







The A. T. leaving the Newfound Gap area and heading northbound



Pecks Corner Shelter, Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Katahdin's Summit ~ the northern terminus of the A. T.

Appalachian Trail Museum



APPALACHIAN TRAIL MUSEUM UPDATES, MARCH 20, 2019

~ by Robert "RED WOLF o'da SMOKY'S" Croyle - Membership Secretary, Editor, Board Member
~ photos contributed by many in the hiker-community



~ The Appalachian Trail Museum ~

Come visit us here in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. We are located at 1120 Pine Grove Road, Gardners, Pa.

F. Y. I. ~ [DIRECTIONS & LODGING](#) (NO ASDMISSION FEE EVER ~ DONATIONS APPRECIATED)

~ 2019 Museum Hours of Operation ~

OPENS FOR 2019 SEASON ! -- SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Saturday, March 30 to Sunday, April 28 – Sat. & Sun.,  **Noon to**  **4:00PM**

Saturday, May 4 to Sunday July 14 – 9:00AM to 4:00PM every day

Monday, July 15 to Sunday, August 18 – Noon to 4:00PM every day

August 21 to October 27 - Noon to 4:00PM Wednesday thru Sunday*

*(Open Labor Day Monday, September 2, and, Columbus Day, Monday, October 14)



“The Appalachian Trail Museum Board recommends that a minimum supportive donation is a \$20 one-year Museum membership. Larger contributions are happily accepted ! Your support is appreciated”.

Museum Membership Choices:

- a one-year supportive A. T. Museum membership for **\$20** or more
- **a listing on the new June 2022 plaque** & same membership as above **for \$50 or more <-**
- a listing in the AT Hall of Fame Banquet Program for **\$500** or more in “TOTAL DONATIONS”
- a **“NO EXPIRATION”** Museum membership & plaque listing **for \$250 or more**
- a contribution of **any amount** (we will send you appropriate benefits).

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- #2.) ~ Print and Mail this **FORM** (black & white, script only)
click on, **[BUILDING THE MUSEUM FORM](#)**
- #3.) ~ Print and Mail this **FORM** (**color photo**), click on, **[2018 MEMBER-DONOR FORM](#)**
- 4.) ~ Or just make out a check to the **“A. T. Museum”**, with **“membership”** written in **“memo”** ,
and mail to: **A. T. MUSEUM / 1120 Pine Grove Road / Gardners, PA 17324**

~ SUPPORT YOUR APPALACHIAN TRAIL MUSEUM ~

~ **ALL A. T. MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS** ~



Hello All,

So based on the feedback that I received it looks like Saturday at Noon on March 23 works best for the volunteer kickoff celebration.

I have attached the link to sign up.

You are officially invited and feel free to bring a guest if desired.

We will have games, snacks, instruments and be talking about and showing the improvements made to the museum this year.

Hope to see you all then,

Signup Link: [Volunteer Kickoff Celebration](#)



Nathaniel Shank, A. T. Museum Manager

manager@atmuseum.org



Ramps To Upper Two Levels ~ Butterfly Garden Area

~ Coming up the Trail ~

Volunteer Kickoff Celebration March 23rd

Come Join the party with snacks and games to kick off this 2019 season. We will talk briefly about the need for new volunteers and gather ideas as to what can be done to encourage existing volunteers. Then we will Play games, eat snacks, and play instruments if need be. Don't forget to bring your instruments!

Docent Training March 22 - March 31st (or by appointment)

The sessions will provide Docents with a review of the processes and refresh the memory. I will also be conducting hands-on training on the PayPal Here software at all sessions. Any new Docents will receive more intense training.

Flip Flop Festival Harpers Ferry WV April 27th and 28th

For a detailed schedule and more information, visit www.flipflopfestival.org.

We need volunteers to represent the museum

Hall of Fame Banquet May 4th

Tickets are now on sale for our 2019 Banquet, to be held on Saturday, May 4. The 2019 venue will be the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, located at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6 pm, with dinner to follow at 7 pm.

