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Annual Meeting Recap

by Tom Weaver

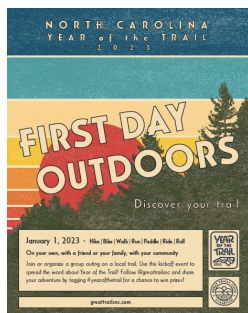
We had a very successful annual meeting last October, thanks to all who attended and helped prepare for the event!

I concluded my President's report with a [Call to Action](#) for our members to continue our legacy. What does this mean? As our club marks the momentous milestone of 100 years since our inception, the year 2022 was a time of reflection on our successes and accomplishments in hiking, trail maintenance and conservation. While we should all be extremely proud of our work in Western North Carolina, there is still much to be done.

As we look to celebrate our 100th birthday this year, we need your help across many areas of our club. Volunteer opportunities are available in many areas, including:

- Hike leadership
- Trail maintenance
- Centennial Birthday Planning Team
- Volunteer Engagement Team
- Council Leadership
- Conservation Committee
- Youth Partner Engagement Efforts
- Search and Rescue Team
- Diversity Team
- and more...

Please consider where you can lend your time and talents to continue the legacy of the Carolina Mountain Club into the start of our next 100 years. Visit our newly redesigned web pages to look for engagement opportunities and contact information on these opportunities. Without support from volunteers, our work wouldn't have nearly the impact that it does. We look forward to continuing our successes and accomplishments as the oldest and largest hiking and trail maintenance club in North Carolina.



North Carolina Announces Year of the Trail

The Great Trails State Coalition announces the launch of the 2023 North Carolina Year of the Trail campaign. NC Year of the Trail will celebrate and draw attention to North Carolina's vast network of trails, greenways, and blueways. These trails showcase our state's diverse landscapes – from grand mountain vistas to quiet rivers, vibrant urban greenways, coastal forests, and the rolling hills of the Piedmont. North Carolina Year of the Trail is the largest statewide celebration of trails and outdoor recreation in state history and will

firmly establish North Carolina as "The Great Trails State."

For more information, visit <https://greattrailsnc.com/> and follow us on social media @greattrailsnc - help spread the word about Year of the Trail!

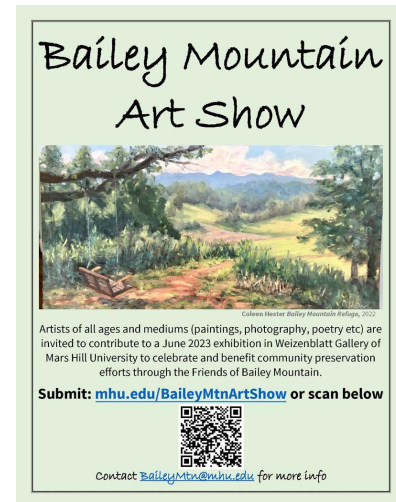
To read more, [click here](#).

Bailey Mountain Community Art Show

Now accepting submissions for Bailey Mountain Community Art Show!

Bailey Mountain Preserve in Mars Hill is a great place to hike and is becoming popular with plein air landscape painters and other artists. Artists of all ages, mediums (paintings, photography, poetry etc) inspired by Bailey Mountain are encouraged to submit pieces for an exhibit in the Weizenblatt Gallery of Mars Hill University in June 2023 to celebrate and benefit continued preservation through the Friends of Bailey Mountain.

[Click here for the flyer.](#)



Trees in Winter

with UNCA botanist Dr. Irene Rossell
Friday, February 24, 11am-2pm
by Jeff Wilcox

Following a well-received "Tree Walk" in October, the CMC Education and Outreach Committee is once again pleased to sponsor an event with Dr. Irene Rossell, a botanist in the Environmental Science Department at UNC Asheville. Dr. Rossell will explain how woody plants adapt to life in winter and how to identify native trees by their twigs, bark, and other features.

The group will meet at the Botanical Gardens parking lot on Friday, February 24th at 11:00 am for a walk through the gardens and the UNCA campus. The group will then move indoors (~12:00-12:30pm depending on weather) for a restroom break and about an hour of hands-on instruction in an Environmental Science lab.

