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SUMMER 2022



Newsletter of the
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.

www.lakerabun.org

President's Message: Return to Lake Time!

I am still grieving, but not dwelling upon what could have been the past two summers. Most of us lost someone or something personal to the virus and most of us have found solace in friends, family, and comfort in the familiar environ of our Lake. The pandemic brought high school and college kids back for the summer. Grown children armed with the flexibility of working from home returned and our parents and grandparents gravitated to Lakemont...shelter from the storm.

And, in spite of the virus, the Lake Rabun Association (LRA) and Lake Rabun Foundation (LRF) were able to execute on the core mission of supporting nearly 50 Lake Rabun Scholars in both 2020 and 2021. The LRF significantly increased its contributions to local causes and our membership continued to integrate into key volunteer positions in Rabun County and the surrounding community.

While able to return to an abbreviated schedule in 2021, plans for this summer are much more optimistic. As of today, all of the socials and educational activities we have enjoyed for years are back on the schedule! Work by the LRA Executive Committee has continued throughout the year and I would like to update the membership on several events planned as well as some other information I hope you will find useful.

2022 Home Tour: Cancelling the 2020 scheduled Home Tour was painful, as it was organized and ready to go. We are fortunate that Dirk Brown and Tim Burns have assumed the mantle of Tour Directors and that plans for the 2022 Tour are almost complete. There are always slots for additional volunteers. This is a premiere event executed by a cast of hundreds and we are expecting to once again sell out of tickets, so please go to <https://lakerabun.org/> and secure your spot.

Lakemont U: The faculty and staff at Lakemont University are in the process of developing its 2022 programs. The focus remains on the history and culture of our region, our proximity to nature, and the varied and fascinating interests and hobbies of our members. If there is a subject you would like to know more about or an interest you would like to share, please contact Buz Stone or John King...our academic deans.

Membership Committee: Pat Hickey has been working with Darlene Warren and Lyn Asbill in conjunction with existing membership chairs, Michele Persons and Peter Watt, to revitalize our new member outreach. We are working with area realtors to identify new property owners or prospective members and have created a new member welcome packet to be personally delivered by a LRA member. Please help us to identify new prospects so that they can be contacted.

Volunteer Expo- Following Memorial Day General Meeting: Connie Thompson is working on our first Committee/Volunteer event to be held immediately following the Memorial Day General Meeting. We are looking forward to introducing new and established members to volunteer opportunities on the lake. Mimosas and snacks provided.

Associate Memberships: I'm interested in creating an associate membership level for our members' immediate family with perhaps a minimal charge of \$50 or \$75 per year. Associate Members would get separate listings in our directory, included in all eblasts and mailings, and a vote (when and if a vote is required). Feedback on this topic would be appreciated.

Membership Survey/ Engineering Study/ Wake/ Surf Boat Concerns: The LRA conducted a membership survey in December 2020 based on safety concerns expressed by our members. The results indicated that 82% of respondents identified waves generated by boats under ballast as an issue that needed to be formally addressed. In 2020, an independent engineering firm was retained by Lakes Burton, Seed and Rabun to analyze the effect of large wakes on mountain lakes. The results of the survey and engineering report were published and available to all LRA members. A newly reconstituted Water Safety Committee is going to address the concerns. All input is welcome and there will be a presentation by the Water Safety Committee at the Memorial Day meeting.

CONVERSATION WITH GEORGIA POWER REGARDING LAKE ISSUES: Jeff Jackson, who is Georgia Power's Lakes Resource Manager for North Georgia Lakes, and I spoke recently regarding several topics I believe will be of interest to our membership:

Invasive Weeds: Jeff explained that each year Georgia Power (GPC) monitors invasive weeds in Lake Rabun. If the invasive weeds present a navigation issue, treatment is scheduled. This is only for invasive weeds. Parrot Feather, also known as pond weed, is not considered an invasive weed. If treatment is required, it would typically be conducted in June or July. Jeff mentioned that the treatment was not particularly effective last year and that there will be a new plan this year, probably utilizing different chemicals.

- A big challenge has been treating the weeds from the boat ramp to Bear Gap because of the water depth. GP is primarily concerned with weeds that affect navigation. The GP plan is designed to target specific plants in specific locations, not a "body of water".



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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- Property owners should call GP and let them know of the location of the weeds. GP will visit the site and advise on treatment.
- GP has a program which allows individual property owners to submit an application to have a certified professional treat the area around their boat houses or docks.
- To find the aquatic weed information go to www.georgiapowerlakes.com and scroll down and click on North Georgia Mountain Lakes. At the top of the page, Aquatic Vegetation Management is where the information is located.
- Property owners are not allowed to treat invasive weeds as the chemicals could be harmful to neighboring water quality.

