

SYRCL'S **WILD & SCENIC** FILM FESTIVAL ON TOUR
where activism gets inspired



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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started in 2003 by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL, pronounced 'circle'), a nonprofit river conservation organization located in Nevada City, CA, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The organization was formed in 1983 when a small group of concerned citizens banded together to fight against several proposed dams. The festival's namesake is in celebration of achieving Wild & Scenic status on 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The festival celebrates its annual event in Nevada City, CA, each January, featuring more than 100 award-winning films and welcoming filmmakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a call to action! The films illustrate not only the challenges facing our planet, but the work communities are doing to protect the environment and the places we love. The stories give us a sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth.

Once the curtain closes in Nevada City, SYRCL shares its success with other organizations by taking the film festival On Tour to nearly 250 communities worldwide. The tour is building a grassroots network of organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism. The festival's five National Partners: Hipcamp, Klean Kanteen, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Earthjustice, and Peak Design have joined together to support this campaign. They help to bring these inspiring and provocative films to communities across the globe.

Enjoy the festival!



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TREES COLUMBUS WELCOMES YOU TO COLUMBUS GEORGIA'S VIRTUAL WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL ON TOUR!



Dear Trees Columbus supporters,

Our organization has been privileged to serve in our community for twenty years as the guardian of the urban tree canopy. During that time, individuals like you have made it possible to spearhead innovative initiatives such as our efforts on the Veterans Parkway Streetscape and the Canopy Restoration Project. The mission to plant, preserve, and protect our urban canopy is one we truly believe impacts us all.

Trees Columbus ensures we leave our future generations clean sources of water, accessible trails, safe spaces to enjoy nature, clean air to breathe---and of course, trees! Even more so, it is important that we take time to learn about our environment, how to protect it, and ways to cherish it through simple actions. As we explore the narratives of these fierce filmmakers, let's do so with a posture to act. And ask yourself: what does that mean for me, my neighbors, and my neighborhoods?

We invite you to remain connected with us—become a member, take your chances to win \$10,000 with our Annual Spring for the Green raffle. This year, we are going virtual and expanding the door prizes to bring nature to your door a little easier. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, visit our website or see any of our Board members for details. On behalf of the Board, please join us as advocates for Mother Earth and the resources we depend upon for an everyday living.

Truly,
Mercedes Parham
President, Board of Directors
Trees Columbus, Inc.

Meet Your Host

WHAT IS TREES COLUMBUS?

The Trees Columbus mission is to **PLANT, PRESERVE** and **PROTECT** trees.

Healthy trees, the urban landscape and community tree canopy increase property values, clean our air and water and improve quality of life. Trees have a tremendous impact on our emotional well-being as well as the local economy. Our legacy tree canopy has been cut in half, with most of this loss coming from the last thirty years. Trees Columbus volunteers PLANT thousands of trees throughout our community. Our education programs PRESERVE tree canopy for generations to come. We also PROTECT trees through state and local advocacy.

Our offices are housed in Uptown Columbus in the Spencer Environmental Center, sharing space with the Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Partnership, the Chattahoochee River Conservancy, the Coalition for Sound Growth (CSG) and The Nature Conservancy in the restored 1837 Swift-Kyle House.

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STAFF PROFILES

Dorothy Rodrigue McDaniel *Executive Director*

Trees Columbus since 2007

Education: BA, University of Virginia
MHP, University of Georgia

Favorite thing about Trees Columbus: Tree walks!

People love to learn secret tree fun facts.

Hobbies: Cycling, kayaking, triathlon, photography

Favorite tree: Southern Catalpa

Candice Wayman *Assistant Director*

Trees Columbus since 2013

Education: University of Georgia, Athens

Favorite thing about Trees Columbus: Tree plantings! I love to see the energy and excitement of folks planting their first tree. Tree planting turns any frown upside down.

Hobbies: Functional Fitness

Favorite tree: Aspen

Paige Swift *Fundraising & Special Events*

Trees Columbus since 2017

Education: University of Georgia, Athens

Favorite thing about Trees Columbus: Film fest! It's amazing to see the power of people coming together at these events, even virtually!