The M.C. for the 2019 Banquet will be Sandra "Sandi" Marra, Chair of the Board of Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Music will be provided by Randy "Windtalker" Motz, an A.T. thru-hiker. The highlight of the evening will be the induction of the 2019 Hall of Fame class.

We had record attendance in 2018, so get your tickets soon.

Hiker Festival May 5th & ~ New Exhibits Celebration !

We are going to need a few helpers with games, cooking burgers, setting up, and tearing down for the festival. We will have something for all ages. Plan to have a great time!

Mason-Dixon Appalachian Trail Outdoor Festival Rouzerville Pa

Saturday, June 8th 10-4

We need volunteers to represent the museum

Summer Programs

If you know anybody that would like to present at the museum for one of our programs please send an email to manager@atmuseum.org

Native Plants Garden to Benefit Wildlife - Coming to the A. T. Museum This Spring

Work began in earnest at the A. T. Museum last fall on the creation of a colorful garden full of PA native plants that will provide nectar, pollen, seeds and berries for butterflies, pollinators, birds and other wildlife. The new garden is located in front of the historic stone mill building where the museum is housed along Rt. 233 at the Pine Grove Furnace State Park in Gardners, PA. The garden and the wildlife it attracts will be easily viewed and enjoyed by museum visitors as they enter and exit the new main entrance to the museum via the extensive fully-accessible ramp that was built by Jack Adams of Maryland and his dedicated group of volunteers.

AT Museum volunteers Lorrie and Bob Preston, Georgia Freet, Margie and Jeff Schmidt, and Dan Taylor worked to get "the bones" of the garden laid out and the soil prepared in anticipation of planting this spring. Invasive and non-native weeds and grasses were removed and a layer of wet cardboard was applied to the soil and covered with mulch to mother the remaining roots. River rock was spread in the false spring and dry stream bed areas to bring a sense of the mill's historical past, as per former museum manager Howard Davis' creative landscape plan.

A stepping-stone pathway was created throughout the garden to add a natural design element and allow easy access for maintenance and ongoing care of the garden.

As the garden area was cleared, care was taken to preserve any of the native ferns and wildflowers that were trying their best to compete among the more aggressive non-native species. These have some historical significance and may have been planted by previous generations who used this building or they may have grown there naturally over the years.

A common milkweed patch, planted in the fall of 2017, is the centerpiece for the garden and is already multiplying. Milkweed is the only host plant for Monarch butterflies and these young plants supported their first few Monarch caterpillars last summer.

Planting of some of the best PA native plants to provide food, shelter, or a place to raise young will get underway this April & May and the project will be evolving and ever changing in the months and years ahead.

The garden will provide opportunities for education about the critical relationships between native plants and wildlife, and highlight the extremely important wildlife habitat that the Appalachian Trail corridor provides from Georgia to Maine.

Financial donations for purchasing plants, tools, educational signage, and more are welcome and can be made to honor or memorialize someone special.

Note your donation for the: **Butterfly/Pollinator Garden**
and mail to:

A.T. Museum

Att: Treasurer

1120 Pine Grove Rd.

Gardners, PA 17324.

HIKER FESTIVAL !

~ New Exhibits & A Celebration ! ~



The Appalachian Trail Museum will mark a major milestone in its own history in 2019 with the installation of five new exhibits. Children will experience a "Night on the Trail" as they enter a replica trail shelter on the lower level. Once inside, a skylight in the roof will frame a night sky illuminated with many constellations, and sounds of the night will pique every child's curiosity.

Exhibits on the newly renovated second floor will offer visitors a contemporary trail experience, with displays featuring long-distance hiking legend Walkin' Jim Stoltz, a national hiking event "HikaNation," and the landmark signing of the National Trails System Act. A view to the upper floor will offer visitors the story of blazing the A.T. in Maine, complete with A.T. founder Myron Avery's folding boat.



A **celebration** marking the opening of these exhibits is **Sunday, May 5, 2019.**

~ Exhibits are made possible through a grant from the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau.