Water Testing:

- GP does chloroform testing when the public beaches are open throughout the season.
- Lake Rabun has been subject to robust testing by GP and year after year the testing numbers have shown results “close to drinking water quality”. The state of Georgia also does periodic testing on Lake Rabun.
- Dick Simms tests Lake Rabun 2 or 3 times a year at the head of the Narrows and near the dam for e-coli and there has never been a concern.
- Everyone should be aware that water quality after heavy rains can be problematic with chemical and septic runoff. Dick is going to test this year after a big weather event to compare samples.

Fallen Tree Policy:

When trees fall into the lake, it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the trees if they have fallen from their property. GP, as a general rule, does not require owners to remove the tree unless it poses a navigation/ safety issue. If in doubt, GP and DNR will evaluate to determine if it is a navigation or safety issue. In certain situations where navigation and safety present a hazard, GP will get involved in the removal process.

I would like to encourage members to come help with the Lake Clean Up so that some of the tree issues can be addressed. GP will be participating in the Lake Clean Up this year.

If there are questions about the invasive weed or downed tree policy, please call Cheryl Parker, our Lake rep and GP Senior Land Resources Manager.

WITH PARTICULAR APPRECIATION TO:

- Penny and Gary Marshall who for years have taken care of the Lake Rabun Store...literally soup to nuts. Sadly, they are relocating to Florida. Beyond the merchandising, they have been prolific volunteers for many of our signature events. They will really be missed.
- Dick Simms, Felicia Lease, Peter Watt and Michele Persons who have been working for over a year on a new Lake Rabun Map. This has been truly a labor of love. Properties by lot number and location will be enumerated and can be cross referenced with the name of the property owner. I can't overstate the work that has gone into this project and the maps are very close to going to the printer...hopefully available mid-summer or sooner.
- Bob and Melissa Clinkscales who volunteer every year to organize and execute the two lake clean-up days. Georgia Power will be back this year and notices on details will be forthcoming.
- Steve Raeber, director of the Lake Rabun Foundation. The brilliant Master guitarist, Chet Atkins, identified the qualifications required to be named a Chet Atkins Certified Guitarist. There have only been four. Steve is my Certified Lake Rabun Human Being for 2022. Steve is understated, unassuming, compassionate, empathetic, thoughtful, smart, generous, and he's a big Dawg Fan. His stewardship of the LRF has enabled the Foundation to arguably “punch above our weight” and impact many lives so positively. I have never heard a discouraging word from him and this community is graced by his presence.

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- John Williams, our multipurpose volunteer who for many years has taken care of website updates and just about everything else to do with member communication. It is a lot of work and John has always responded promptly to every inquiry. Recently John has managed the transition to a new website designer. He has also brought on board his successor Maurice Rosenbaum...whom we really appreciate for his willingness to serve.
- Sandy Strong the founder, organizer, and motive force behind the Lake Rabun Ramble. Sandy has run the Ramble while also going through the officer rotation and chairing some of our other fundraisers. This year is her swan song as she hands the reins to Mary Shannon Scott...big shoes to fill.

I write in long hand and my wife Duck (also known as Suzanne) dutifully transposes but I can tell she is growing a little surly at the length of this missive and the subsequent drafts and edits. I would be remiss not to mention her help to me but also her contributions as the communications person for the LRA.

There are so many more LRA members who have joyfully given of their time and talents to make our summers special. The common denominator for virtually everything this community accomplishes is its volunteers...it is unique to any organization I have ever seen.

In closing, I know this community will come roaring back this summer and I can only acknowledge how privileged I feel to be a part of it.

- Dick Newkirk
LRA President 2022

<<< **DANGER!** >>>



The Brown Recluse Spider is the most dangerous spider that we have in the USA. It thrives in our area. It is possible to die from its bite so we all need to know what the spider looks like. They like the darkness and tend to live in storage sheds or attics. If working in a dark area, it is a good idea to turn on a light 30 minutes before you access the area. If you think you have been bitten, go immediately to the hospital!



RABUN RAMBLE Road Race

Saturday, July 2, 2022
7:30 a.m.
Lake Rabun Pavilion

Who remembers The Price is Right? There were always 3 doors to choose from once you got up on the stage. And Carol Merrill, was that even her real name? But we digress...well, your Rabun Ramble has 3 doors to open before you can run (or walk) the race this year!