Hobbies: Music and rescuing any species of animal

Favorite tree: Live Oak



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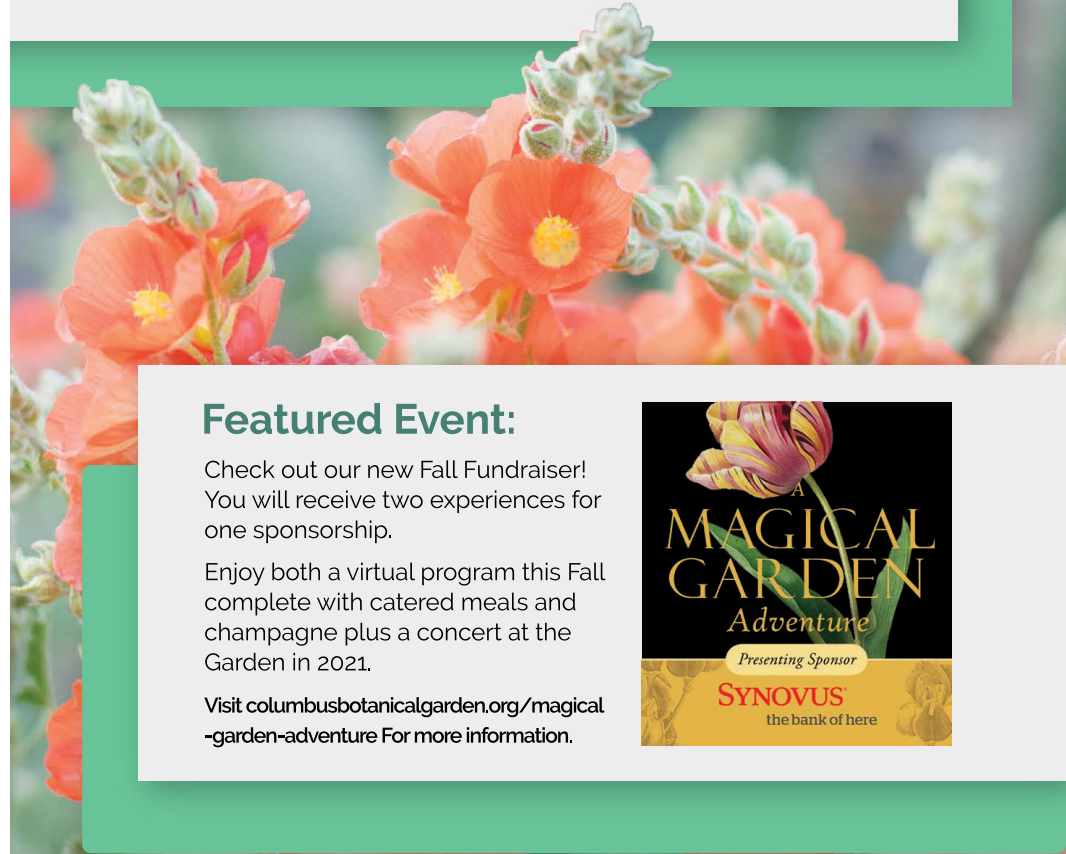
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In December of 2000, a group of dedicated citizens founded Trees Columbus to protect and grow a healthy urban tree canopy for the future of Columbus. Since our founding, Trees Columbus successfully advocated the passage of a Tree and Landscape Ordinance, fostered a cooperative relationship with the Columbus Consolidated Government, planted the Veterans Parkway Streetscape, protected our city trees from illegal tree-cutting, planted over 18,000 trees, and launched an innovative Canopy Restoration Project.

