

# MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION TRUST

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## Georgia Native Plant Society "To The Rescue"

By

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With a nod to singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell,

*"Don't it always seem to go*

*That you don't know what you've got*

*Til it's gone*

*They paved Paradise*

*And put up a parking lot"*

.....and a condominium complex  
and a subdivision and a WalMart

These lyrics, written 36 years ago, still ring true. Growth and development are a fact of life. That growth and development fragment wildlife habitats and disturb native plant life is also a fact of life. Certainly, responsible growth and development are necessary for the economic health of a community. Care should also be taken to protect the natural resources and green treasures of a community.

One organization working to protect Georgia's wildflowers and indigenous plant life is the Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS). Founded in 1994, the goal of this nonprofit group is to study and protect the native plants of Georgia. An ongoing activity is to educate the public about the beautiful and diverse fauna of the Georgia woodlands. A major focus and the driving force in the creation of GNPS is the Native Plant Rescue Program.

In the early 1990s, a group of concerned individuals banded together to rescue native plants that were found to be in the path of developers' bulldozers. Potential rescue oppor-

tunities are developed through a number of sources including members, concerned citizens or news releases. Often, developers or landowners facing the inevitable destruction of plant life found on their property contact GNPS. Once a site has been identified, it is surveyed to determine the status of the existing vegetation.



**The rare Pink Lady's Slipper**  
(*Cypripedium acaule*)

Volunteer teams of no more than 15 members, under the guidance of rescue facilitators, work under very specific guidelines and always with written permission from the developer or landowner. The team makes a one-time visit to the site, and works for approximately 2 hours digging up the wildflowers, ferns, mosses, shrubs and small trees that have previously been identified. Safely out of harm's way, the plants are donated to nature centers, public gardens, backyard habitats, schools and other public facilities. Some plants will be sold at the annual GNPS fundraiser to support various projects of the organization.

Most of the rescue sites are located in the greater metro Atlanta area. In the future, as the numbers of trained volunteers increase, rescues will be available for the entire state. Here in our community, members of the Big Canoe Wildflower Bunch (some of whom are also GNPS members) conduct plant rescues in Big Canoe and Dawson County.

While development proceeds at an unchecked pace both here and in other areas of Georgia, the Native Plant Rescue

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# Letter from The President

The Mountain Conservation Trust Board is proud and excited to announce that as of January 1, 2006, the Trust has a new full-time Executive Director, Dr. Robert Keller. Robert comes to the Trust from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he served as an Assistant Professor in the Biology Department and founded and administered a geographic information systems (GIS) laboratory. Robert's talents as a biologist, experience with the use of GIS programs, and obvious enthusiasm for conservation are among the many reasons the Board believes he will lead the Trust to bigger and better accomplishments in 2006 and beyond. Moreover, Robert brings to the Trust a can do, anything is possible, attitude that is apparent upon your first contact with him and may be the result of his fourteen years of service as an Intelligence Specialist with the Special Warfare SEAL TEAMS of the U.S. Navy.

Many of you have already met Robert through his efforts to get "out and about" in our community. He is working to establish an e-mail contact list for our membership that the Trust can use to inexpensively contact our members about Trust news and other conservation opportunities in the community. If you have not received an e-mail from Robert, please send him an e-mail at [rkeller@mctga.org](mailto:rkeller@mctga.org) so that you can be included. You are also invited to stop by and meet Robert at the Trust's offices located above the offices of *The Pickens Progress* in the Edge Building at 104 North Main Street in downtown Jasper. Although Robert works full-time for the Trust, you might call ahead (706-253-4077) to make sure he will be in and not out tramping around in the woods.

The Board welcomes Robert, his wife Kathie, and his children Patricia, Casey, and Ted to the Trust and our community. 🐾

Mark Dickerson  
President



## Special Thanks

**A Special Thank You to the Edge Building LLC for providing office space for the Mountain Conservation Trust of Georgia.**

### "To The Rescue"

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Program is an excellent example of how to diminish the disturbance of our environment. The beautiful flowers, ferns and shrubs are given new homes and stand as living reminders of the need to rein in aggressive development. Because of the efforts of members of the Georgia Native Plant Society,

Paradise hasn't been paved over; it's been moved to a garden down the street.

For more information about the Georgia Native Plant Society, please go to their website at [www.gnps.org](http://www.gnps.org) or call the MCT office at (706) 253-4077. 🐾

# Two Good Questions

by

Mark Dickerson

Within the first few days after I was named the President of the Mountain Conservation Trust, one of my good neighbors and friends, a contributor to the Trust for several years, asked my wife Lucy two very good questions. First, what does the Trust do with the money that is contributed and second, why isn't the Trust stopping the logging going on near our homes? These are questions that are not easily answered to everyone's satisfaction but they are questions that need to be answered.