Door #1 - HISTORY

If you're new to Lake Rabun, welcome to the lake and get ready to have fun with your family and friends this summer! The Rabun Ramble is our kickoff event of the JULY 4th weekend and worth getting your family and guests out the door early Saturday morning. Every summer over 750 runners gather at the Lake Rabun Pavilion to run an "out and back" race along the shores of our beautiful Lake Rabun. Not a runner? Never fear, over half of our participants are walkers so our race is literally for EVERYONE. And your tee shirt is a badge of honor that will be cherished for years to come.

Door #2 - HELP THY NEIGHBOR

The Rabun Ramble is for a good cause! All proceeds go to the Lake Rabun Foundation which funds a variety of local charities, most notable are college scholarships your LRA provides for an impressive group of Rabun County students every year. In the 17 years since we ran the first Ramble, we've donated over \$250,000 to the Lake Rabun Fund. All that FUN to help spread the LOVE... we think Door #2 is the real winner!

Door #3 - AND THE WINNER IS...

After directing the race for all these years, I'm pleased to announce that beginning next summer (2023), Mary Shannon Scott will be taking charge of the Ramble and I couldn't think of a better person to fill my shoes. You'll recognize Mary Shannon- she's been a volunteer on race day mornings for years and is currently helping me prepare for this year's race. THANK YOU, Mary Shannon!!! I have loved watching the excitement of the runners before the START horn blows and cherish seeing families & friends running together and gathering for photos afterwards. The Ramble is a way to celebrate being together with those we love in this beautiful place that we are fortunate to call home. So, who's the winner? WE ALL ARE!

All 3 doors are open now and so is race registration, so jump on line to www.rabunramble.com to sign up today. And welcome to the Summer of 2022! Let's make it the safest and best one yet and come join us for the Rabun Ramble on Saturday, July 2nd at 7:30 a.m.

See you at the race!
-Sandy Strong

Vice President's Report - Connie Thompson 2022 Summer Season

Springtime is here in all its glory, and we are looking forward to what we hope will be a “normal” summer at Lake Rabun. In 2021, LRA membership grew at twice our normal rate, and we welcome all our new neighbors! There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to be involved in social events, meet new friends, and get involved in volunteer activities that interest you.

May

The LRA summer season officially begins with the Saturday night dance party on May 28th. Moxie will be returning as our featured band! Bring your family and enjoy a wide range of music from this popular group! There is no dinner served and the band plays from 7:00P-11:00P. Tickets are not required for this event.

Sunday morning, May 29th, we will have our General Membership Meeting beginning at 10:00A. Coffee, water, and a light snack will be served before the meeting.

Immediately after the General Membership Meeting is adjourned, please join us for Brunch (complete with Mimosas!) in the lower pavilion for our first Committee and Volunteer Expo! The purpose of this event is to educate new and established members about LRA activities to build a stronger lake community, as well as to provide opportunities and entice LRA members to become more involved in the lake community. Committee chairs will be able to provide information about their team's purpose, answer questions, and enable interested parties to sign up to participate.

On Sunday afternoon, May 29th, from 2:30P-4:00P, the 3rd Annual Rabun Flower Arranging Workshop will be held in the lower Pavilion. Space is limited so sign up early!

June

June is a busy month- with the first three weekends filled with fun things to do! The spring Lake Cleanup Day will be held on Friday, June 3rd, from 9:00A-2:00P. This is a great way to meet new friends while beautifying our lovely lake! Meet at Hall's Boathouse to join the team. Lunch will be provided.

A free Boater Safety Class will be held on June 4th from 9:00A-1:00P on the lower level of the Pavilion. Anyone born after 01/01/1998 must take this class to operate a PWC and Boat. We highly recommend new home and boat owners take this course.

Also on June 4th, the first Lakemont University (LU) of the season will be held at the Pavilion on the upper level from 5:00P - 6:30P. Lakemont University is searching for the most rewarding and enjoyable programs to offer in 2022. The focus

remains three-pronged: 1) the history and culture of the lake and mountain region, 2) taking advantage of our proximity to nature to experience and learn more about it, and 3) the varied and fascinating interests and hobbies of our members. Is there a subject you suspect others would be particularly interested in? Do you, or someone you know, have a hobby you/they enjoy sharing with others? If so, contact Buz Stone or John King with your suggestions. Many thanks!

Bingo will follow LU from 7:00P-9:00P on June 4th. Everyone is welcomed at these events.