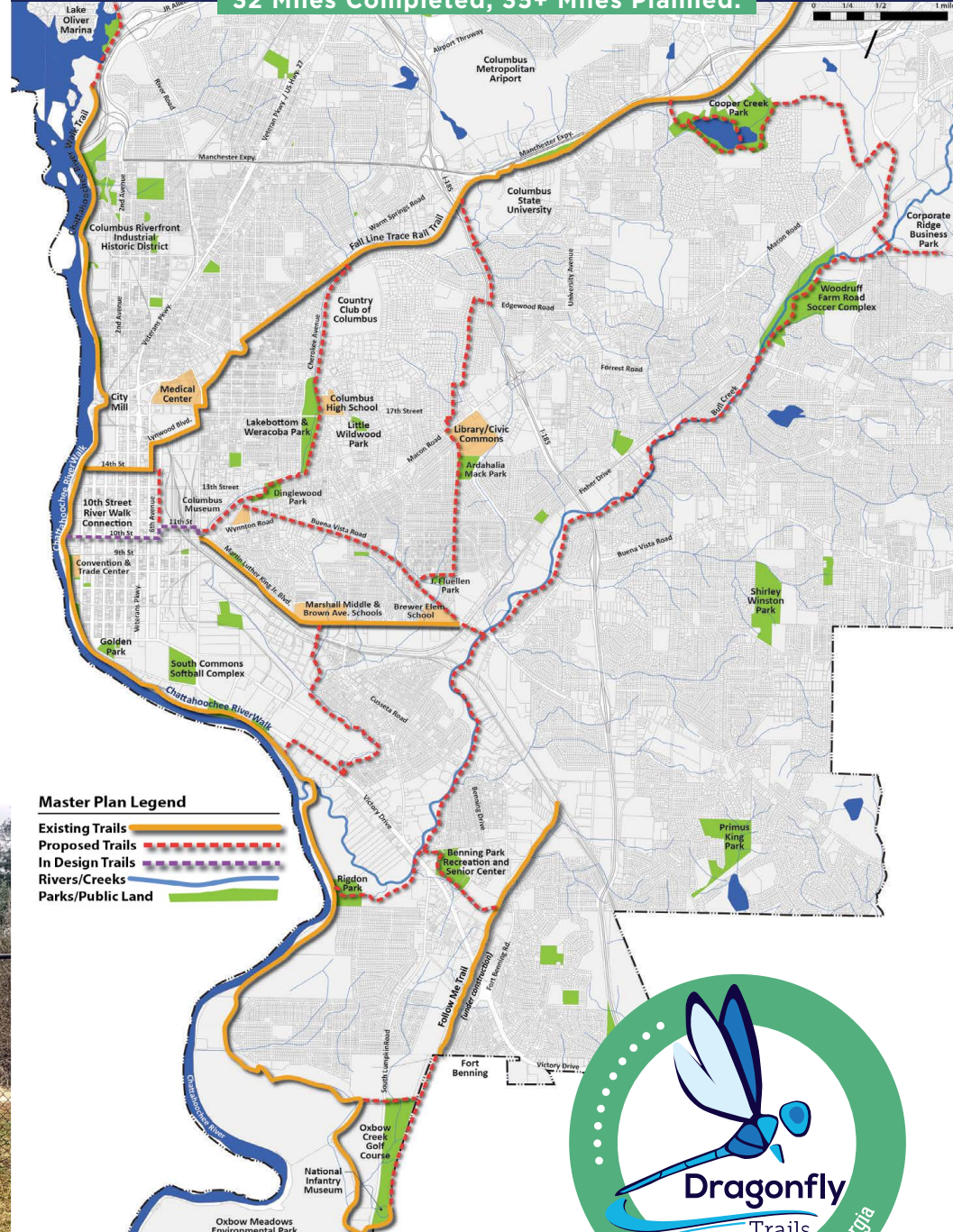
After twenty years, Columbus continues to change and grow, and we need your help to grow Trees Columbus to guide the stewardship of our urban forest. Join today! Be a member, volunteer, and donate at treescolumbus.org.

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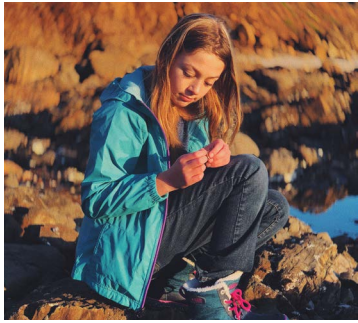
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2020 FILMS

Advisory: Documentaries are not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America. Environmental documentaries and films vary in length and content and may sometimes contain adult language and situations.



In Your Hands

1 Minute

Brandon Moore, Nico, and Mary Kate Van Den Berg, Luke Lasley, Bone+Gold

Visceral imagery, an emotional score, and a powerful speech by John F. Kennedy underscore a timeless theme: we come from the sea. In Your Hands invites viewers to look inward and rediscover our connection with – and responsibility to – the natural world.

The Wintering Grounds Trailer

2 Minutes
Azilia Films

A work-in-progress documentary about the nomadic world championship kayakers who spend their winters living in a parking lot outside of Columbus, Georgia.



