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Membership

Individual: 36
Family: 114
Contributing: 35
Sustaining: 8
Patron: 6
Sponsor: 2
Lifetime: 4
TOTAL: 205



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2023 Annual Report



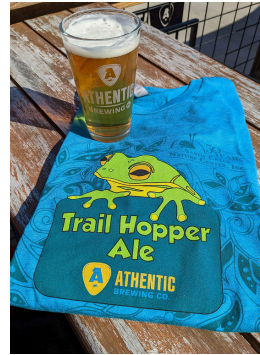


From the President: 2022-2023 Year in Review

What an exciting year! We continued our regular events like Pie Day, Jack-O'-Lantern Jog and birdseed sale, while also embarking on a jam-packed 2023 to celebrate Sandy Creek Nature Center's 50th anniversary. We started the year with a reception for our founders and their families and invited early employees and support-

truckloads of trash--and inspiring to know that we are continuing their legacy.

February featured our Frog Hop 5K race and a SCNC, Inc.-sponsored workday. Enthusiastic volunteers cleaned up, spread mulch in the Nature Playscape, and worked to eradicate invasive plants at the Nature Center. March showcased two events. First up was a community celebration, including a huge anniversary cake, to highlight all that you can do at the Nature Center and the many organizations that partner with us in environmental education and stewardship. Then we turned around and launched Trail Hopper Ale at Athentic Brewery in Normaltown.



occurred in July and August. Over 30 local artists shared their work at the art exhibit, *Inspired by Nature*, at the Athens Regional Library. More than 100 people attended the opening reception where four of the artists shared how the natural world inspires their work.

We continued fundraising and supporting the Nature Center financially and with volunteers. We purchased new software for the planetarium and funded the new trailhead area at the entrance to our trail system



and the North Oconee River Greenway. A major focus this year has been our endowment, with a goal to raise \$50,000 during this 50th anniversary year. To date, we have raised \$41,299. Our long-term goal is to be able to fund all operating expenses from the endowment so that all memberships and donations will go directly to supporting the Nature Center.



ers. The children of John Ripley Forbes, who provided leadership and funds to the founders, attended as well as members of the Thurmond family, who had farmed and grown up on the property. The children and grandchildren of the founders shared their stories and helped us celebrate the important work their parents and grandparents started 50 years ago. It was fun to hear the stories of their struggles--like hauling of

In May, beloved Georgia author Janisse Ray gave an inspiring talk at the Pavilion, followed by a reception. I talked to lots of folks who came to hear her but had not visited us in years. They were impressed by the changes and excited to renew their relationship with the Nature Center.

Our next big event



I feel so lucky to work with this great board, our Operations Coordinator, the staff at the Nature Center, and our many members and supporters. Naturally, I am proud to be associated with this special spot in Athens-Clarke County. Sandy Creek Nature Center offers all members of our community a chance to connect with and learn about the natural world. I know you all feel the same way.



Operational Income = \$72,408.89

- Memberships - \$19,505.00
- Donations - \$12,809.11
- Corporate Sponsors - \$14,400.00
- Bird Seed Sale - \$2,516.68
- Frog Hop 5K - \$2,147.04
- Jack-O'-Lantern Jog 5K - \$2,810.61
- Frog Pond Shop - \$12,219.11
- Fundraising - \$3,057.07
- Interest Income - \$2,944.27

Expenses = \$50,355.95

- Administration - \$26,272.56
- Contributions to SCNC - \$14,443.66
- Materials & Supplies - \$734.46
- Contracted Services - \$1,498.62
- Insurance - \$2,786.33
- General Operations - \$4,620.32

Endowment Funds Raised- \$41,299.15

Trailhead Funds Raised - \$11,295.83

Special expenditures:

- Trailhead Project - \$10,932.00
- Planetarium software- \$5,394.60