Safety on and off the water is a primary focus of LRA. Rabun County EMS will offer a CPR/AED Class on June 11th at the Pavilion. Class times are from 9:00A-11:00A. Space is limited, so sign up early!

With the 2020 LRA Tour of Homes canceled due to COVID-19, Father's Day weekend brings much excitement for the 2022 TOH! Co-chairs Dirk Brown and Tim Burns have garnered an outstanding slate of lovely lake homes you will want to see! It “takes a village” to put on an event of this scale and volunteer options abound! For volunteers and homeowners, an appreciation party will be held on the evening of June 17th from 5:00P-7:00P at the Pavilion. The actual tour day is June 18th from 9:00A-3:00P. This event will sell out, so please buy your tickets early!

The last weekend of June brings a much-needed break from all the fun - but hang on - July is coming! It's a big month too!

July

The July 4th holiday weekend is packed with activities for the entire family! Put on your best team attire and tennis shoes for the 16th Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race held Saturday, July 2nd! The Race begins at 7:30A at the Pavilion and will offer both a 5K and 10K route. Later that night, join your LRA friends for the BBQ/Bluegrass Dance at the Pavilion. Dinner will be provided by The Shed from 6:00P-7:30P, with music from Nitrograss starting at 7:00P. Tickets will be required for dinner. The dance is open to all LRA members and guests. The Wooden Boat Regatta will begin at Mathis Dam at 10:30A on Sunday, July 3rd. Later that night, the Fireworks will begin

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around 9:15P. Many thanks to the DNR and the Lake Rabun Volunteer Fire Department for enforcing a no-wake zone when coming to and leaving the fireworks. And finally, on Monday, July 4th, the LRA Golf Tournament will be held at the Orchard Golf and Country Club from 7:30A-2:00P. Whew!

Our second Lakemont University will start at 5:00P on July 23rd. Bingo will follow at 7:00P.

Our annual Beach Music Party will be held on July 30th. Dinner will be provided by Willy's Mexicana Food Truck, and you can dance the night away with the Swingin' Medallions on July 30th. Dinner will be served from 6:00P-7:30P and the band will play from 7:00P-11:00P.

August

As we begin to wind down from a busy June and July, August 13th provides one last chance to expand your mind at Lakemont University (5:00P-6:30P) and one last chance to win prizes at Bingo (7:00P-9:00P).

September

On Sunday, September 4th, our second General Membership Meeting will be held at 10:00A on the upper level of the Pavilion. Coffee, water, and a light snack will be served before the meeting. Later that night, please join us from 7:00P-11:00P for

our last Dance Party of the season, featuring Atlanta Rhythm & Groove. No food will be served at this event, and it is open to LRA members and their guests.

Our second LRA Lake Cleanup Day will take place on Friday, September 9th from 9:00A-2:00P. Teams will meet at Hall's Boathouse.

November

On Friday, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving, join us for the annual Hike at 1:30P (location TBD) and the Day After Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs Hotel starting at 6:00P.

Whippoorsnapper Award

The first ever Whippoorsnapper was awarded in 2018. The Award is to recognize and encourage the contributions and volunteer efforts of our younger members.

Fashioned after the Whippoowill Award, which recognizes long term volunteer service, the Whippoorsnapper Award gives credit to the next generation who have started volunteering on the lake. Be it lake clean-up, event participation, water safety, technical skills, recruitment, or committee work, a Whippoorsnapper personifies the spirit of giving and character of an up-and-coming member (and potentially a future Whippoowill). This award will shine light on and give credit to our many young people who will carry the torch for the future of our organization.

CRITERIA:

- An individual who is an ambassador in promoting the Mission Statement and goals of the LRA
- An individual who steps up willingly and has volunteered or assisted with multiple events or committees for a minimum of 2 years
- An individual who exhibits character, willingness, energy, and displays positive role modeling for others in his/her peer group
- An individual who is a problem solver and communicates ideas thoughtfully

The Whippoorsnapper Award will be announced at Labor Day meetings. Nominations will be taken from the lake community in the same fashion that the Whippoowill Award is chosen. This may or may not be an annual award. Please send nominations and a list of qualifying criteria, no later than August 1st, 2022, to: Mike Swink at liftntote@bellsouth.net or mail to P.O. Box 157, Lakemont, GA 30552. Forms are available at www.lakerabun.org.

Nominations for 2022 Whippoowill Award

Mike Swink has recently taken over the Whippoowill Award nominations from Carol Raeber. Carol possessed great wit and an unselfish attitude with this responsibility and we are deeply grateful for the many years of her hard work.