Bring a water bottle and snacks/light lunch. Limited to 20 participants--reserve your spot via email to jwilcox@unca.edu.

Are You a Map Freak II?

by Mike Knies

I wrote an article for eNews back in 2014 about maps. I can't believe it has been that long ago! People are so into GPS map sources now that many don't ever use a hard copy map. But there is much information on them, depending on what you are looking for, that isn't going to be on some GPS copy.

A friend called me recently and said some of the sites for U.S. Geological Survey maps from that article were not working for him now. The USGS has a much more user-friendly site now. In fact, it is so user-friendly that it hardly requires instruction.

I have updated my description and included links to other map sites.

To read more, [click here](#).

Here is an invitation to tell our stories to a larger audience. If you have a story to tell, please run it by Paul Curtin and/or Todd Eveland before sending it off.

A.T. Trail Maintainers Have Stories to Tell!

by Debra Smith, A.T. Museum

The Appalachian Trail Museum is seeking TRAIL MAINTAINER stories, past and present. We know your club probably has some good ones to share!

Two new exhibits are being planned, opening to the public in summer 2023:

1. PIONEER TRAIL MAINTAINERS and BUILDERS

Going back to the 1920s, this exhibit will feature trail building and maintaining tools brought to life with the compelling images and stories of early A.T. trail builders and maintainers.

2. TRAIL MAINTAINERS and BUILDERS OF TODAY

Beginning with Lyndon Johnson's signing of the National Trails System Act in 1968, this exhibit will feature modern-day tools, trail-building techniques, and engaging stories of the dedicated groups and individuals who continue to this day to honor the volunteer traditions of the Appalachian Trail.

We invite your club to be a part of these new exhibits. **Please send us special stories of trail builders and maintainers from your club's history.** Complete the attached short form and return to Debra Smith a tdsmithwsr@gmail.com (and please cc: Larry Luxenberg: larry.luxenberg@lexingtonave.com) by **January 30, 2023**. Responses may be brief; we will contact you for additional information if needed.

For form, [click here](#).



SAVE THE DATE!

Carolina Mountain Club is turning

100!

JULY 16, 2023
1-5pm at the NC Arboretum



Fun for the Whole Family!
Hikes • Music • Ice Cream and more!

Save the Date!

The Carolina Mountain Club is celebrating our 100th birthday on Sunday, July 16th, 2023 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Join us for this fun-filled, family-friendly day at the NC Arboretum.

Highlights include vendor and nonprofit partner booths, food trucks, music, children's activities, guided hikes, and much more! All CMC party goers will receive free admission to the arboretum, courtesy of the NC Arboretum!

Come help CMC celebrate our legacy of 100 years of hiking, trail maintaining, conservation, and education.

Remembering Dave Wetmore

by Marcia Bromberg

When I think of Dave Wetmore it's remembering that every hike I took with him included off-trail bushwhacking. That's just the type of hiker he was. We lost Dave in December when he passed away on his 86th birthday.

To read more, [click here](#).



Carolina Mountain Club in the 1940s and 1950s

by Danny Bernstein

Continuing our series of extracts from the forthcoming book, *Carolina Mountain Club: One Hundred Years*.

A month into World War II in Europe, the October 1939 *Let's Go* had a paragraph titled *Propaganda Stuff*.

The feelings of insecurity and apprehension that troubles all thinking mortals today is as definite a fact on our horizon as Mt. Pisgah. What are you going to do about it? You can't dissipate it by brooding, by idleness or by idle talk. It's going to take action, and there is no line of action more rational than following our plan of building sturdy legs, hefty chests, and a serene spirit in the great out-of-doors.



Besides, it's a lot of fun, and we predict a renewed activity in this sport and also a bigger and more enthusiastic CMC.

Still CMC continued to attract new members, including two men who went on to be giants in the Western North Carolina outdoor world. Several (many) current members still remember both Arch Nichols and Bernard Elias. Both Nichols and Elias were Asheville natives and both became CMC presidents. But they were two very different men with two different set of skills. Their contribution to the club is told throughout the CMC 100 book.

To read more, [Click here](#).

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