUEWAYS TRACT

At its board meeting of September 30, the South Carolina Conservation Bank awarded Spartanburg Area Conservancy a grant to acquire a 50-acre conservation easement on the South Tyger River. The largest undeveloped tract within the city limits of Duncan, the tract provides an iconic scenic vista to the Tyger River, preserving the rural character of the Duncan community. This tract also abuts

a public blueways access that is part of the Tyger River Blueway system being developed by Tyger River Foundation, the Tyger Trails Blueways and Greenways

Coalition, Spartanburg County, and others. "The Tyger River has become one of the most important conservation corridors in Spartanburg County, and we are so proud to work with the South Carolina Conservation Bank, our private landowner, and our project partners in conservation of this important tract," says SPACE Executive Director Andrew Waters. "The South Carolina Conservation Bank is our state's most important conservation program. We want to thank the SCCB's board for awarding this grant and acknowledging the special significance of this project."

"The Tyger River has become one of the most important conservation corridors in Spartanburg County..."



COTTONWOOD HABITAT RESTORATION UNDERWAY

Visitors to Cottonwood Trail may notice a significant change to part of the property. Thanks to a grant received through the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), SPACE initiated a project to remove privet and other invasive species on a 12-acre portion of Cottonwood Trail. In 2019 we conducted two volunteer workdays for this project, with over 25 volunteers, and machine-removed privet from bottomland portions of the property. Over the next two years, SPACE will continue to remove privet in this area with staff and volunteer assistance.

“Invasive plant species are significant land management issue for many landowners, and SPACE is no different,” says SPACE executive director Andrew Waters. “We are so grateful to Matt Barrington and our friends at Natural Resource Conservation service for their financial and technical support. Also I want to acknowledge the contribution of SPACE Property Manager Lynn Rhodes for his management of this project.”



MCCRACKEN STUDENTS ENJOY SPACE CLEVELAND PRESERVE



SPACE hosted fifteen students from March Moody’s 2019 YES Class at SPACE’s Cleveland Preserve Farm to learn about sustainable farming practices and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

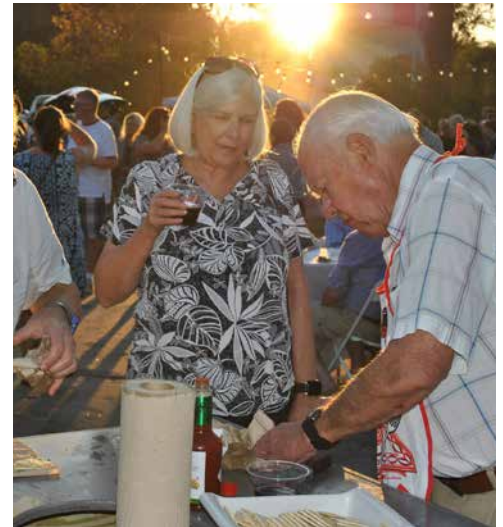
SHUCKING GOOD TIME



**A Shucking
GOOD TIME**
OYSTER ROAST

Thanks to SPACE's good friend and board member William Cribb, and all the fantastic restaurants and vendors who come out to support him, our 4th Annual Shucking Good Time Presented by Spartanburg Regional Hospital System was another sellout success. Over 400 guests enjoyed the rockabilly grooves of Millbilly Three at beautiful Glendale Shoals while enjoying steamed oysters by William Cribb & elevated food and drink provided by over twenty vendors from Spartanburg's food and drink community.

We also want to thank our many event sponsors, who are included in our donor list, as well as a special thanks to Jeff Goshorn, Kipp Gilliland and his outstanding crew at Cassell Electric, and our own Clay McDonough for their contribution to this year's event.



THE ROOSEVELT SHOW: U.S.'S #1 TEDDY ROOSEVELT REPRISOR COMING TO SPACE

SPACE is pleased to announce a weekend of events featuring America's number one Teddy Roosevelt Reprisor, Joe Wiegand, as part of our 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Joe, we mean Teddy, will be appearing in Spartanburg the weekend of March 19-21. On the evening of March 19, he will be headlining a fundraising gala at the Milliken Guest House. During the day of Friday, March 20, he

will be appearing at several local schools, followed by a public ticketed presentation at the downtown location of Spartanburg Community College. And on Saturday, March 21, Teddy will be providing a free family presentation at SPACE's beautiful Glendale Shoals Preserve. Stay tuned for times and ticketing events for all of these fabulous opportunities to interact with America's "Conservation President."



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