If you would like to nominate a member of the LRA for the 2022 Whippoowill Award, please go to the "About Us" heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Whippoowill Award. Complete the nomination form and mail to:

Mike Swink
P.O. Box 157
Lakemont, GA. 30552
Deadline is August 1, 2022.

Lake Rabun Foundation News

Happy Spring! This year will mark the 35TH anniversary of the first Lake Rabun Foundation scholarship award. I am pleased to report that your Lake Rabun Foundation (LRF) is doing well and continuing to do good work on your behalf in Rabun County. As with many things on the lake, there are also changes with the Foundation.

Anne Pledger, who has headed our scholarship program for ten years, has made the difficult decision to step aside to focus on other matters. I will always be grateful for Anne's leadership and organizational skills. No one will know the hours Anne has devoted to bringing our scholarship program to where it is today. More importantly, there are tons of Rabun students who have benefitted from Anne's care and concern for them and their education. An educator at heart, Anne has challenged and encouraged these students to have the "grit" to succeed.

Fortunately, there is someone willing to step up to the plate. We are blessed to have Laura Rhodes volunteer to accept the challenge of leading our scholarship program. Laura is talented and passionate about education. As the head of the very successful Connections Program, Laura has made meaningful contributions to the Scholarship Committee for several years. She and Greg have both participated in the student interviews and selection. As you read the two articles Laura has written, you will appreciate why she is the ideal person to lead this most important mission for the Foundation.

For many years, Penny Marshall has been the person who has made sure we all were stylishly outfitted in LRA apparel and had all the latest LRA swag. With help from Gary and a few volunteers, Penny set up shop at every LRA meeting. More importantly, as a result of her hard work, Penny has raised thousands of dollars for the benefit of the Lake Rabun Foundation. Unfortunately, Penny and Gary may be relocating this year and will be handing this over to someone else. I am grateful to Penny for her efforts on this-- and all she has done to support the Foundation.

I am pleased to announce that we have several additions to Leckie Stack's Community Outreach Committee. Collin Lines, Barbara Cantrell, Alex Clay and Victoria Anderson have agreed to assist in monitoring and selecting charities and organizations for LRF outreach grants. Each of these ladies is involved in one or more charitable endeavors in the Rabun community and will provide valuable insights in helping make the LRF grants meaningful and impactful.

I am also appreciative of Ron Hinson's efforts to update and expand the LRF's Scholarship By-Laws and Guidelines. Working with a committee and our friends at the North Georgia Community Foundation, Ron has structured a plan which will enable the Foundation to have greater flexibility to aid additional students who may choose to attend technical college programs for some or all of their higher education.

Finally, sincere thanks to all of the many LRA members who provide the financial and volunteer support which allows the Lake Rabun Foundation to function effectively in the Rabun community.

- Steve Raeber

The Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award

This award was created in 2012 to honor LRA member, Buz Stone, for his leadership of the Lake Rabun Foundation for 25 years. Each year it is presented to an LRA member who **"reflects the spirit of Buz Stone and the goodwill of the Lake Rabun Association in serving the welfare of Rabun County."** A \$2500 grant will be made to a Rabun County charity selected by the recipient.

Past recipients are: Buz Stone, David & Barbara Cantrell, Charles & Jacqueline Groover, Dorothy Ann King, Kirk & Kathy Knous, Joe Hamilton, Leckie Stack, Anita & Robert Pittman, Denny Webb, Clay & Al Battle

To nominate an LRA member for this award send a brief letter or email on behalf of the nominee to:

Lake Rabun Foundation • P.O. Box 114 • Lakemont, GA 30552
or email to:

Steve Raeber, sraeber41@gmail.com

Nominations should be received by May 15th, 2022.

Named Scholarships

Thanks to Robert and Regina Stephenson and Ralph and Ree Edwards who have funded scholarships in their names to provide college scholarship assistance.

These named scholarships are recognized on the LRA website.



Planned Gifts

Please consider including the Lake Rabun Foundation in your estate plans. There are a variety of ways this can be done. Please discuss options with your attorney or Greg Rhodes. Gifts from your estate will provide for the work of the Lake Rabun Foundation for future years.



The Lake Rabun Foundation Scholarship Program Thrives!

We began small ~ in 1987, one student received a \$1,000 scholarship for each of four years. Since then, the Foundation has assisted over 200 Rabun County students with multi-year college scholarships to 45 colleges and universities throughout the U.S., exceeding \$1,380,000 in scholarship funds.

