

ForestWatch Faces

Get to know the folks who make it happen

This web feature spotlights some of the special folks behind the scenes of Georgia ForestWatch. If you'd like to nominate someone for ForestWatch Faces, please contact our office by clicking the e-mail link below.



Meet Myra Kibler: Volunteer and now a District Leader-in-training!

Myra Kibler is not a new face to Georgia ForestWatch. For some time, she has helped with mailings, gone on GFW hikes, and attended retreats. During the summer appeal, Myra showed up early and finished the entire appeal.

Now she is taking on a new role: District Leader trainee. Myra will be working with Wayne Jenkins to patrol the east side of the Conasauga Ranger District. Myra took up the challenge posed in the summer newsletter, inviting members to get involved with the District Leader program. Welcome, Myra; we know you will do a GREAT job!

Readers may remember, too, that Myra's story about hiking the full Appalachian Trail appeared in the Winter 2010 issue of Forest News. As she approached age 60, Myra decided to "live in the woods for a season to regain balance". She started walking and made it all the way to Maine. If she can do that by herself, we feel confident Myra can hike the woods of the Conasauga District just fine.

Some other things you may not know about Myra: She's been a kayaker, a rock climber, an avid bicyclist; she used to own a horse farm where she bred and raised draft horses; she was the Executive Administrator for the 600-member Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta; and is currently serving as president of the Mountain Light Unitarian Universalist congregation in Ellijay. She plays recorders with Lauda Musicam of Atlanta and also in a local group, the Cherry Log Recorder Ensemble.

Myra is a mother of Brian McMurry, who has just returned from a second tour in Iraq, and of Jonathan McMurry, a biochemist at Kennesaw State. Between both sons, she has five grandchildren. A native of the south, Myra's first profession was as a college English teacher.

Thanks to Myra, the Georgia ForestWatch office is clicking along, and now, we will have her strong legs and sharp eyes in the woods, too.

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