Rocky Intertidal Zones: Oregon

3 Minutes
Irene Tejaratchi Hess

Filmed on the stunning Oregon Coast, this short film follows a 7-year-old boy as he explores rocky intertidal zones. Prehistoric creatures and art materials further inspire musings about ancient and present day life. Music by Colleen aka Cécile Schott.

Hammer Dam

8 Minutes

Matthew Ritenour, Jesse Dizard, The Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology

Harold Hammer lives on his remote property in Northern California. When the Department of Fish and Wildlife discover his homemade dam used for hydropower, he has to decide if he wants to disrupt his way of life on the chance that removing his dam will increase salmon spawning habitat.



There's Something in the Water

8 Minutes

Rory WT, Shannon S. Wynne, Stephanie M. Casey, Daniel Villanueva

"There's two kinds of lakes in the South: them that's got Giant Salvinia and them that's about to have Giant Salvinia." Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in Texas, but its delicate ecosystem is threatened by a seemingly unstoppable invasive species of floating fern: Giant Salvinia.



Flipping the Switch

8 Minutes

Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Matt Yamashita

LeeAnne Walters led a citizens' movement that tested the tap water in Flint, Michigan and exposed the Flint water crisis. Narrated by Robert Redford, Flipping the Switch is part of The New Environmentalists, which illustrates how ordinary people are affecting extraordinary change.

The Nature Conservancy's Dam Removal on the Chattahoochee Fall Line

4 Minutes
The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy advocates for the removal of obsolete dams to improve the health of Georgia's rivers and streams. In this film, follow The Nature Conservancy as they remove three dams on land near Fort Benning, and study the impacts on aquatic habitat with professors and students at Columbus State University.



Sentinel Landscapes

12 Minutes
The Nature Conservancy

A new documentary that explores the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership—a collaboration among the U.S. Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and the Interior that work across conventional boundaries to strengthen military readiness, conserve natural resources, and bolster agricultural economies. They fight for clean air & water, and the freedom to roam for both people and wildlife. They also play a vital and unheralded role in protecting our national security. For the first time, "The Sentinels" will tell their diverse stories.

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What Does It Take?

2 Minutes

Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Matt Yamashita

The New Environmentalists share a common goal, safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution. The series features portraits of passionate and dedicated activists around the globe who have placed themselves squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries for environmental justice in their communities. They are the winners of the San Francisco-based Goldman Environmental Prize, recognizing grassroots environmental activists from around the world.



Daniel: A Cyclist with TBI Making a Difference

5 Minutes

Anthony Cupaiuolo - First Tracks Productions

Every day you can see Daniel riding his bike along Highway 50. And, while he's out there, he's picking up trash and doing his part to make the Lake Tahoe area better for everyone. That is an amazing story in and of itself. But it is even more incredible when you learn that Daniel nearly died as a child from a fall and was in a coma for 8 months, and although he still suffers from traumatic brain injury (TBI), that hasn't stopped him from making a difference.

Bare Existence

20 Minutes

Stept Studios

A behind the scenes look into the plight of the polar bear showcases the biologists on the front lines of protecting these species as they battle against the effects of climate change threatening their existence.



Where the Wild Things Keep Playing

4 Minutes

Krystle Wright

An ode to the athlete who relishes in getting dirty, who chuckles after a long day in the mountains, effortlessly glides through the crystal clear waves and most importantly, is unapologetic in pursuing their love of getting rowdy in adventures. Director Krystle Wright brings this next installment since the wild things never stopped playing.



Racoon In Light

4 Minutes

Hanna Kim

Multiple-award-winning student 'animated film' short. 'GOLD MEDALIST - 45th Student Academy Awards; JACK LARSON STUDENT FILMMAKER AWARD - Fine Cut Festival of Films 2018; FIRST PLACE in Animation - Josiah Media Festival 2018; JURY PRIZE - Paris International Animation Film Festival 2018; NETIZEN CHOICE AWARD - Bucheon International Animation Festival 2018; OUTSTANDING ANIMATED FILM - Short Circuit Pacific Rim Film Festival 2020; SHORTLIST - BAFTA Student Awards 2019; FINALIST - FilmJam 2018; FINALIST - Hsin-Yi Children's Animation Awards.