We continue to grow... The scholarship award is currently \$14,000 ~ \$3,500/year for four years. We have approximately 45 Rabun County students receiving our scholarships each year beginning in their freshman year and ending upon graduation.

Since 2012, several grants from the Lake Rabun Foundation have been made to the North Georgia Technical College Foundation which allow financial assistance for Rabun County students attending North Georgia Technical College. Many students choose this route to prepare for technical careers or to complete their first two years of college and then transfer to other colleges to complete their degrees. Now, students may receive direct scholarship assistance from the Lake Rabun Foundation for both their technical school degrees as well as their bachelor's degrees.

The Lake Rabun Foundation scholarships are highly regarded in Rabun County. On Awards Night at Rabun County High School, our scholarships represent the largest financial investment and term ~ not just for one year but for all 4 years ~ of all local scholarships. Parents of previous scholarship students have shared with us that our Foundation scholarships have changed lives. The local community is aware of our scholarship program and appreciates what we are doing.

We will interview a new crop of students this Spring who all have high aspirations of attending either a four-year college or a technical school. Each applicant is evaluated by financial need, academic achievement, character, and involvement in the school and community. In addition, our scholarships are awarded to those who possess a positive attitude and the determination to be successful in college.

The Foundation Scholarship program is thriving. You can bet that we have challenges along the way given that we are working with students who face real world problems and some have not had opportunities or family support in their lives. Our goal is to endorse these smart, hard-working, and fantastic young adults while they are putting forth the effort to further their educations. As long as they are trying, we are there for them!

- Laura Rhodes

Lake Rabun Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of the Lake Rabun Foundation's annual budget. Your gift to the Annual Fund sends a clear message in support of the mission of the

Foundation in providing scholarship assistance and charitable grants in Rabun County - especially in these challenging times. Donations can be made on the LRA website by clicking the donation button in the Foundation section.

Thank you for your support.

The Connections Program

Several years ago, the Scholarship Committee established the Connections Program. The purpose of this program is to link LRA families to our scholarship recipients. The Connections person/family is the "face behind the financial gift", introducing the student to our lake community, as well as a match with common interests such as career goals, hobbies, or personality traits. Often, internships, summer jobs, or jobs after college graduation may be facilitated based on these relationships. Furthermore, the program reinforces that the Lake Rabun community is proud to be a small part in the student's academic journey.

One of our Connections families received a recent thank you note from its student after graduating from college: "Thank you for all your support these past four years and beyond. Each of you gave me just the right advice at just the right time to stay on track and finish strong. The journey isn't over yet. Here's to our continuing friendship."

Our hope is that perhaps these small relationships might make a huge difference in some of these student's lives, especially those that come from difficult family situations. We will be matching a new group of graduating seniors this May with our LRA members. If you'd like to be involved with this program, please contact Laura Rhodes (rhodeslaura@bellsouth.net). You will find it enjoyable as well as a rewarding experience!

Happy Spring!

- Laura Rhodes

Connections Program Chairperson




LAKE RABUN STORE ITEMS



Caps, logo clothing, boathouse flags, drinkware and lots more!

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The Lake Rabun Tour of Homes 2022 On Lake Time



**WE ARE THRILLED THAT THE TOUR OF HOMES HAS RETURNED
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO FEATURE THE HOMES OF...**

Tom and Sandy Gay - Every room in this bright and open home enjoys beautiful east and west views of Lake Rabun. Tom and Sandy's personal touches are found throughout the house including Tom's spectacular collection of framed arrowheads. In fact, you will see hand carvings of his collection welcoming you on the front door. This calm and serene location is the perfect place to spend your lake time.

Judy and Scott Lampert - This reimagined and rebuilt 1960's mid-century modern home sits on its own peninsula with a spectacular view from the great room and front porch. The home showcases a variety of contemporary art curated (and created) by Judy. The home integrates gently into Rabun's spectacular natural surroundings.

John and Susan Hamilton - The Hamilton family has been part of the Lakemont community for over fifty years. John and Susan bought this breathtaking property in 2015, having always admired it. They enjoyed the original 1930's era cabin for 5 years but realized it needed updating to accommodate their growing family, as grandkids arrived to spend lake time. So they hired Bob DeFiore to design a new home that would have the feel of the original cabin in use of materials and scale, as it was not practical to save it.