THE

Saturday, May 4, 2019

9TH ANNUAL APPALACHIAN TRAIL HALL OF FAME BANQUET

at the

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center
950 Soldiers Drive • Carlisle, PA 17013

6 P.M. RECEPTION with Cash Bar

- Music by Randy "Windtalker" Motz

7 P.M. BANQUET

- Master of Ceremonies:
Sandra Marra, Chair, Board of Directors
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Presentation of the 2019 AT Hall of Fame Awards

TICKETS

\$50 per person (AT Museum Society members: \$40)

TO ORDER, visit <https://2019athalloffamebanquet.eventbrite.com/>

OR mail ticket request and payment check to:

AT Museum, Hall of Fame Tickets,
1120 Pine Grove Road, Gardners, PA 17324



The **9th.Annual Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame Banquet** will be held on **Saturday, May 4**. The highlight of the Banquet will be the induction of the 2019 class of the A. T. Hall of Fame. The banquet will be hosted by the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, just five miles from the Appalachian Trail, near Carlisle, PA.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the banquet at 7 p.m.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Randy "Windtalker" Motz.

The AHEC is conveniently located near Interstates 76 and 81 .

~ Follow **[THIS LINK](#)** for directions



Get your tickets for the A.T.'s premier annual awards event **[HERE](#)**



Roan Mountain from Round Bald, TN/NC

Our Whiteblaze thread, click on, ["APPALACHIAN TRAIL MUSEUM UPDATES", March 13, 2019 WB #778](#)

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HAPPY TRAILS !

Robert "**Red Wolf o'da Smoky's**" Croyle 🐺

A. T. Museum Membership Secretary

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Post Script: *"The following pages are info from other hiker-community groups, etc."*, **Red Wolf**.

ALDHA *Blaze*

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Monthly Updates for ALDHA Members

F. Y. I. ~ to view the "**ALDHA BLAZE**", click on: [**ALDHA "BLAZE: - MARCH 15, 2019**](#)

~ 2019 Iron Run and Charcoal Challenge - Saturday, June 8th ~



9th Annual Iron Run Half-Marathon & Charcoal Challenge 5k

Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, PA

7:30 am start for the **half-marathon race** ~ **8:30 am** start for the **5k run/walk**

Hosted by Friends of Pine Grove Furnace to benefit Pine Grove Furnace State Park

This event is a fundraiser. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. All proceeds support educational and recreational activities at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.


Register and pay online at: www.runreg.com/8589 for Half-Marathon

www.runreg.com/8590 for 5k Run/Walk - - - - - Race timing provided by Pretzel City Sports

Iron Run Half-Marathon & Charcoal Challenge 5k Run/Walk Saturday, June 8, 2019 The **Iron Run Half-Marathon** is a trail run through Pine Grove Furnace State Park and Michaux State Forest with steep sections, stream crossings, rocks, roots, logs, mud. Runners must be at start by 7:20am. Start: 7:30am. Awards: around 11:00am.

The Charcoal Challenge 5k run/walk uses some of the nicest trails and roads within the park with elevation changes, rocks, roots and log crossings. Runners & walkers must be at start by 8:20am. Start: 8:30am.

- For 3-fold Brochure, click on, [3-FOLD BROCHURE](#)
- For Iron Run Half Marathon Map, click on, [IRON RUN HALF-MARATHON - MAP](#)
- For Charcoal Challenge 5K Race & Walk, click on, [CHARCOAL CHALLENGE 5K RACE & WALK - MAP](#)

Post Post Script: "F.Y.I. ~ Harvey Broome, Paul Fink, & the Smokys' A. T.; also with photos in the Smoky Mountains National Park", **Red Wolf** 



**View from Myrtle Point, the eastern cliff top of Mt. LeConte, to the Main Smoky Ridge (middle horizon)
~ the highest mountain of the ridge is Mt. Guyot, then toward the far right the low gap is
Newfound Gap ~ thence the ridge rises to the right (west) toward Clingman's Dome (not shown)**



