



# Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation

2015-2016 Annual Report

*Building connections, making a difference, leaving a legacy*



## A note from our Chair

Nearly every week, I drive past the glories of such places as Rocky Knob, Mabry Mill, and Groundhog Mountain, cruising around gentle curves hewn out of the forest along the crest of these old mountains, and I am ever reminded of the grand vision its architects had for this most popular unit of the National Park system.

Working with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has been a joy for me. Its dedicated staff and the clear-eyed determination of its leaders have helped us do great things and contemplate many more. The reach of this organization is impressive—not just the fine work it does along the 469 miles of this elongated park, but in so many other places as well, such as the visionary Kids in Parks program that has added trails across the country, or the jaw-dropping plans for Moses H. Cone Memorial Park.

So when I drive the Parkway and see overlook after overlook overgrown with trees that block once-magnificent views, when I bounce over potholes north of Roanoke and south of Cumberland Knob, I try to remember that plans are underway to fix so many neglected things—restoring Bluffs Lodge, repurposing the cabins at Rocky Knob, and scores of other projects in the works or planning stage.

They can't happen soon enough for me. But it's also important to remember that we have come a very long way in this Foundation's nearly 20-year history. We have a long way to go, but we are getting there, project by project, dollar by dollar, and mile by mile with your support.



Jack Betts during a Midday Mountain Music sessions at the Blue Ridge Music Center.

—Jack Betts, Board Chair

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# GREETINGS

This centennial year has marked an important milestone for the National Park Service. Parks all over the country, including YOUR Blue Ridge Parkway, hosted special events, reached out into their communities in person and through social media, and shouted from the rooftops to proclaim the excitement that surrounds a 100th birthday. Throughout this year of celebration, a common theme emerged from the visitors and the communities surrounding the Parkway. **PEOPLE LOVE THEIR PARKS.**

At the Parkway, we talked to thousands of people who shared stories of how parks have changed their lives. Stories of special milestone moments spent in parks, adventures taken and memories that will last a lifetime. These places are truly special, not just for park staff, but for millions of Americans. With that love for parks, comes concern for them.

Our visiting public is not blind to the effects of budget constraints on these treasured landscapes. Many visitors asked thoughtful questions about how to help these places stay relevant and well cared for during the next century, with offers to volunteer their time and donate funds. This proves the value of the work our partners do. The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has supported the Parkway in innumerable ways this past year and, during this second century of service to the American people, their work is more important than ever.



Mark H. Woods

—Mark H. Woods,  
Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway

**On the Cover:** “Nightfall at the Manor” by Sharon Canter captures Flat Top Manor under the Milky Way. The image was a final selection for the 13th annual Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition.



Construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway began 19 years after the National Park Service was founded in 1916, and today it is the most visited national park unit in the country. That speaks volumes about the admiration we all have for a road that represents our cultural connections, love for the outdoors, and spirit of adventure.

During the Park Service’s centennial year, our Community of Stewards continued to support the special places that dot this wondrous mountain landscape. An outpouring of support set Moses H. Cone Memorial Park on a path to reclaiming its former glory. Interpreters at Polly Woods Ordinary, Johnson Farm, and Ramsey Cabin can once again welcome visitors to these historic landmarks thanks to the completion of structural repairs. And partnerships yielded a new pedestrian bridge at Julian Price Memorial Park.

This year, perhaps more than any other, we celebrated the Parkway with meaningful social events—the first annual Denim Ball to support Moses H. Cone Memorial Park and the Find Your Pint beer series, among others.

Our Kids in Parks program branched out with its first Citizen Science Trail and launched its TRACK Rx program that empowers doctors to prescribe outdoor exercise for the health of young patients.

In addition to a stellar season of summer concerts, the Blue Ridge Music Center hosted more than 2,000 music lovers during A Show for Joe: The Joe Wilson Memorial Music Festival.

As you flip through the pages, what we hope most of all is that you see your commitment to the Parkway reflected in these achievements, because they wouldn’t be possible without you.

—Carolyn W. Ward, Chief Executive Officer



Carolyn Ward with David and Helen Gelly at The Denim Ball. More photos, page 10.



# STEWARDSHIP in Action

## Peaks of Otter

This year, the completion of major initiatives at Peaks of Otter Recreation Area, milepost 87, ensured two landmarks will survive to tell the stories of the people who lived here long before the Parkway was built. Polly Woods Ordinary, a former inn and tavern for travelers in the 1800s, underwent an extensive rehab that included reinking the logs and new side gables and a roof. Before recent repairs, the barn at Johnson Farm was off limits to visitors because of concerns about its stability. Now this key asset will continue to shed light on early 20th century farm life in the mountains. Smaller outbuildings were also reroofed. Both projects were made possible thanks to funding from the 2015 Centennial Challenge, which paired funds designated by Congress with those of Foundation donors in honor of the National Park Service's 100th anniversary. The investment, including the repaving of Abbott Lake Trail, totaled \$334, 598.



