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# waves

FALL / WINTER 2019

## President's Message: LRA Depends on our Volunteers

This year has flown by and I am privileged to have served as your President. We have accomplished a great deal by continuing our traditions and have raised significant funds for our scholars and local charities. We successfully completed a very comprehensive member survey to help plan future activities. We developed and are about to implement a more current, responsive and vibrant LRA website. We also successfully obtained a favorable zoning decision on some property adjacent to the pavilion. In addition, we completed the planning for the 2020 social events. We had good attendance at our events and the resulting comments were very favorable. We will

continue to strive to improve and solicit your constructive suggestions. You rose to the call for volunteers and we all sincerely appreciated your involvement. We simply cannot function without your help.

As you know, this is a very unique and dynamic community that has added greatly to my family's lives, and we have all enjoyed our years here. We look forward to many more. I may not be your Association's President much longer, but I am always available to help in any endeavor that involves the Lake Rabun community. Just ask me.

Ruddy Deas  
Outgoing LRA President

Join us as we wind up the 2019 slate of  
LRA activities with our annual

### Day after Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner

Plan now to join your lake family and friends at  
Glen-Ella Springs Inn as we kick off the holiday season.

Bring your family, house guests, friends, potluck dish and  
your choice of beverage. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m.  
on Friday, November 29, 2019.

Please register in advance at [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org)  
so we can plan to accommodate everyone. See you there!

And don't forget the Pigeon Mountain Hike on Friday  
afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to rev-up your appetites. Meet at the  
Georgia Power gate located on Brandon Mill Road near  
Keller Lane. Family, friends and pets welcome.



## Membership Renewal 2020

The upcoming membership year for the  
Lake Rabun Association runs from  
January 1 through December 31, 2020.

Your \$250 membership dues for 2020 will support the  
varied activities of the LRA and are due at this time.

**Dues paid after December 31, 2019 must include a  
late charge of \$50, bringing the total amount due to  
\$300.**

Thank you for your participation and prompt attention  
to keeping your membership current.

**Please make your check payable to:**

Lake Rabun Association

**and mail to:**

P.O. Box 490

Lakemont, GA 30552

Alternatively, you can pay by credit card. You will need  
to log on and follow the link below to pay online:

[http://www.lakerabun.org/MembersOnly/  
MembershipRenewal.aspx](http://www.lakerabun.org/MembersOnly/MembershipRenewal.aspx)

Your Username and Password will be required.  
If you don't have this information, please contact  
Michele Persons at [mpersons25@gmail.com](mailto:mpersons25@gmail.com).

*LRA dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for  
federal or state income tax purposes.*



Lake Rabun Association, Inc. (LRA) is a nonprofit, social welfare organization dedicated to nurturing the beauty, serenity and quality of life on and around Lake Rabun.

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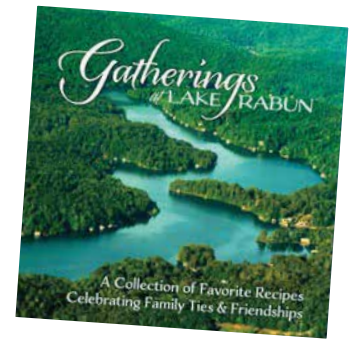
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# Gatherings at Lake Rabun Editors' Choice Dinner at Stack Farms

Have you begun planning your Thanksgiving gatherings with friends and family? Food often plays a key role in our holiday celebrations and, of course, we'll all want to check out the great seasonal recipes in LRA's **Gatherings at Lake Rabun** cookbook. Perhaps your friends and families would enjoy some of the recipes we recently featured at the **Cookbook Editors' Choice Dinner** for ten successful bidders at this summer's Local on the Lake fundraiser:



