

Town Talk

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Tennessee River Gorge Trust's new Executive Director Ricky Huffines and wife, Judy.

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“We live. We die. The best we can do is leave a worthwhile example for those who come after us.”

— *Adam Walinsky*

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TENNESSEE RIVER Gorge Trust celebrates its third annual “Another Gorgeous Evening” Saturday at Tennessee RiverPlace.

The event will begin with an open bar and music by the Ben Friberg Trio. During cocktails, there will be an appearance by a professional falconer, says Sarah Quattrochi, Tennessee River Gorge Trust outreach and development director. A dinner buffet will be provided by Alshabibi Catering.

A live auction will follow with items that include a photo of the gorge, printed on aluminum by Kevin Livingood; two nights at the Dancing Bear Lodge in Townsend, Tenn.; a wine collection; celebrity-signed memorabilia of the Rolling Stones, artist LeRoy Neiman and boxer Muhammed Ali; and trips to San Francisco and Sonoma Valley; an Indy Car Racing experience; four nights at Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada; six nights in Ireland and more.

“This will be a fantastic evening for conservation in Chattanooga,” Quattrochi says.

“The trust’s new executive director, Rick Huffines, will welcome guests and help raise awareness about the significance of protecting this special place,” she says.

“We want people to come out to the gorge, explore it and learn to love it. Everyone is a conservationist on some level, and it’s time to celebrate what our supporters have done to protect the gorge over the last 32 years,” Huffines says.

Money raised at the event will help the trust with land protection, education and stewardship. For more information, visit trgt.org or call 266-0314.