Johnson Farm Barn during rehab



Completed barn with a new roof, replacement logs, doors, and fencing



Polly Woods Ordinary complete



Roof before



Exterior during rehab

## Protecting Historic Landmarks





### Doughton Park Picnic Area

Enjoying a picnic amid the bucolic setting of Doughton Park, milepost 241, is even more pleasant thanks to the installation of dozens of new tables at the Bluffs Picnic Area.

### Buck Spring Lodge

This summer, the Foundation worked with individuals, community groups, and Parkway staff to place a new interpretive sign at the former site of Buck Spring Lodge, milepost 408. The panel shares the history of George W. Vanderbilt's Adirondack style hunting retreat, which was built in 1896 and enjoyed by family and friends for more than half a century.



### Boone Fork Bridge

After careful planning and construction, the Boone Fork Bridge on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail now welcomes hikers. The 80-foot span provides a safe crossing over the waterway as the route turns north from the Boone Fork Trail in Julian Price Memorial Park. The project was a true collaboration between North Carolina State Parks, the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and the Foundation, which provided partial funding thanks to a grant from the John Wesley and Anna Hodgkin Hanes Foundation.



Enhancing Visitor Experiences



## Wildlife Cameras

This summer, the wildlife camera program grew from a Parkway staff initiative to a citizen science project with volunteers fanning out along the route. Thirty new cameras funded by our Community of Stewards made the expansion possible. Under the guidance of Natural Resource Specialist Tom Davis, nearly 20 volunteers were trained to install cameras in remote locations and identify the animals spied by the motion-triggered devices. The expanded effort will give park biologists a clearer picture of the species that call the park home and the role that humans play in influencing wildlife along the corridor.



Three deer were photographed foraging in the Pisgah District of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

## Ramsey Cabin

Built in 1890, Ramsey Cabin at Humpback Rocks Farm, milepost 50, is an important link to the history of early Appalachian life. In late 2015, the single-crib log structure was outfitted with a new shake roof and is safe from further deterioration due to the elements. The repairs allow visitors to continue to explore the fascinating history of life in the mountains and learn from interpreters at the site.

## Work in Progress!

The Park Service is making strides to reopen the building that formerly housed Bluffs Coffee Shop and Gift Shop at Doughton Park. The park unit secured \$100,000 and is remediating the mold in the structures. In spring 2017, Eastern National will open a Visitor Information Station and Store here. The Foundation is continuing its fundraising efforts to prepare for the next steps needed to welcome visitors back to this popular spot.





# KIDS IN PARKS

Thousands of curious and adventurous kids set foot on their first TRACK Trail this year. Thousands more embraced that initial experience and headed out on their third, seventh, and even 18th hike. And while these excursions might just seem like family fun, the kids are reaping the benefits of building a stronger connection to nature, including improving their physical and mental well-being. In turn, the Kids in Parks program is setting a new generation on the path to becoming adults who cherish and value wild spaces and parks, including the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In 2016, Kids in Parks expanded in three main ways: growth of the trail network, new types of trail activities, and by working with health-care providers to write prescriptions that encourage young patients to hike TRACK Trails.

The Kids in Parks program is made up of 150 TRACK Trails in nine states and Washington, D.C. This year, 16 trails were added to the network in national parks, national forests, state parks, and a



Kids in Parks celebrated the 100th anniversary of North Carolina State Parks with a ribbon cutting at the new Mount Mitchell TRACK Trail.

variety of city/county parks, and in two new states: Tennessee and Wyoming.

Carl Sandburg Home National Historical Site in Flat Rock, North Carolina, now hosts the program's first Citizen Science TRACK Trail. It was designed to engage kids with the park in a fun and educational way. As children walk around the lake, a printed guide leads them to

stations where they conduct scientific experiments and make observations about water quality, giving them a deeper insight into the science inherent in nature.

One of the most exciting accomplishments is the launch of the TRACK Rx program. Through this initiative, Kids in Parks partners with doctor offices and hospital systems to install health-related materials



Jason Urroz leads students on the first Citizen Science TRACK Trail.

in lobbies to promote nearby TRACK Trails. The doctors are also given prescription pads to prescribe TRACK Trails for the health of young patients. More than 50 doctors are enrolled and writing prescriptions, making it one of the largest Park Rx programs in the country.