Harvey Broome in the Smoky Mountains





Photo by Hugh F. Hoov, 1942

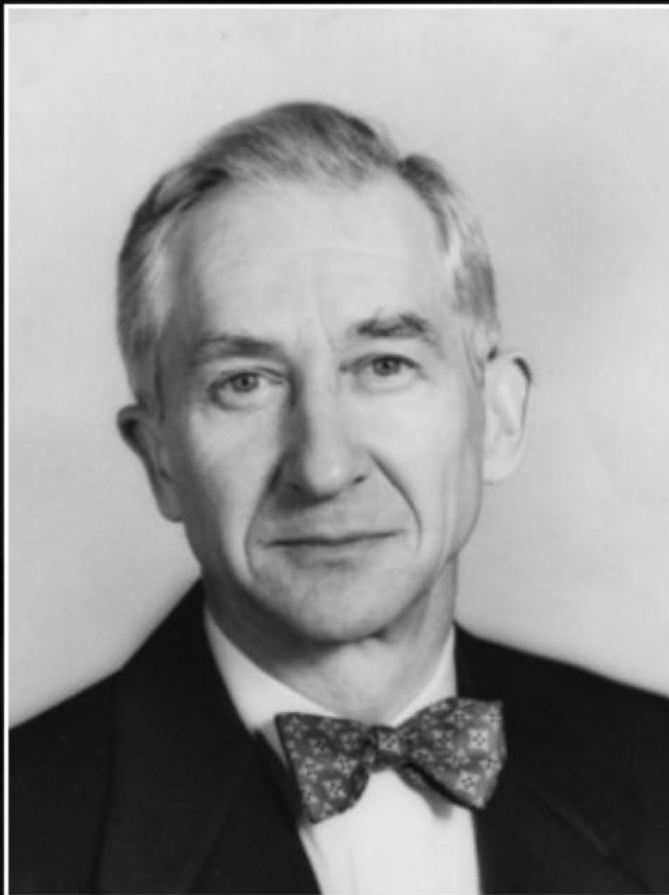
HARVEY BROOME
July 15, 1902 - March 8, 1968

HARVEY BROOME: EARTH MAN

Some Miscellaneous Writings



The Greenbrier Press
5115 Mountain Crest Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee



Man has created some lovely dwellings,
some soul-stirring literature. He has
done much to alleviate physical pain.
But he has not... created a substitute for
a sunset, a grove of pines, the music of
the winds, the dank smell of the deep
forest, or the shy beauty of a wildflower.

— *Harvey Broome* —

AZ QUOTES

Harvey Benjamin Broome was an American lawyer, writer and conservationist. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Broome was a founding member of The Wilderness Society, for which he served as president from 1957 until his death in 1968, and played a key role in the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He was a one-time president of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. In 1932 he and seven others hiked the 71+ miles of A.T. through the Smokies before the trail was even completed. He was also largely responsible for sighting most of the route thru the park.

Born: July 15, 1902, Knoxville, TN ~ **Died:** March 8, 1968, Knoxville, TN

Books: Out Under the Sky of the Great Smokies: A Personal Journal, Faces of the Wilderness

Education: University of Tennessee, Knoxville High School, Harvard Law School

Organization founded: The Wilderness Society

Following are some articles about Harvey Broome:

Harvey Broome (1902-1968)

Written by Dan Pierce

A lawyer and clerk of court by profession, Knoxville native Harvey Broome spent the bulk of his time and energy in promoting an increased awareness of nature, in educating Americans on the damage that the modern industrialized world had caused to the environment, and in advocating the preservation of wilderness. He served as longtime president of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, worked with seven others (including such notable environmentalists as Aldo Leopold, Bob Marshall, and Benton MacKaye) in founding the Wilderness Society, and served as its president from 1957 to 1968.

Broome's activities on behalf of the environment left an extensive legacy. As president of the Wilderness Society, Broome worked closely with Society executive director Howard Zahniser in the fight for the establishment of the National Wilderness Preservation System. In one of Broome's proudest moments, he stood next to President Lyndon Johnson as Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law on September 3, 1964. Broome also crisscrossed the country from Alaska to Florida spearheading individual wilderness preservation projects. For Broome, wilderness experiences provided an important and salutary contrast to "civilized life."

