

Press Release: Artist Honored at Tellico Village Yacht Club Party/Fundraiser

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Artist To Be Honored at Tellico Village Yacht Club

Artist Joe Trout of Lenoir City will be guest of honor at a cocktail party and fundraiser on May 28, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Tellico Village Yacht and Country Club. Trout's painting of a Great Blue Heron has been purchased by Tellico Village Property Owners Association and will be hung in the Blue Heron dining room at the club. All people in the communities surrounding Tellico Lake are invited to attend.

Another special guest will be Marcia Davis, an expert on birds who wrote about Herons and Heron Island in her birding column in the Knoxville News Sentinel. Patricia Wallace says, "We are planning an enjoyable, elegant event including an opportunity to meet these well-known creative people, mingle with people from around the lake, and raise money for a worthy project." Tickets are limited and we expect them to go quickly."

Funds raised at the party go to the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR) for Phase Two of shoreline stabilization around Heron Island in Tellico Reservoir. Eroding shoreline is threatening about thirty Heron nests in trees on the Island and leaving heavy sediment in the lake. Phase One repairs were completed in early 2011. "We hope to finish it all by next January, before the Herons are back on their nests, if the funds can be raised," says John Rogers, who heads the Water Quality Committee for WATeR.

Guests will be treated with hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine. A cash bar will be available. There will be live background music. Those wishing to purchase dinner at the Yacht Club after the party will get 10 percent off their meal and should call for reservations at 458-4363.

Each ticket raises about \$12 for WATeR's Save Heron Island project. They are available through any of these volunteers: Patti Wallace, Maggie Koller, Linda McCoy, and Sally Serbu in Rarity Bay; Marjorie Waldrop, Marilyn Hill, and Jane Venable in Tellico Village; Marty Palmer in Kahiti; and Russ

Deluca or Brent Martin in Foot Hills Point. Tickets will also be available in Tellico Village at First National Bank, and at the Kahiti Pub & Grill.

WATeR is an all volunteer, nonprofit, tax-exempt association incorporated in Tennessee. Its members are dedicated to protecting and improving the environment in the Tellico Reservoir Watershed. Members come from lake communities around the reservoir. Water's activities include building and maintaining East Tellico Lake Trail, promoting environmental education, annual watershed cleanups, and water quality monitoring and improvement. For more information about WATeR, visit the web site, www.tellicowater.org.

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