With each new trail, activity, and initiative, Kids in Parks is making strides to improve children's health and guarantee the future stewardship of cherished landscapes.



Connecting Children to Nature



# Blue Ridge Music Center

A season of authentic and lively concerts, midday music sessions, a memorial music festival, dance lessons, and exhibits continued to showcase the Blue Ridge Music Center as a vibrant cultural destination for Parkway travelers and the greater community. The 2016 concert season marked the third year of programming support by the Foundation, aligning with the mission to preserve cultural heritage.

Summer shows welcomed beloved music veterans such as Carlene Carter, Bryan Sutton and his Bluegrass Band, Steep Canyon Rangers, Lonesome River Band, and The Virginia Luthiers, as well as rising talents Mipso, Bill and the Belles, The Church Sisters, Dori Freeman, Zoe & Cloyd, Shadowgrass, and Mason Via. Some of the best old-time mountain bands from across the Blue Ridge Mountains, including the Reed Island Rounders, Crooked Road Ramblers, Larry Sigmon & Martha Spencer, and Five Mile Mountain Road delighted audiences.



Grammy Award winner Bryan Sutton with Mike Barnett on fiddle

In September, A Show for Joe: The Joe Wilson Memorial Music Festival drew more than 2,000 traditional music fans to celebrate the life of Joe Wilson, who was instrumental in the creation of the Music Center and Roots of American Music Museum. The daylong event included workshops hosted by Virginia folklorist Jon Lohman and music jams. An incredible lineup took the stage in Wilson's honor, including Jerry Douglas,

The Whites, Ricky Skaggs, Alison Krauss, Wayne Henderson & Friends, The Jeff Little Trio, Linda & David Lay with Sammy Shelor, Elizabeth LaPrelle, Phil Wiggins, The Barr Family, and Frank Newsome. Between songs, there were remembrances and stories about Wilson and his commitment to the Music Center. "Joe's heart and soul is here in this place. He fought hard for it," Skaggs said. "He knew the area needed a place like this."

## Collaborations

To expand the reach of mountain music beyond its Parkway locale, the Blue Ridge Music Center joined forces with music venues, arts groups, and others, including:

- Abingdon Music Experience in Virginia
- Arts Council of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County
- Arts Greensboro
- Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina
- HoustonFest - Galax
- National Council for the Traditional Arts
- Regional Junior Appalachian Music Program
- Southeastern Center for Contemporary Arts
- The Crooked Road's Mountains of Music Homecoming Festival
- Virginia Folklife Program
- Wake Forest Innovation Quarter
- Yadkin Cultural Arts Center

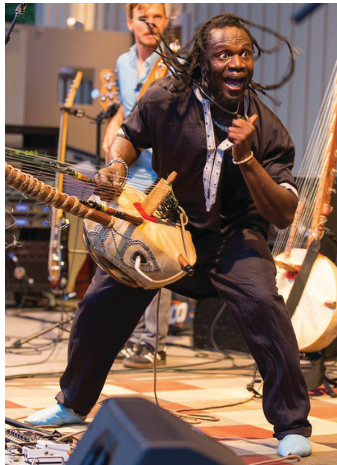
## Cultural Heritage





Photographs by Mike Duncan

Clockwise from above: Sammy Shelor and Lonesome River Band perform in August. Bill and the Belles bring old-time charm to the stage. Jerry Douglas, Alison Krauss, Ricky Skaggs, Sharon White, Buck White, and Cheryl White after their performance at A Show for Joe: The Joe Wilson Memorial Music Festival on Labor Day weekend. Diali Cissokho & Kaira Ba wow the crowd with their West African sound. Caden Miller examines a steel guitar during the Junior Appalachian Musician Day.





# Moses H. Cone Memorial Park & The Denim Ball

There is no other way to put it: 2016 was a big year for Moses H. Cone Memorial Park! The historic estate has long been a focus for donors, but earlier this year the Foundation made a commitment to remake history at the park near Blowing Rock, North Carolina, tackling wide-ranging repairs at Flat Top Manor and landscape needs on the 3,500-acre estate.

The first exciting announcement was a Centennial Challenge funding match from Congress to install a fire suppression system to protect Flat Top Manor. The matching program was created to address needs at parks across the country during the National Park Service's 100th year. The award allowed donors to double their impact for the project.

This summer, the Foundation created a map of the park to enhance visitors' understanding of the estate's history and the recreational opportunities on the grounds as well as what is at stake without support. With information about Moses and Bertha Cone, the former apple orchards, and the abundance of

**Save the Date!**  
Join us for the second annual Denim Ball on August 4, 2017.

carriage trails and wildlife, the map paints a clearer picture of this treasured park's significance.