Like other environmentalists, Broome was also an accomplished writer. His work appeared in periodicals such as *Living Wilderness*, *National Parks Magazine*, and *Nature*. Three books containing his writings were published posthumously: *Out Under the Skies in the Great Smoky Mountains*; *Faces of the Wilderness*; and *Harvey Broome: Earth Man*. Benton MacKaye, founder of the Appalachian Trail, referred to Broome's journals, the basis for most of his writings, as "a marked contribution to nature findings—of fact underfoot and of thought overhead." (1)

Broome's great love in life, other than his wife and constant companion Anne, was the splendor of the Great Smoky Mountains. He made his first camping trip at the age of fifteen to Silers Bald in the Smokies. Over the next fifty years he hiked most of the mountains and hollows, sighted much of the

Appalachian Trail through the Smokies, and worked tirelessly to keep the region free of intrusive development. In October 1966 he organized the "Save-our-Smokies" hike. Over thirteen hundred people participated in this "hike-in," which effectively blocked the building of a road across the Smokies from Bryson City, North Carolina, to Townsend, Tennessee.

The Smokies never ceased to awe and delight Broome. He wrote lovingly of the sensory experience that awaited those willing to get off the road and truly explore the Smokies; of the sight of "aqua-blue fading on the horizon" and "the innumerable pinkish purple blossoms of the *Rhododendron nudiflorum*"; of the sounds of the "soft mystery in the whispers of the air through the evergreens"; of the "bold piping of the veery and the thin, spirited, long sustained arias of the winter wren"; of the "all-pervasive cascading of thunder just before the rain"; of the "fragrances of fresh balsam growth." (2)

Broome died of a heart attack at his Knoxville home, in sight of his beloved Smokies, on March 8, 1968, while building a wren's house out of a hollow log.

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Four founding members of The Wilderness Society (United States),
from left to right: Bernard Frank, Harvey Broome, Bob Marshall and Benton MacKaye.

In October 1934, while attending a forestry conference in the Smokies, Broome met fellow conservationists Bob Marshall, Benton Mackaye, and Bernard Frank, all of whom shared a common interest in the need for an organization to protect America's wilderness areas. Three months later, The Wilderness Society was created; Broome would be heavily involved in the Society for the remainder of his life. Among his achievements was his work alongside Society executive director

Howard Zahniser in persuading the United States Congress to create the National Wilderness Preservation System, in 1964 when Congress passed the Wilderness Act. Broome was present among other conservationists when President Lyndon Johnson signed the bill into law on September 3, 1964.[3] He also wrote a letter detailing his predictions of the future of forest preservation, which is to be opened by the President of the United States on October 24, 1964.[4]

In the mid-1930s, Broome was director of the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association. While he advocated the creation of the park, he disagreed with Park Commission president **David C. Chapman**, who wanted to develop the park as a tourist attraction. Broome wanted the park strictly preserved as a wilderness, with access provided via hiking trails.[1][5]

In 1954, Broome was one of several conservationists (among them Justice William O. Douglas) to hike the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal towpath in protest of plans to convert the towpath into a road.[1] In the mid-1960s, he helped establish the Save-Our-Smokies campaign, mainly to oppose the construction of a trans-mountain road through the park.[1]

Broome published his first article, "Great Smoky Mountain Trails," in Mountain magazine in 1928.[4] In subsequent years, he contributed numerous articles to various publications, including Living Wilderness (The Wilderness Society's publication), National Parks Magazine, and Nature, among others. Three of his books were published posthumously: Out Under the Skies in the Great Smoky Mountains, Faces of the Wilderness, and Harvey Broome: Earth Man.

Broome served as president of the East Tennessee Historical Society from 1945 to 1947. During this period, the Society published its first comprehensive history of Knoxville and Knox County, The French Broad-Holston County: A History of Knox County, Tennessee, which was edited by Lawson Mcghee librarian Mary Rothrock. Broome provided three chapters for the book detailing the history of Knox County's government.[1]

Personal life

Broome married his wife Anna, who shared his love of the outdoors, in 1937. They lived in a house that the couple relocated from Broome's grandfather's farm to Knoxville; they also owned a cabin in the Smokies. Harvey Broome died of a heart attack on March 8, 1968, while building a birdhouse out of a hollow log.