- Caramelized Apple and Gruyere Tartlets | Cheese Wafers
- Garden Gazpacho
- Asian Pear and Fuyu Persimmon Arugula Salad
- Melt in Your Mouth Grilled Salmon | Black Rice Risotto | Brussels Sprouts with Lemon and Pancetta
- Sour Cream Muffins
- Cheeses from Nearby and Faraway
- Whisper Dessert Drink with Lady Fingers
- Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffins and Milk "Breakfast Takeaway"

Are you hungry yet? Thanks to all the cookbook editors who planned, grilled, roasted, and served and also to Leckie and Bill Stack who graciously hosted the event at Stack Farms – a wonderfully unique, relaxing venue with cocktails on the porch overlooking the vineyard and orchard followed by dinner in the barn – a working barn the day before, a beautifully rustic setting for dinner.

**Gatherings at Lake Rabun** is available for sale and shipping through the LRA website. In addition, cookbooks are available at Open Door at Alley's and Lakemont Trading Company in Lakemont Village as well as Butler Galleries and Reeves Hardware in Clayton. A great holiday gift for your favorite cooks and holiday guests!



Attending the dinner: Cherry and Niles Kinnunen, Cindy and John Taylor, Margo and Tim Kennedy, Judy and Tex Cathey, Andrea and Ted Altholtz

Dinner prepared and served by **Gatherings at Lake Rabun** cookbook editors: Betty and Rob King, Anne and Bob Pledger, Betsy and Skip Mixson, Sandy and Paul Strong, Mary and John Boland, Dee and Jim McElroy, Anita and Robert Pittman

Dinner hosted by Leckie and Bill Stack at their farm in Tiger

## Boating Safety Reminders

On behalf of the Boating Safety Committee, thanks to everyone for a safe summer on the lake. Keep the following in mind this winter:

- Be aware of debris floating in the main channels of the lake due to no boat traffic at this time of the year.
- Disconnect the battery cables on your boats to reduce potential fire hazards while boats are winterized.
- Secure all recreational equipment (paddleboards, canoes, kayaks, etc.) so they won't be blown in the lake and present hazards to other boaters on the lake.

Many LRA members expressed several concerns during the summer lake activity:

- Boats and jet skis are coming too close to skiers and boathouses.
- Large wakes on the lake damage shorelines as well as boats in boathouses, so please respect your lake neighbors and other boaters when creating large wakes.
- Pay attention to the 100' rule.

Please remind your houseguests and visitors of these rules. The next Boating Safety Class will be held on **Saturday, June 6, 2020.**

Michael Crowe  
Boating Safety Committee Chair



## LRA AWARDS 2019



Photo by Charlie Pledger

Whippoorwill Awards  
*Bob and Anne Pledger*

Whippoorsnapper Award  
*Emily Thompson*



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The Fred Stewart Shangri-La Award  
*Jim Roberson*

## Lake Rabun Foundation Update

As the primary recipient of the various LRA fundraisers the LRF extends special thanks to Andrea Altholz, Anita Pittman and Sandy Strong for organizing this summer's "Local on The Lake" event. It was a fun filled evening with great food (prepared by Lake Rabun's Lee Epting) and a wealth of creative auction items. This first-time event raised \$38,000.00 for the LRF.

Sandy's Rabun Ramble, the annual fund solicitation, and this year's "Local on the Lake" event combine to provide most of the income for the LRF. The success of these events and generosity of our LRA members allows the Foundation to give back nearly \$140,000 in scholarships and grants to local charities.

### Named Scholarships

Thanks to Keith and Terri Davidson who generously established the Keith and Terri Davidson Scholarship this year. The Foundation would also like to acknowledge Greg and Laura Rhodes and Dwight and Mary Shannon Scott who have funded a second series of named scholarships.

### Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award to Robert and Anita Pittman

Lake residents Robert and Anita Pittman have committed themselves to improving economic opportunities in Rabun County. In his ten years on the Rabun County Development Authority, Robert has served two terms as Chairman. Anita is the treasurer and a board member of Foxfire. In addition to her role as CFO of the LRA and board member of the LRF, she volunteers tirelessly in the community...a true resource for non-profits such as the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department.