Clay Bolt

4 Minutes

Chema Domenech

Clay Bolt is a natural history and conservation photographer for World Wildlife Fund and has been featured in prominent magazines such as National Geographic. Affectionately referred to as 'the bug guy', Clay explains how and why he focuses on 99% of life on earth that is smaller than your finger.

Dream Ride III

6 Minutes

Juicy Studios - Director Mike Hopkins

This project was born out of the desire to do something slightly different. To tell a rather whimsical story set in a wildly changing landscape. No big jumps, no big tricks, nobody but Mike. On a bike. It turns out people liked the idea - with over 2 million views, 15 International Film Festivals, winner of 'Best Short Film' at the VIMFF, and included in both the Banff Mountain and Alp-Con World Tours.



Detriot Hives

6 Minutes

Palmer Morse, Rachel Weinberg, Matthew Mikkelsen, Spruce Tone Films

East Detroit urban beekeepers Tim Paule and Nicole Lindsey are a young couple working to bring diversity to the field of beekeeping and create opportunities for young Detroit natives to overcome adversity. Detroit ranks fourth in the United States for the most vacant housing lots with well over 90,000 empty lots to date. Detroit Hives explores the importance of bringing diversity to beekeeping and rebuilding inner-city communities one hive at a time.



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See Animals

2 Minutes
Scott Wenner

This short, animated film shows unwelcome changes in an uncertain future.

Sounds of Survival

12 Minutes
The Nature Conservancy

Deep in the emerald cloud forests of Cusuco National Park of Honduras, scientists are on a quest to record the never-before-heard call of the endangered "exquisite spike-thumb frog" (*Plectrohyla exquisita*).



Nature Now

4 Minutes
Tom Mustill, Gripping Films Production
Made with no flights, recycled footage, and zero net carbon. Given away for free. Viewed 53 million times, played to the United Nations. This film is a personal and passionate call to arms from Greta Thunberg and George Monbiot to use nature to heal our broken climate.



Wave Hands Like Clouds

3 Minutes
Marga Laube

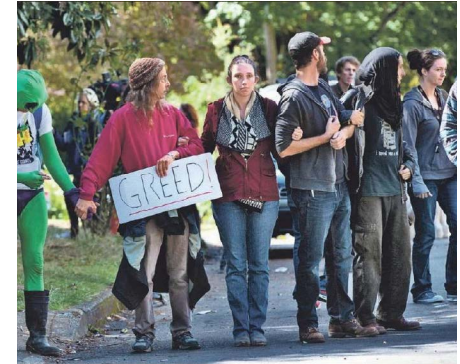
Suspended in the airy expanse between heaven and Earth, highliners walk a thin, wiggly piece of nylon webbing that's been rigged between two points, very high up. Wave Hands Like Clouds is an ode to finding focus and balance in a moment of exposed vulnerability that leaves the viewer breathless.

GIANTS

*Feature Film
27 Minutes

Luz Carasa, Connor Stava, Northwest Documentary

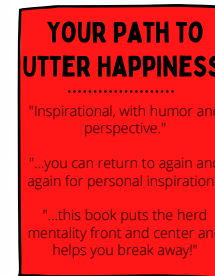
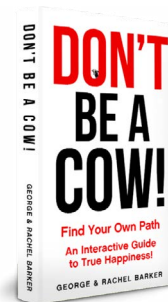
In 2015, Everett Custom Homes purchased a property in Portland's Eastmoreland Neighborhood. On the lot stood three giant sequoias, which the developer planned to cut down. *Giants* details the efforts and challenges that neighbors of Eastmoreland confronted in their attempts to save these unique trees. The film brings a fresh look into local activism and highlights the importance of community organizing.



A Letter to Congress

3 Minutes
Chris Newman, Amani King, Dalia Burde
Made in Partnership with Hipcamp

Wallace Stegner's 1960 letter to Congress about the importance of wilderness is the framework for a new message, one in which our unified voice can help prevent the transfer of our most valuable heritage—our public lands—to private and corporate interests.

