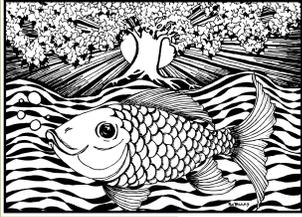


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Newsletter Winter 2019-20

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Issues facing your Kentucky River in the short term and long term! This is for our children.

- ◆ Restore and Protect
- ◆ Enforcement
- ◆ Storm Runoff
- ◆ Sewage/Aging Infrastructure
- ◆ Mercury
- ◆ Water Quality and Flow
- ◆ Mining and Industry
- ◆ Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution
- ◆ Environmental Justice



WINTER 2019-2020

Reflections

Kentucky Riverkeeper celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

It will be a time for reflection and a time to looking forward.

The 2019 Paddles, Clean ups & Picnics

were a great way for our members and new friends to meet each other, and pull hundreds of bags of garbage out of the river! We found a rain barrel, saw deer, blue herons, buzzards and the largest sycamore leaf we've ever seen! During 2019, we paddled the Boonesboro beach

area, the Red River and the Kentucky River confluence, the Gratz pool, and Proud Mary under the bridge. We look forward to the upcoming year's clean ups and paddles!

If you have an area of concern or know of a group that would like to help us with a paddle or clean up, please contact us!!



Kayak Winner !!!!!

We had a winner for our 2019 Kayak Raffle! Congratulations Phil Cruise! It was your lucky day! And ours! Phil has volunteered his time for many of our paddles and clean ups over the years. Thank You Phil!!!



The Annual Kentucky Riverkeeper Golf Scramble



The Annual KRK Golf Scramble has become a signature Spring event. Our 2019 scramble was held at the University Club at Arlington in Richmond!! The weather was fantastic. The course was in great shape and the staff were welcoming. Thanks to all who participated. Everyone was a winner.

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 8, 2020 at the Arlington.



The Kentucky River Water Trail was selected in 2011 as 1 of 100 projects across the country to be recognized in President Obama's initiative, "America's Great Outdoors", launched to develop a 21st century conservation and recreation.

Kentucky River Water Trail Update

Great News! The Kentucky River Authority took a major vote to act as the umbrella for the **Kentucky River Water Trail!!** They will be applying for the National Park Water Trail recognition by next fall. Staff will be dedicated to work on the project and new branding campaigns are already taking place. There's still a lot of work to do, but significant progress toward a stable water trail has been achieved! We will continue our active support for this project and keep you posted!

The majestic Kentucky River flows from its headwaters in the foothills of eastern Kentucky northward 256 miles to its mouth at the Ohio River in Carrollton, KY. Passing through dramatic palisades and iconic Kentucky bluegrass farms, the Kentucky River provides an opportunity to establish a water trail for recreational boaters, fishermen and to attract adventure tourists. The Kentucky River is the trail!

The Kentucky River Water Trail



Hounshell and Banks Receive KRA Award

Kentucky Riverkeeper Pat Banks and educator Roberta Hounshell will work with the KORE Academy and the Kentucky River Basin Coordinator to develop classroom lesson plans that will provide an introduction to the Kentucky River, including its geography, history, ecology, and

recreation opportunities. These lessons will be used as the context for an annual Kentucky River Sweep clean-up t-shirt design promote stewardship of the river! ...



The Twisted Cork

Our spring Friend -Raiser at the **Twisted Cork** in Lexington has become an annual Kentucky Riverkeeper event!

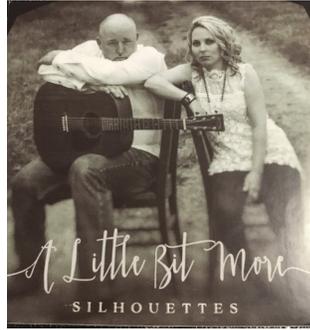
Special thanks to musicians: **Dan Pence and Little Bit More**

who provided wonderful music through out the evening. Special Guest Gurney Norman 2009-10 Ky Poet Laureate and member of the Kentucky Literary Hall of Fame,

worked his magic on the crowd. His stories tied to his love of the river was incredibly moving to every one. When he was speaking the room went silent ... very moving!

We had dozens of **Kentucky Artists and Craftsmen** donate their art and crafts for the raffle and silent auction! Generous sponsors and supporters also donated fun

treasures, trips and more! And special thanks to: **The whole crew at the Twisted Cork!**



T-Shirt Design for the Kentucky River Authority 2019 River Sweep



Sue Ellison of the Kentucky River Authority requested Pat Banks, your Kentucky Riverkeeper, to design the 2019 River Sweep T-shirt!

Notice the KRA's new three pillars, Recreation, Conservation and Education! Many of you received one of these t-shirts when you donated your time to clean up our River! Thank You! Your help and awareness is critical!

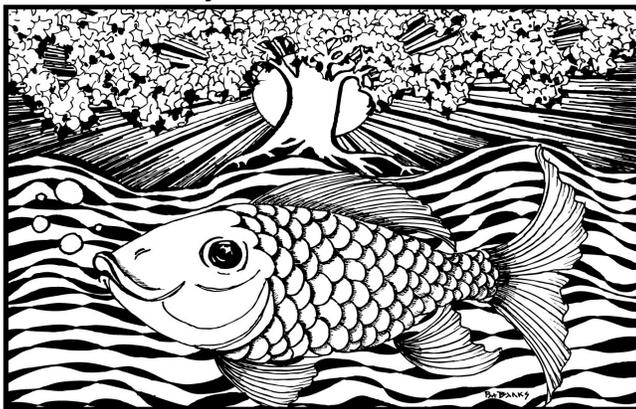
Allstate Foundation Awards grant to Kentucky Riverkeeper.

Special thanks to local Allstate Insurance agents Lex Sykes, Gerry Hyde and Bryan Elkins for their support in securing a generous grant from Allstate's Helping Hands Foundation. The agents and their families & friends joined us at Boonesboro Beach for a paddle-clean up event last summer. The funds are designed to support Kentucky Riverkeeper operational expenses. Again, thanks to these local supporters and the Allstate Foundation.



From left to right, the photo includes Deborah Garrison,, Bryan Elkins, Gerry Hyde, Lex Sykes and Pat Banks.

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If you would like to become a member or donate to support Kentucky Riverkeeper events and projects, please designation how you would like to contribute to the wonderful cause. You can also donate online at

www.kyriverkeeper.org

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_____ \$30.00 Membership _____ \$50.00 Family Membership

_____ \$100.00 + If you just want to support the work you are doing to clean up the river and your work on the Kentucky River Water Trail.

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NOTES/COMMENTS/PROJECTS:

_____ I would like to be notified about river clean-ups, paddle events, and other Riverkeeper events.

Tell us what you think.