Kay and Jim Douglass - Located on a peninsula across from Hall's Boathouse, this home was purchased in 2020 by Kay and Jim Douglass, who previously owned a 1920's Lake Rabun Home. The architecture of this single-level home echoes the style of homes found in Jackson Hole. The interior, however, was extensively renovated in a fresh, contemporary lake style by Kay, a prominent interior designer based in Atlanta.

Southern Lake House - Lee Epting's family rented family homes on the lake in the 1950's. They tried Lake Lanier when it opened, but felt that it just wasn't the same as Lake Rabun. It has been his lifelong dream to be on the lake. His passion for saving and restoring historic buildings, his love for the lake, and his vision of bringing The Lake House back to its original 1922 state, convinced Mary Cobb Stone to sell it to him in 2017. Throughout the restoration of the original Haslet's Store, Lee and his team have uncovered so much history and are excited to share it with all of us.

HOMEOWNER TOUR & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, June 17th

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

at the Pavilion

Free to all Homeowners & Volunteers
(Please RSVP to your House Chairs & Navy Admirals)

\$20 for guests

Tickets for guests available at www.lakerabun.org

Click on Events and scroll down to the Reception



The Lake Rabun Tour of Homes 2022 On Lake Time



TOUR DETAILS

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH 2022

TICKETS: \$60 (\$75 on the day of the tour, based on availability.)

Add a Gatherings at Lake Rabun Cookbook for an additional \$10. (They make great gifts.)

Please plan 2 to 3 hours to complete the tour and see all of the homes.

- Check in at the Pavilion for tickets and then proceed to Hall's Marina to board a boat
- Boats will start loading at 9:00 AM
- The last boat will leave Hall's at 1:30 PM
- Homes close at 3:30 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW – on-line at www.lakerabun.org. Log into your account, click on the member pages. Under the events calendar you will find the tour of homes to purchase your tickets.

PLEASE REMEMBER: The tour is NOT handicapped accessible. You will be on boats. Please wear comfortable shoes. Children under 12 are not permitted.

Ticket purchases are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal or state income tax purposes.

WANT TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE?

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:

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The Tour of homes is sponsored by Lake Rabun Association Inc. to benefit the Lake Rabun Fund at North Georgia Community Foundation, Inc. which administers the Lake Rabun Foundation. Net proceeds from the Tour support College scholarships for graduates of Rabun County schools and the work of numerous Rabun County charitable organizations.

Lake Rabun Flower Arranging Workshop



Are you someone who likes to keep a vase of fresh flowers in your home? Are you someone who would like to learn more about arranging flowers and how to keep them fresh? If so, you will be interested in our upcoming Flower Arranging Workshop sponsored by the 2022 LRA Tour of Homes. The workshop is appropriate for all levels of arrangers and is open to members of LRA, their guests, and docents for the tour. Talented local arrangers will present ideas, resources, basic lessons in design, line, color, texture, and whatever else arises. Following the instruction, participants will have an opportunity to let their own creative spirits run and make their own arrangements to take home.

Bring your own plant materials (garden, wild or purchased flowers, branches and other things that capture your interest), container, snippers, and some ideas a little out of the box. We will provide everything else.

The Workshop will be held Sunday, May 29th, 2:30 - 4:30 in the lower level of the Pavilion. Space is limited to 30 participants and sign up is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information or to sign up contact Judy Cathey, 804-832-3412 or texanjudy@gmail.com.

Lake Safety Update

In response to a large number of concerns from members in December 2020, the LRA conducted a survey regarding the impact of wake surf waves on boating safety, the shoreline and shoreline structures. The survey generated 486 member responses and 1,000 comments, with 75% of respondents expressing concern that wake surf waves are a safety hazard and 82% of survey respondents expressing a desire for regulations to address ballasted wake surfing activity. The LRA Lake Safety Committee then began to explore options to manage the impact of wake surfing waves, including consideration of both boater education and regulation.

To scientifically measure the impacts of wake surfing waves, an engineering study was conducted on Lake Rabun, and the cost was shared jointly by the LRA and the Lake Burton and Lake Seed associations. The study concluded that buffer distances between ballasted wake surfing boats and other boats and/or the shoreline larger than current Georgia law of 100 feet are necessary to improve safety and reduce the impact of the large wakes.

With results from the survey and study, the Lake Safety Committee consulted with Georgia Power, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the other lake civic associations as to the possible nature and scope of wake surf regulation. Georgia Power declined to take action regarding wake surf boat regulation, and the DNR was supportive of an increased buffer.