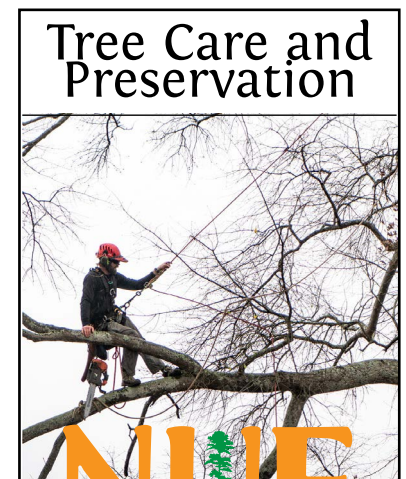


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Contact our Columbus-based staff:

Mike Hensley
Chattahoochee Fall Line Program Director
mhensley@tnc.org



SPECIAL THANKS

Wesley Nicolson

Certified Beekeeper

Wesley is a Certified Beekeeper through the Young Harris Beekeeping Institute. He is an avid lover of all things outdoors, including bees, hiking, and Phish concerts. His favorite honey comes from Seale, Alabama, and his favorite mead comes from Groennfell Meadery in Burlington, Vermont.



Brent Widener

Sentinel Landscapes

Brent has nearly 20 years of experience in managing Natural Resources and Environmental Programs. He's currently a Branch Chief in the Environmental Division at Fort Benning with primary duties centered on maintaining compatibility and sustainability of the military Mission and natural environment.

Troy Keller

The Nature Conservancy's Dam Removal on the Chattahoochee Fall Line

Troy Keller is an Associate Professor of Environmental Science at Columbus State University. His discipline is stream ecology, stream restoration, and sustainable energy.



Ken Bradley

Sentinel Landscapes

In May 2018, Ken retired as an Army Lieutenant Colonel with 24 years of active federal service. Ken is a 1998 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and also earned a Master's in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology. He served as an engineer officer in the 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division and most recently the Mississippi Army National Guard as the Environmental Program Manager where he managed Camp Shelby's Army Compatible Use Buffer Program.



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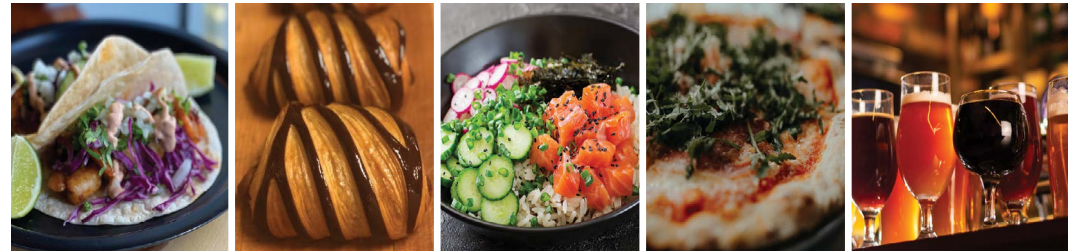
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2020 Special Guests



Lisa Smith

Georgia Power
Lisa J. Smith is Georgia Power's West Region Vice President. She has direct responsibility for the company's external activities for 550,000 customers across a 72-county area that includes Columbus, Macon, Rome, and Valdosta. A native of Meridian, Mississippi, Lisa earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University and an MBA from Kennesaw State University. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Columbus, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Columbus Development Authority, and Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers, and has been recognized as one of the Women Worth Watching by Profiles in Diversity Journal and The Atlanta Business League's Top 100 Black Women of Influence.

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Mike Hensley

The Nature Conservancy
Mike Hensley is the Chattahoochee Fall Line Program Director for The Nature Conservancy. Mike's been with TNC for 10 years and recently moved to Georgia after serving as the Green River Project Director for the Conservancy in Kentucky. Prior to his Conservancy career, Mike worked for the award-winning Florida State Park system for years, where he served in many roles including Park Manager of Lovers Key State Park. Mike was drawn to work on the Chattahoochee Fall Line because it represents "legacy work" in the truest sense of the phrase and is deeply honored to have an opportunity to play a part in the story of the Fall Line!



Sara Gottlieb

The Nature Conservancy
Sara Gottlieb is the Director of Freshwater Science & Strategy for the Georgia Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Sara is currently focused on freshwater projects in priority watersheds to improve habitat for the outstanding aquatic biodiversity found in Georgia's rivers and streams while balancing the needs of human communities for resilient water supplies and floodplains.