The answer to the question about the nearby logging relates both to the way the Trust works to preserve land and the Trust's limited time and financial resources. The Trust is not an organization that attempts to use the courts or other coercive means to stop people from doing what they choose to do on their land. If the land and a proposed action are of such significance that the Board determines that the Trust should become involved, the Trust works with the landowner to find a mutually satisfactory solution. In the end, however, it is up to the landowner to decide what to do. Moreover, the Trust is not in a financial position to address all potential problems or to purchase land from all those landowners who choose to do something with their land that may be inconsistent with the Trust's objectives. Given our limited means, the Board has to decide on which projects the Trust needs to focus its time and financial resources. If you think there is an opportunity where the Trust can make a difference, please contact our office at 706-253-4077. I do not promise, however, that the Trust will decide to act on all suggested problems or projects or, even if it does, that everything will work out like you or the Trust might choose.

As to the question about what the Trust does with contributions, the answer is a little more straightforward. Primarily, we use contributions to run our

office in the Edge Building in Jasper. We have all the standard expenses of such an office—insurance, telephone, internet, office supplies and equipment, printing and mailing newsletters, printing and mailing general and solicitation correspondence, annual dues to the national Land Trust Association, one full time and one part-time office staff person, etc. Most of what the Trust does involves working with landowners and government officials, and we have to have an office from which that work can be conducted. Beyond the office, the Trust's other significant expenditures relate to developing materials—grant applications, maps, models, scientific reports, brochures, and the like—used to advance specific projects such as the Trust's ongoing Long Swamp Gorge project or to monitoring activities on properties already protected. What the Trust does not spend any money on is the time and services provided by its officers and other Board members. Moreover, the Trust has so far been fortunate to find professionals to perform at no charge the biological surveys and other necessary services we have needed. In short, even when much of the work of the Trust is provided by volunteers, it takes money to maintain an office, to monitor activities on the land the Trust has already protected, and to find and pursue new projects in an ongoing effort to preserve more of the North Georgia Mountains for all of us. (It is worth noting that on one occasion in the past—the acquisition by Pickens County of the Burnt Mountain Preserve—the Trust has used contributions to provide a portion of the funds needed in the acquisition of property to be protected. No such capital expenditures are currently being made but such expenditures may be required in conjunction with future projects.)

*"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." --Aldo Leopold*

# The Battle for the Ragsdale Cabin

By

Robert D. Keller, Ph.D

“Shhhhh.....what was that?” I whispered to no one in particular. “There it is again!” A soft “kerplunk”.....followed by the quick scurrying sound of little critter claws on a metal roof.....and all of this occurring right over my head. “Incoming!” I thought.....and I instinctively pulled a protective feather pillow over my head. Following in rapid fire fashion, it happened twice more. Just like the first. The same rhythmic “kerpluck”, then the “click, click, clickety, click, click...”, always ending with a rustling sound in the rafters right over the bed. In the first salvos of the battle, it always takes a few moments to clarify one’s thoughts. As the cobwebs cleared from my head, I began to realize that the aggressor was a foe that was familiar to me. My mind flipped through a mental check list ..... “active during late hours, yes.....small unit tactics, yes.....extremely quick and quiet, definitely!”. “Yeah.....I got ya!” I spoke as I lifted my glance towards the crown of the cabin from where the noise came. A half sneer, half smile crossed my face. “Heh, heh, heh!” I spoke under my breath. “So this is how it begins, eh?”

Let’s back up here just a minute. I’m Robert Keller, and I just landed the job of a lifetime – as the new Executive Director of the Mountain Conservation Trust of Georgia. I cannot explain in mere words just how excited I am to be here in Jasper with you folks. From my very first day on the job back in January til the writing of this piece in front of a crackling fire in February, it has been an absolute thrill. New people, new places.....and lots of new challenges. Great stuff!

Perhaps the greatest experience of my first month here has been the overwhelming generosity of Bill and Sheila Ragsdale. My wife, Kathie, and our kids..... Casey and Ted.....are for the mean time staying in Cleveland, Tennessee, while I begin my tenure here in Jasper. Our daughter, Casey, is a rising senior at Cleveland High School. I thought it wise to allow her to finish out her high school days with her long time friends. One small problem, though. That would mean that I would have to commute daily from Cleveland to Jasper. Not a pleasant task considering the round

trip would be some 130 miles. The things one does for one’s children.

About two days into my new job, I got a call from Bill Ragsdale. Bill is a Board Member here at the Trust, and I welcomed the opportunity to meet with him on a more casual basis. Even job interview experiences that turn out positive are still just that.....job interviews. “Why don’t you come out and have lunch at our place” he said. I leapt at the chance.

Now Bill and his wife Sheila are “cat people”. I, too, am a “cat person”. I’m a conservation biologist by profession, a mammalogist by training, and a cat lover by design. The two Ragsdale cats were typical of all cats. The household revolved around them. Needless to say, our lunch was delightful. Somewhere between bites of sandwich and cat interruptions, Bill and Shiela made me an offer that I couldn’t refuse.

As it turns out, Bill and Sheila had just built themselves a new house. Clay Johnston, another one of our Board members here at the Trust, had constructed it for them. Many of you are familiar with Clay’s craftsmanship, so you can imagine what a magnificent creation the Ragsdale house is. Natural construction materials, lofty ceilings, spectacular views from every angle.....all with an eye towards embracing the natural environs as opposed to towering over it. Absolutely stunning!

