

Nature Mixed In

Quarterly News from Elachee Nature Science Center • February 2021

Bittersweet Goodbyes

Peter Gordon and Judy Stock Retire after Decades of Service to the Community

These two Elachee trailblazer veterans are now enjoying retirement. From volunteer to his invaluable role as the organization's long-time Education Director, Peter's can-do approach has contributed to Elachee reaching and teaching hundreds of thousands of Georgians about the natural world the past 29 years. Judy, too, has been a constant face greeting the public in Elachee's Visitor Center. As Nature Shop Manager and the point person for facility and wedding rentals for many years, for two decades Judy has been a consummate Elachee ambassador.

We will all sorely miss these incredible individuals, their unique manner of bonding with Elachee visitors and their passion for promoting environmental understanding through education and conservation... the Elachee mission.



Elachee Seats New Trustee

The Elachee Board of Trustees Welcomes Mandi Whiting

"Elachee is special to me and my family, so I couldn't be prouder to be asked to join," shares Mandi. "I am appreciative and excited for this opportunity to serve and support my community."

Board Vice Chair Jason Everett says, "Mandi brings immense enthusiasm and passion to the mission of the Elachee organization. She has been involved as an Elachee Nature Academy parent, has been a strong supporter of Elachee in recent years and has

taken on the monumental task of chairing the Elachee *Flights of Fancy* fundraiser."

The **Elachee 2021 Board of Trustees** are Chair Emily Bagwell, Vice Chair Jason Everett, Treasurer Nick Bruner, Secretary Anna Guzman and Trustees Kevin Bales, Beth Bell, Phil Bonelli, Rick Boyd, Maria Calkins, Will Cobb, Lance Gardner, Jay Kilroy, Martha Nesbitt, Richard Oates, Rob Robinson, Al Trembley, Dixie Truelove, Kelvin Whisenhunt, Mandi Whiting and Trey Wood.

Leaving a Legacy for Children's Education

Elachee is humbled to have received a major gift from the **Catherine O. Sale and Susan J. Rogers Estate**. Dedicating their lives to educating children, this gift will perpetuate their legacy of motivating and teaching students to love and protect our environment. These ladies owned, built and operated the beautiful *Tumbling Waters Camp* in Rabun County, Georgia for almost 30 years. The sale of their gifted property will be dedicated to supporting the operations for Elachee Nature Academy, and this year will assist with the expansion to serve 2nd and 3rd graders.

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Come visit us! Elachee is open each Saturday in February.

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- Meet Elachee resident ambassadors at Live Animal Showcases.
- Reserve a telescope for the Stars Over Elachee evening program.

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

*Wood Warblers in Georgia with Author,
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Saturday Morning • May 1, 2021

REGISTRATION OPEN: elachee.org/trillium-trek

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