Photo by Helen McSwain

Their work provides a case study of two talented and generous individuals who have utilized professional experience and skills to benefit Rabun County. Robert and Anita exemplify the purpose of the award which is to "bring local interests and the lake community together".

The LRF is proud to award its annual Lake Rabun Cares award and grant for \$2,500 to Robert and Anita. At their request, the award has been directed to the Forward Rabun County initiative.

### In Closing

The Foundation is grateful for the support of the LRA membership and continues to contribute to local charities throughout the holiday season.



Tom & Sandy Gay



Gary & Doni Rhineheart  
Pete & Wendy Peterson



Tom & Stacey Ewing



Scott & Judy Lampert



Dwight and Mary Shannon Scott

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

Join us with

2020  
VISION

and enjoy an *unforgettable* experience on Lake Rabun

## 2020 LRA HOME TOUR

A Fundraiser for the benefit of the  
Lake Rabun Fund of the North  
Georgia Community Foundation, Inc.

SAVE *the* DATE

Saturday  
June 20, 2020

Volunteers Needed  
to join the fun!

Docents and Dock Masters;  
Flower Arrangers;  
Chefs & Staff for Volunteer Party;  
Captains & First Mates;  
Pontoons & Deck Boats

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On October 3rd, eight hardy souls kayaked from Seed Dam to Mathis Dam. The trip was planned by the Lake Rabun kayaking group, **The Lake Rabun Yakkers**. Those pictured are (L to R): Marie Brownlow, Sue Halter, Wanda Gray, Dee Weiler, Jack and Carole Wintle, Judy Cathey, and a friend of Carole's.

This is the picture of the Lake Rabun skiers at a ski clinic at Lake Yonah this summer. (L to R) Whitney McClintock Rini, Blake Yates, Lee Troutman, MaryTurner Troutman, Jim Roberson, Tom Bradbury

A group of Lake Rabun Skiers were invited to attend a ski clinic taught by world champion, Whitney McClintock Rini at Lake Yonah. The ski clinic was organized by Blake Yates and Nautique Boats.



Rabun Ramble loves their spirit girls!

Photo by Anne Pledger



Guests and chefs enjoying themselves at the Cookbook Editors' Choice Dinner from the Local on the Lake Auction in June.





Lake Rabun Association

# Calendar of Events 2020

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Pavilion.

Saturday, May 23	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting (9:00 a.m.) at Lakemont Wiley Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Day Party featuring the music of Moxie (no meal served) (7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 24	General Membership Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 6	Boater Safety Class (9:00 a.m.) Lakemont University (5:00 p.m.) Bingo (7:00 p.m.)
Friday, June 12	LRA Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 13	CPR and AED Class (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 19	LRA Tour of Homes Party (5:00)
Saturday, June 20	LRA Tour of Homes
Friday, July 3 a.m.	Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf and Country Club
Friday July 3	Fireworks on the Lake (Dusk)
Saturday, July 4	Rabun Ramble (7:30 a.m.) BBQ and Bluegrass - BBQ by Twin Smokers and Bluegrass by Charles Wood and Nitrograss (6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 5	Annual Wooden Boat Parade (10:30 a.m.) - Starts at the dam
Saturday, July 18	Lakemont University (5:00 p.m.) Bingo (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 25	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party featuring the Swinging Medallions (6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 8	Lakemont University (5:00 p.m.) Bingo (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, Sept. 5	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, Sept 6	General Membership Meeting (10:00 a.m.) Labor Day Party featuring Atlanta Rhythm and Groove (no meal served) (7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)
Friday, Sept. 11	LRA Lake Clean-up Day at Halls (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, Nov. 27	Pigeon Mountain Hike, 1:30 p.m. Day after Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs (6:00 p.m.)

**\*Dates, times and events are subject to change, so refer to [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org) for updates**