Bill and Sheila built their new house just up the hill from their old cabin. For me, when you use the word “cabin” to describe a place, it evokes memories of photos of the land conservation forefather Aldo Leopold’s dwelling in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Rustic charm, cozy quarters, curling smoke coming out of the chimney, rocking chairs and blazing fires. Well.....the Ragsdale cabin is all that and more. But calling their cabin “old ” doesn’t quite do it justice. The cabin blends into the surrounding trees like it grew there.....right along with the oaks and the tulip poplars.....giving it a comfortable appearance just like your favorite sweater that you’ve had forever. That kind of “old”.

To make the proverbial long story short, Bill and Sheila offered me the use of their cabin so that

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I wouldn't have to drive back and forth every day to my home in Cleveland. I'm humbled by their act of kindness, and would fight grizzly bears with my bare hands to demonstrate my appreciation. Well..... maybe not grizzly bears.....but I am prepared to do battle with the little, fuzzy creatures that are making those night sounds over my head.

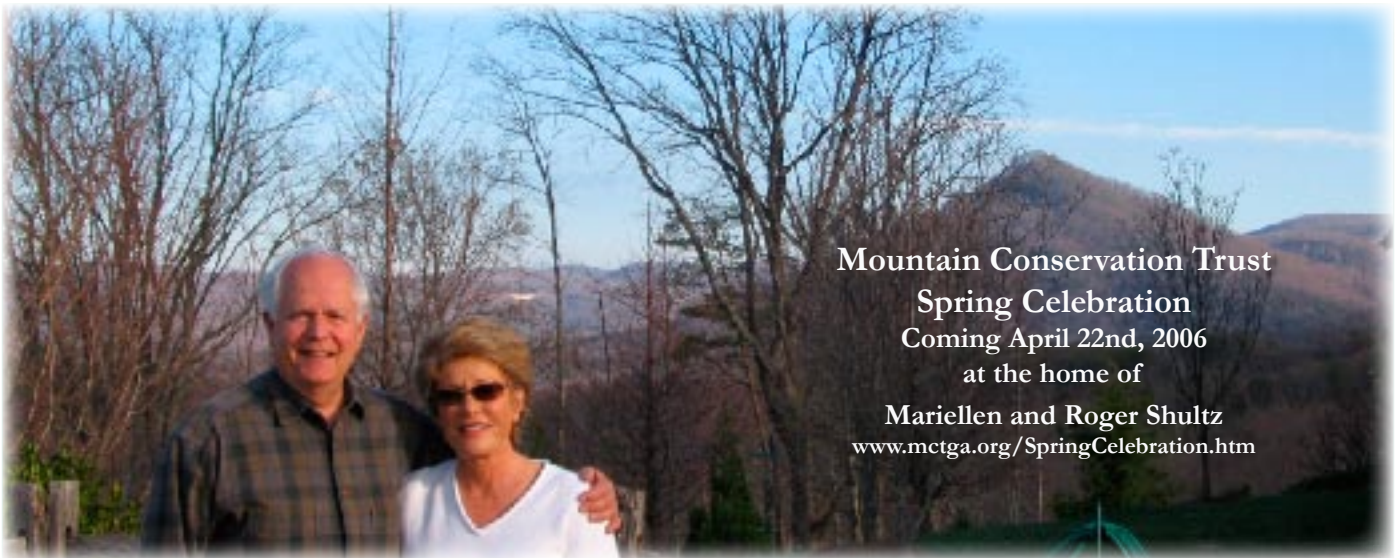
As I said before, I'm a mammalogist. Fuzzy, vertebrate critters are my passion. But I hold a "black belt" in "squirrel". But not just any squirrels, mind you.....flying squirrels! I love 'em! We've got two species of them here in the Southeast: the Northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*), which lives above 4600 feet in elevation along the mountainous Tennessee/North Carolina border, and the Southern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*), which lives almost everywhere. The former is on the Endangered Species List, and the latter is not. At least not all of them. I happen to know a group of the Southern variety that's gonna be endangered real soon. And those are the ones that are making a domicile in the roof right over the bed in the Ragsdale cabin.

Evidently the flying squirrels like the Ragsdale cabin as much as I do. But I was invited! They, on

the other hand, were not. Southern flying squirrels are usually cavity nesters and prefer to live in hollow trees. That is.....most of them. Occasionally, they choose to live in the rafters and attics of manmade dwellings. In addition, they are nocturnal. That means that they are most active at night. Hence the noise over my head while I am trying to sleep! The music comes up.....the stage lights go down.....and the conflict is set.

In the next couple of months, I will attempt to relocate the squirrels to a more natural habitat..... somewhere down the road in a suitable forest..... far away from here. As I sit here in bed in the Ragsdale cabin, I put the finishing touches on this "to be continued" saga and contemplate my future. I wonder....."Will I persevere?" "Will they?" Stay tuned, folks.....it's gonna be interesting. Between the squirrel episodes, I hope to make your land trust the best in the Southeastern United States. I'm as determined to do that as I am to do battle with these squirrels. Just wait and see!

"Shhhh.....what was that?" "There's that noise again!" 🐾



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