Harvey Broome

"In the late afternoon, before the pigs had to be fed and the milking done, if we were lucky we could persuade Father and Grandpa to climb the wooded ridge to the east, whence five long miles away we could just make out the red standpipe on the hill above our house in town. I was astounded that one could see five whole miles." - Harvey Broome

Even as a child, Harvey Broome was amazed by the beauty and grandeur of the natural world. Perhaps the view mentioned in the above quote, witnessed by an awe-struck young Broome on his grandfather's farm in Fountain City, Tennessee was the inspiration for a life that would evolve into a passion and deep love for the hills, flora and fauna of the Smoky Mountains.

Harvey Benjamin Broome was born to George W. and Adeline Broome on July 15, 1902 in Knoxville, Tennessee. During his childhood, most of Broome's outdoor experiences took place on his grandparents' farm. Here, five miles outside of Knoxville, he had access to livestock, clear, fresh springs, an orchard and a view of the Smoky Mountains, or Smokies, which lay 40 miles to the south.

Though the view from the farm may have been his initial inspiration, Broome's first camping trip acted as the cement that would glue a deeply rooted love of the outdoors to his life projects and goals. Broome's father took him to spend a weekend on Silers Bald, a peak on a section of the current Appalachian Trail that borders Tennessee and North Carolina. This first trip, at the age of fifteen, was later considered by Broome to be the beginning of a subsequent 50 years spent hiking through, and exploring, the forests, creeks and crags of his beloved Smokies.

After graduating from Knoxville High School in 1919, Broome attended the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1923, and then Harvard Law School from which he graduated in 1926. He began his law career as a clerk, eventually entering into private practice in Oak Ridge, Tennessee with the law firm of Kramer, Dye, McNabb and Greenwood. Realizing after several years that the life of a clerk had provided him with more time to spend in the outdoors and focusing on Wilderness issues, Broome left his firm and private practice to return to his former position.

In 1935, before he entered into private practice, Broome and seven other key players in the Wilderness preservation movement officially founded The Wilderness Society. Aldo Leopold, Bob Marshall and Benton MacKaye were among this original group. Today The Wilderness Society still exists to work towards the protection of wilderness and road-less areas. True to the passions and hopes of its original founders, the current mission is to: "Deliver to future generations an unspoiled legacy of wild places, with all the precious values they hold: Biological diversity; clean air and water; towering forests, rushing rivers and sage-sweet, silent deserts". Were it not for the vision and foresight of Broome and the other founding members, many of the nation's wild lands may not have been protected for today's generation and the generations to come.

During this time Broome also met and fell in love with Anna Pursel, a secretary from the Harvard Law School. She shared Harvey's passion for the outdoors, and in her he found not only a wife, but a hiking partner and wilderness advocate. The two were married in June of 1937 at the Massachusetts home of Benton MacKaye. Broome and MacKaye had become friends through joint efforts to found The Wilderness Society and to establish the Appalachian Trail. Today the trail is officially named the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. It is our National Park System's narrowest, yet longest piece of protected public land, spanning 2,175 miles over 14 states and 250,000 acres from Georgia to Maine. Spread throughout its path are no less than 60 federal- and state- run parks and forests.

Broome and Anna spent their time together exploring the natural world from their cabin in the Smokies or enjoying the view of the mountains from their ridge-top Tennessee home, a house that the couple moved from Broome's grandfather's farm.

Broome also developed a talent for writing about the natural world in which he lived and explored.

The earliest record of Broome's journal writing is from 1941. From these observations of the natural world around him and his experiences in the out-of-doors, Broome was able to leave behind the legacy not only of Wilderness preservation but of book authorship as well. Harvey Broome: "Earth Man," "Faces of the Wilderness" and "Out Under the Sky of the Great Smokies: A Personal Journal" can give us today the gift of vicariously experiencing the world through Broome's eyes, almost half a century ago. All three books were published posthumously by Broome's wife Anna.

In 1957 Broome was elected president of The Wilderness Society and remained so for eleven years. On September 3, 1964 President Lyndon Johnson signed The Wilderness Act into being. Aside from the actual formation of The Wilderness Society, this hallmark piece of legislation created the National Wilderness Preservation System, which now contains over 700 Wilderness areas.