August brought the first annual Denim Ball fundraiser hosted by Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock. In a swell of support for the rehab efforts, nearly 200 guests enjoyed an evening of dinner, dancing, and auction bidding. The night also included the announcement of a matching challenge by an anonymous donor. Each donation designated for the former estate will be matched dollar for dollar if the \$300,000 goal is reached. The challenge is a monumental boost to the fundraising efforts.

Thanks to our Community of Stewards and support from the Blowing Rock community, we made a huge stride in the first year of a three-year plan to bring back much of the estate's former glory.



Linda Gifford and Lawrence Jerome dance to the music of The Lucky Strikes.



Anna Sobol & Anne-Corinne Beaver

**Thank you!**  
*We appreciate this year's Denim Ball sponsors:*

- Cemala Foundation
- Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock
- Cone Health
- Mountaineer Inn & Log Cabins
- WNCW 88.7

Photographs by Kathryn Ray

## Remaking History





Jean-Marie Martinac & Dick Pressnell



Pat Mauldin with Cullie & Sylvia Tarleton



Deborah McDowell & Zak Ammar



Tim Snead, Kristen Cone, Willa Mays, Janet Cone & Larry Imeson



Linde & William Mullis with Barbara & Clark Woolley



Tim Larson & Becky Summers



Emily Stallings & Billie Howell



# EVENTS

## *Find Your Pint*

*August & September*

We made a lot of friends at the pub this year—or should we say pubs. To raise a toast to the National Park Service’s 100th anniversary, the Foundation collaborated with 17 breweries in the Asheville area to create the Find Your Pint series. With the Blue Ridge Parkway as their muse, brewers created unique beers named for overlooks, mountains, and other favorite spots on the route.

In August and September, each brewery hosted a release party or giving-back night to raise funds to support our mission. Fans logged their beer journey with a special Parkway Beer Passport, collecting stickers at each brewery. The series culminated in a celebration at New Belgium Brewing’s new campus.

We’d like to thank the participating breweries that highlighted the community’s special bond with the Parkway: Asheville Brewing Company, Blue Ghost Brewing, Boojum



Brewery owners and employees who participated in the Find Your Pint Series gathered at New Belgium in September.

Brewing, Burial Beer, Catawba Brewing, Green Man Brewery, Highland Brewing, Hi-Wire Brewing, Innovation Brewing, Lookout Brewing, New Belgium Brewing, Pisgah Brewing, Sierra Nevada Brewing, Sweeten Creek Brewing, Thirsty Monk, Twin Leaf Brewery, and Wicked Weed Brewing.



Drew Stevenson, Kristy Urquhart, and Richie Whitson at New Belgium





Ben Worley, Vanessa Libby, Andy Stricklen, and Edwin & Kate O'Hanlon



Joe Pawelek, Andy Sharpe & Eric Leypol of Wicked Weed



Heather Cotton, Rita Larkin, and Jessica & Craig Lancaster



National Park Service employees and friends celebrate the 100th anniversary at Highland Brewing



Carolyn Ward & Jason Urroz at Pisgah Brewing



Dennis Thies & Emily Stone at Green Man Brewery





Rodney & Melissa Millsaps, Kayana Wray & Shelly Russell

## Corkscrew 5K

April 16, 2016

Nearly 200 runners and wine fans turned out on a brisk morning to participate in the Corkscrew 5K at Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock. The resort hosts the race each spring with a portion of proceeds from registrations benefitting the Foundation.



Kylie Philbeck, Janelle Karr & Elizabeth McKinney



Alfred & Beth Adams, Parkway Superintendent Mark H. Woods & Jack Betts

## Roanoke Reception

March 22, 2016

More than 60 guests enjoyed drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a presentation by landscape architect David Hill, principal author of *A Neighbor's Guide to the Blue Ridge Parkway* during a reception at Hotel Roanoke.



Marcy & Brad Daniel with Mandy Gee



Katie Gutshall & Ashleigh Marshall



Suzanne Thornily, Bob Fetzer & Eric Fitzpatrick



# FINANCES

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	\$547,975	\$745,595
Grants	\$128,100	\$1,210,270
In Kind	\$97,453	\$70,973
North Carolina Specialty Plate	\$530,380	\$543,740
Net Gains (Losses) Investments	\$(21,451)	\$40,708
Endowment Income	\$9,996	\$12,636
Investment Income, net	\$(6,165)	\$17,920
Other	\$95,909	\$70,186
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,382,197</b>	<b>\$2,712,028</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services	\$1,571,453	\$1,227,351
General and Administrative	\$99,098	\$140,214
Fundraising	\$130,203	\$132,974
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,800,754</b>	<b>\$1,500,539</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$(418,557)	\$1,211,489
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$3,038,523	\$1,827,034
<b>Net Assets as of End of Year</b>	<b>\$2,619,966</b>	<b>\$3,038,523</b>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial information is derived from the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's 2015 financial statements audited by an independent registered public accounting firm, and is available on our 990 and at [brpfoundation.org/financials](http://brpfoundation.org/financials).