Following these conversations, State Representative Stan Gunter drafted a bill for consideration in the Georgia House Game, Fish and Parks Committee that would increase the buffer and also include a limit on the “dry weight” of wake surf boats, which is a major determinant of wake size and energy. As part of the negotiations around the language in the bill, the Water Sports Industry Association, a wake surf trade association, also supported an increased 200 foot buffer. Due to limited time remaining in the 2022 legislation, the bill did not move out of committee and was not introduced.

At the request of Committee chair Trey Rhodes on March 24th, there was a public legislative hearing of the Committee to provide input for the possible introduction of a similar bill in the 2023 Georgia Legislature. Parties providing testimony included the LRA, The Lake Burton Civic Association, the DNR, and the WSIA. Members of the committee expressed interest in further investigating ways to mitigate the effects of wake surfing waves on smaller lakes. In fact, 32 states have considered legislation concerning wake surfing waves, including South Carolina, whose legislation increased the minimum buffer to 200 feet.

To provide more structure to address this important issue, the LRA has recently reconstituted the membership of the Lake Safety Committee to ensure that all parties are represented, ensure transparency, and ultimately put forth recommendations to the LRA membership that may include education, enforcement and regulatory components. Our intent for the Lake Safety Committee is to allow the LRA to address membership concerns regarding wake surfing safety, quality of life, and shoreline property impacts in a sensible and community-oriented way. Your Lake Safety Committee intends to follow progress on this issue closely over the next year, and we will report as developments warrant.

**THE LRA PRESENTS:
THE SPECTACULAR ONE AND ONLY:
LAKE RABUN FIREWORKS SHOW
SATURDAY, JULY 3RD AT DARK**

**“MAKE NO WAVES”
ENJOY THE SHOW • LEAVING:
FOLLOW BOATS WITH YELLOW
FLASHING LIGHTS AND DO NOT
PASS THEM • FIREBOAT BRINGS
UP THE REAR**

This important message brought to you by the Boater Safety Committee of the Lake Rabun Association. Please Stay Safe!!!



Lake Rabun Association

Calendar of Events - 2022

May 28, 2022	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting	9:00-11:00AM
May 28, 2022	Dance Party (Moxie); Pavilion No meal served	7:00-11:00PM
May 29, 2022	LRA General Membership Meeting; Upper Pavilion LRA Committee & Volunteer Expo; Lower Pavilion Flower Arranging Workshop; Lower Pavilion	10:00AM-12:00PM 12:00PM-1:30 PM 2:30PM-4:00 PM
June 3, 2022	LRA Clean Up Day:	9:00AM-2:00 PM
June 4, 2022	Boater Safety Class; Pavilion	9:00AM-1:00PM
June 4, 2022	Lakemont University; Pavilion	5:00-6:30PM
June 4, 2022	Bingo; Pavilion	7:00-9:00PM
June 11, 2022	CPR/AED Class; Pavilion	9:00-11:00AM
June 17, 2022	Tour of Homes Volunteer Party	5:00PM-7:00PM
June 18, 2022	Tour of Homes	9:00-3:00PM
July 2, 2022	Rabun Ramble; Starts at Pavilion	7:30AM-10:00AM
July 2, 2022	BBQ & Bluegrass (Nitrograss); Pavilion	6:00-10:00PM
July 3, 2022	Wooden Boat Regatta; Starts at Mathis Dam	10:30AM-12:30PM
July 3, 2022	Fireworks; Dike	9:15-9:45PM
July 4, 2022	LRA Golf Tournament; The Orchard	7:30AM-2:00PM
July 23, 2022	Lakemont University; Pavilion	5:00-6:30PM
July 23, 2022	Bingo; Pavilion	7:00-9:00PM
July 30, 2022	Willy's Taco Truck & Beach Party (Swingin' Medallions)Pavilion	6:00-11:00PM
August 13, 2022	Lakemont University; Pavilion	5:00-6:30PM
August 13, 2022	Bingo; Pavilion	7:00-9:00PM
September 3, 2022	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting	9:00-11:00AM
September 4, 2022	LRA General Membership Meeting; Pavilion	10:00-12:00PM
September 4, 2022	Dance Party (Atlanta Rhythm & Groove); Pavilion; No meal served	7:00-11:00PM
September 9, 2022	LRA Clean Up Day;	9:00AM-2:00 PM
November 25, 2022	Annual Hike (Location TBD) Day After Thanksgiving Potluck; Glen-Ella	1:30PM-3:30PM 6:00-8:00PM



***Dates, times and events subject to change, so refer to www.lakerabun.org for updates.**