Although Broome worked for much of his life to preserve Wilderness, the Smokies were often his first priority, given that he spent much of his life in the area. In October of 1966, more than thirteen hundred people joined in on the "Save Our Smokies" hike, a hike that Broome had organized to prevent road construction across a section of the mountain range. Broome was also an active member of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club and regularly contributed works to different periodicals including "Living Wilderness," "National Parks Magazine" and "Nature."

Other key life accomplishments include becoming a trustee of the Robert Marshall Wilderness Fund, a trust fund set aside for the preservation of wild lands, being appointed a member of the Advisory Council of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, director of the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association and being elected president of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

On March 8, 1968, Harvey Broome, after a life lived with passion and dedication, passed away from a heart attack shortly after working on his last contribution to the natural world: a sawed log he had planned to make into a wren's birdhouse.

"And thus flowed the current of life. The seeds of the silverbell were converted into squirrel; and squirrels were converted into foxes. Everything edible, from mice and chipmunks to roots and berries and apples was converted into bear. And bear and his tracks are converted into wonder and adventure for man." - Harvey Broome from Out Under the Sky of the Great Smokies: A Personal Journal



Paul Fink

Paul Fink was an early advocate for a national park in the Great Smokies, as evidenced by letters he exchanged with Horace Kephart in 1919 and the early 1920's. A book written by Paul Fink and published in 1975 details many backpacking and camping trips he made into the Smokies and nearby mountain ranges, beginning in 1914 and continuing through the 1930's. Fink and his lifelong companion Walter Diehl were pioneers in backpacking in the rugged mountains of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Fink worked closely with Chapman, Kephart, and others in promoting the Great Smokies as a national park in the early 1920's and continuing throughout the park movement. Working with George Masa and others, he was largely responsible for routing the Appalachian Trail through the Great Smokies and nearby mountain ranges. The initial proposal was to route the trail through Mt. Mitchell and the Black Mountains, staying entirely out of TN. Fink was an active leader in the Appalachian Trail Conference, serving on its Board from 1925 to 1949.



Paul Fink, Walter Diehl, and Myron Avery.

Fink and Diehl were early advocates of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and pioneers in backpacking the rugged mountains of Southern Appalachia. Avery was the first 2000 miler on the Appalachian Trail and was president of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.



Climbing up to Shuckstack Fire Tower from Fontana Dam on the A. T.



Sunrise from the high ridge in the Smoky Mountains at the Shuckstack Fire Tower



Smoky Mountain View from the A. T.



Flame Azaleas



~ A Pileated Woodpecker



Yellow Lady Slippers



Tulip Popular Flowers Fallen to the Ground



View East Down Towards Cherokee, NC from the A. T. near Icewater Spring Shelter



Dogwood Branch in Bloom in the Smoky Mountains



Wild Turkeys in Cades Cove (western valley down from the AT along Mollies Ridge) on a split-rail fence.



One of Many Log Cabins in Cades Cove (largest collection there of original log cabins anywhere)



A Showy Orchis (*Galearis spectabilis*)



Newfound Gap before Sunrise



Dwarf Iris



A Spotted Mandarin



A Scarlet Tanager



A Barred Owl



The AT Along the NC/TN Stateline Near Thunderhead Mountain & Rocky Top Mountain



A TYPICAL WEATHER ADVISORY: March 20, 2018 (last year) ~ The park will be under a winter storm warning from 8 p.m. tonight until midnight Wednesday night, ushered in by a cold front today. Visitors can expect heavy snow with total expected accumulations of 2 to 4 inches in the higher elevations, with localized amounts of up to 10 inches. The National Weather Service has also issued a special caution to hikers that we echo: "Anyone planning on venturing out across the higher terrain, such as hikers, should plan for wintry conditions".

Contact the Backcountry Office at 865-436-1297



A "Rescue Helicopter"



Daffodils Still Grow in Cades Cove Long After Original Inhabitants Have Been Long Gone



Note Road Scar on Mountain Ridge Going Down to Cherokee, NC in This Newfound Gap A. T. View East



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To make your contribution, scroll down to the next page, and click on any link.”



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