Dawson Ingram

Georgia Power
From early childhood education days, climbing and hanging out in trees as a youngin at Athens Montessori School, I knew I had a life destined to be in the trees. My life evolved from learning in the trees to more indoor classroom studies, which led to a degree in Environmental Science and GIS, an environmental based career in consulting, and a job at Georgia Power for the last 18 years. I am currently the Lake Resources Manager for the Bartletts Ferry and Jackson Lake Offices. Our offices are responsible for managing about 15,000 acres water resources and over 40,000 acres of land for Georgia Power.



Stephanie M. Casey

There's Something in the Water-Producer
Stephanie has worked in advertising, feature documentaries, and major motion pictures alongside notables such as Bill Moyers, M. Night Shyamalan, and Garry Marshall, and owns Dallas-based Web-site & Online Marketing firm Lovage Inc.



Stefan Bloodworth

Columbus Botanical Garden
As the Executive Director of the Columbus Botanical Garden, Stefan has enjoyed a career in botany and horticulture that spans almost twenty-five years. He has three core beliefs that shape everything he does: *Plants will argue with you much less than people will, so build your career around plants! Plants will usually sit still when you are trying to identify them, so being a botanist involves a lot less frustration (and running around) than studying birds or insects. Again, build your career around plants! Plants are easier to hunt than animals, and they bleed a lot less, so being a vegan is an easier, less messy way to live. Build your diet around plants!*



Rory Waudby Tolley

There's Something in the Water-Director/Animator
Rory WT is a multi-award-winning animation director and film-maker who has worked with Hasbro, Adult Swim, BBC, Snazaroo and Nature. His short film Mr. Madila garnered accolades from multiple international festivals, qualifying for the Academy award for best animated short. He is a graduate of the Royal College of Art, where he currently teaches.

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Becca Zajac

Dragonfly Trail Network

Becca Zajac is the Executive Director of the Dragonfly Trail Network, a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life in Columbus, Georgia through the implementation of, and advocacy for, multi-use trails. She is responsible for marketing the trail and programming its use, overseeing future construction, and facilitating fundraising. Becca also chairs the Vibrant & Connected Places Action Area for Columbus 2025, the Columbus area's comprehensive long-range planning effort, and is a board member of Columbus' Young Professionals, PAWS Humane Society, and Bicycle Columbus.



Art Bradford

GIANTS

Author/writer/producer Art Bradford Directed the documentary *How's Your News?* wherein disabled and handicapped adults interview unsuspecting passersby in a cross-country road trip, in 1999. The film was broadcast on HBO, PBS, and British channel, Channel 4. He also directed *6 Days to Air*, a documentary that depicts the making of an episode of *South Park*, which premiered on Comedy Central on October 9, 2011. It was nominated for an Emmy award in the outstanding non-fiction special category.



George Barker

Natural Resource Consulting

George Barker started Natural Resource Consulting (NRC) in 1989. NRC provides services in the field of forestry and arboriculture. He is the Consulting Arborist for Trees Columbus, the City of Opelika, and is CEO for Land and Trees Unlimited. George is also an author and Motivational Speaker.



Kaitlin Moore

Banks Food Hall - WC Bradley Real Estate

After graduating from Georgia Southern University in 2016, Kaitlin started her career in Atlanta with a respected healthcare company as their Marketing Coordinator. She joined the WC Bradley Real Estate team in February 2020 and assumed the role of Marketing Director.



Mercedes Parham

Trees Columbus

Mercedes Parham is the Director of Communications and Opens Records for the Muscogee County School District. She is a proud alumna of the University of Georgia where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication (Communications Studies).



Max Lowe

Bare Existence

Known for his ability to capture stories in the most remote corners of the world, Max Lowe has crafted his skill as a director and photographer in his search for adventure and narratives unheard. In recent years, Max has directed, shot and produced numerous short documentary and branded films including the award winning short doc *Adventure Not War*, which screened at Cannes, Tribeca Film Festival, Wild & Scenic Flagship Festival, and Indie Shorts Film Festival.

2020 Run of Show

Introduction & Welcome

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Natural ecosystems (especially in urban environments), awareness, air and water quality, and tree plantings.

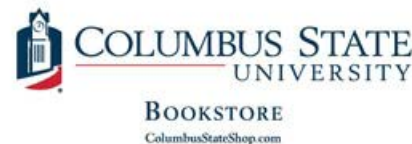


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