Linn Cove Viaduct, milepost 304



# GIVING

Whether your interests lie in education, environmental and resource protection, visitor facilities, or historical or cultural heritage, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation can match your donation with the appropriate project. Every year, we collaborate with the National Park Service to fund initiatives that strengthen the collection of enriching experiences along the Parkway. Ways to make an impact include committing to an annual donation, purchasing a specialty license plate, giving through your workplace, making an honor or memorial gift, and creating an endowment or fund. With any choice, your dollars cultivate the programs and projects that reflect your vision for the Parkway.

## Annual Giving

Restricted and unrestricted donations provide support for projects and programs that preserve the past, enhance the present, and safeguard the future of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

## Blue Ridge Parkway Specialty Plates

Purchasing a North Carolina Blue Ridge Parkway specialty plate for your vehicle is one way to proudly display your commitment to the Parkway. From the specialty plate fee, \$20 is dedicated to the Foundation. Learn more at [GetThePlate.org](http://GetThePlate.org).



## Workplace Giving

Employees of businesses that participate in EarthShare's Workplace Giving, the Combined Federal Campaign, and the State Employee Giving Campaign can choose to designate their contributions to the Foundation.



PHOTOGRAPH BY VICKI DAMERON

## Honors & Memorials

Through the honor and memorial program, you can acknowledge family and friends who have enjoyed a deep personal connection to the Parkway.

## Endowments & Funds

Donors may set up or contribute to an endowment or fund for a specified interest. The principal remains intact and the interest earned is available to fund projects in that area, providing a long-term source of support for the Foundation.

*All contributions to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation are tax-deductible as allowed by law. The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's tax identification number is 31-1512730.*

## Making a Difference



## Honors

Those honored or memorialized are listed in bold. Donors are in italics.

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### **Piedmont Hiking & Outing Club**

*Anonymous*

## Remembering Landon Henry

Behind every honor and memorial gift, there is a heartfelt story. This year, we were moved when we learned about Landon Henry, who passed away in July at the age of 20.

Growing up in Asheville, North Carolina, some of Landon's favorite activities were hiking the trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway and camping. "He was always in hiking boots," says his mom, Kate Henry. "He just loved the outdoors."

Landon went on to become a Boy Scout, and his mom recalls one of his most challenging excursions with the troop, a 62-mile trek over Cold Mountain in three days. From the time he could drive, he'd throw his camping gear in the car and head out into the woods with his friends.

For his senior project at Asheville High School, Landon focused on the history and future of trail maintenance. He researched the Appalachian Trail and the trails of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and visited with volunteers who clear and keep watch over the paths.

During his outings with the



Landon at 6 years old near Looking Glass Rock and at age 17 hiking with his dog, Hushpuppy.



volunteers, Landon noticed there were very few young faces among the ranks. He pondered what that meant for the future of the trails he loved. Who

would maintain them when the caretakers could no longer lift the tools, move the earth, and clear downed trees?

That's why his family, friends, and loved ones chose to honor Landon with memorial gifts that will be used to sustain the trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway and engage young volunteers in their upkeep.

"We feel so blessed we are in these mountains and every time we look at them we feel the presence of our son," Kate says. "His spirit lives on in these mountains."

## Honors & Memorials



**Katherine Billman**  
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Alan and Carolyn Ward with Ray Russell at milepost 384

## Relay with Ray

This year, Ray Russell of Ray’s Weather more than earned his Blue Ridge Parkway End-to-ENDER certificate. Setting out from milepost 0, Russell ran the entire 469-mile stretch from Shenandoah National Park to Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 24 days. Along the way, he raised awareness about the needs of the Parkway with numerous interviews and through his blog at [www.relaywithray.com](http://www.relaywithray.com).

“It was the toughest thing I’ve ever done both physically and mentally, but wow,” says Russell. “What I saw, what I learned, and the people I met along the way were worth far more than the cost.”

His trip also inspired many honorary gifts. Friends and fellow runners joined him for stretches along the way, and through rain and heat, up steep climbs and down into the valleys, they tackled the journey together. Thank you, Ray!

*Learn more about the End-to-ENDER program at [brpfoundation.org](http://brpfoundation.org).*



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