

Orange-Chatham Group Sierra Club

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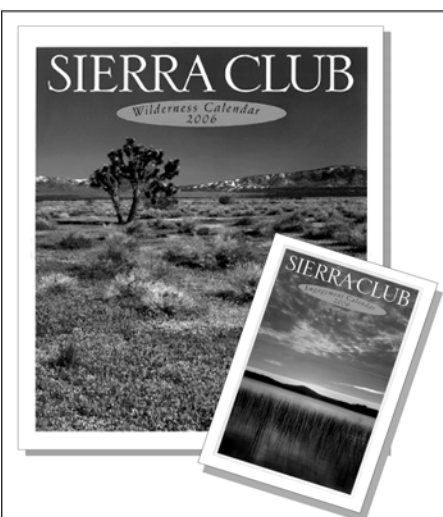
Political Endorsements

Upon recommendation of the OCG Political and Executive Committees, the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club has endorsed the following candidates for elected office:

Carrboro Mayor: Mark Chilton
Carrboro Board of Aldermen: Jacquie Gist and Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Chapel Hill Mayor: Kevin Foy
Chapel Hill Town Council: Mark Kleinschmidt, Laurin Easthom, and Will Raymond

Hillsborough Mayor: Tom Stevens
Hillsborough Board of Commissioners: Mike Gering and Frances Dancy



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News from our conservation committee:

The Conservation Committee is studying road issues in Orange County (in both Hillsborough and Chapel Hill) and the county's down-zoning plan. In Chatham County, we are following the proposal to change the rules for building in the sensitive portion of the watershed around Jordan Lake and getting ready for a public hearing on the evening of Nov. 21. In addition, we expect to join the process by which the public will comment on new rules to repair the nutrient-laden Jordan Lake. The Environmental Management Commission will draft;

we will study and respond before the EMC revises and implements. To find your eco-voice and join us in these projects, contact Conservation Chair judith_ferster@ncsu.edu (929-6648).

— Report by *Judith Ferster*

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* = Executive Committee Member (term expires in 2005)
+ = Executive Committee Member (term expires in 2006)

OCG Events:

Pittsboro Street Fair — Sat., Oct. 29th

OCG will have a table at the fair and we hope to see you there! Stop by and talk with us about our latest activities. If you would like to volunteer to help with our table, please contact Don Eads at 837-5003.

November Group Meeting & Social Wed., Nov. 9th, Carrboro Century Center Topic: the American Tobacco Trail

Presentation and Q&A: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Social: 8:30-9:00 p.m.

Our speaker today will be Bill Bussey, President of the Triangle Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Vice-Chair of the Triangle Greenways Council, and a trustee of the East Coast Greenway. He will be giving a presentation on his work on the American Tobacco Trail and how it relates to the East Coast Greenway.

Holiday Party — Fri., Dec. 9th, 6:30–10:00 p.m.

Arcadia Community Common House
134 Circadian Way, Carrboro

Join us to celebrate the holidays! We'll have a potluck supper and our traditional white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share; we will provide drinks. We look forward to seeing you there!

Executive Committee meetings:

Tues., Nov. 1st, 7-9 p.m. at 521 S. Greensboro St.
Tues., Dec. 6th, 7-9 p.m. location TBA

All group members are welcome to attend and provide suggestions for OCG projects.

OCG Executive Committee Elections — please vote!

Three seats are up for election on our group's executive committee this year. Please take a moment to read the candidate bios and send your vote. A ballot is available on the reverse side. The executive committee is responsible for setting overall policy direction for our group. Members are elected to two-year terms.

Ana Hacic-Vlahovic: I have lived in Carrboro and Chapel Hill for the past fourteen years and have always been very involved in the community. I am currently a Junior Political Science Major at UNC- Chapel Hill and have studied abroad in Spain and France. I volunteer at the Inter-Faith Council and the Women's Center and have always been very interested in environmental issues. Currently I'm serving on the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club of Orange and Chatham County and am the Membership Chair. I want to help strengthen the club and recruit more members that will have active roles in the organization.

Loren Hintz: I've been a member of Sierra Club since my college days in Ohio. Recently I finished serving for 6.5 years on the Chapel Hill Transportation Board. Besides being interested in local transportation and water quality issues, I keep up on international environmental issues especially in Mexico and Central America. I've lived in North Carolina for the past 22 years. I am currently a science teacher at Chapel Hill High School.

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Outings

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Ongoing Service Outing:

3rd Saturdays on the Bolin Creek Trail: This is a long-term habitat restoration project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding. We meet at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbor-net@mindspring.com, or 942-9937.

Current Outings:

NOV 5 (Sat) Eno River State Park. Moderate 7.5-mile mid-day hike with lunch stop, along three loop trails in Few's Ford Access Area. Contact Peter Calingaert (OCG) at pc@cs.unc.edu or before 10 p.m. at (919) 933-5489.

NOV 12, 19, 26 (Sat) William B. Umstead State Park, Sycamore Trail. Moderate 7.2 mile hike at a steady pace. We will meet at the Crabtree Creek section off US 70 at 10 a.m. From the entrance, drive past the visitor center and proceed to the second parking lot. Please wear hiking boots and carry water; a picnic lunch is optional. Pre-registration is not required. In case of inclement weather or questions, contact Debbie Jacobowitz (HWG) at (919) 493-0780. For directions, see <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/wium/directions.html> or call (919) 571-4170.

NOV 13 (Sun) Little River Regional Park: mix history and hiking, tobacco and trails. This 1.5 hour moderately easy hike winds through former tobacco fields. Besides seeing the imprint of man on the land (corn crib, mill remnants, etc.), we will see how well Mother Nature has been regenerating the forest with pine, hickory, and oak trees. The North Ridge Trail offers gentle rolling hills, plenty of trees, and the occasional company of the river. Limited to 10 participants. Contact Stephanie Holmgren (OCG) at mtscrambler@yahoo.com or (919) 619-6075.

NOV 19 (Sat) Easy 1.5 mile, kid-friendly hike at Eno River State Park. We'll take a leisurely stroll near the Eno River, crossing over a footbridge that's sure to be a hit. We'll take several breaks to turn over rocks and munch snacks, so be sure to bring a snack. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Please leave pets at home. Contact Matt Brown (OCG) at 919-732-0855 before 9:00 p.m. or e-mail matt.brown@mail.com.

NOV 25-27 South Mountain State Park (near Morganton, NC). Explore Chestnut Knob and the High Shoals Falls in this moderate after-Thanksgiving introduction to two nights of winter camping. Short backpack in Friday evening, day hike Saturday and return Sunday morning.

DEC 3, 10, 17, 24 & Jan 7, 14 (Sat) William B. Umstead State Park hike. See description at NOV 12.

JAN 13-15 Peaks of Otter overnight. Moderate car camp and day hike off the Blue Ridge parkway near the historic Peaks of Otter area in Virginia. Drive up Friday evening, long day hike over Flat Top Mountain or down Apple Orchard Falls Saturday. Max group size 10. Contact Chris and Odile Gould (HWG) at chris_gould@mindspring.com or call 919-493-1194.

Candidate bios, continued from front page:

Andrea Rohrbacher: Andrea has served in many roles for the OCG during her 20 years as a member, including Group Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and she is currently an ExCom member. She is interested in transportation and solid waste management, especially recycling. She would like to see the Sierra Club be a strong voice for the environment as significant changes in growth and development emerge during the next several years.

Brian M. Rosa: Brian moved to Carrboro 2.5 years ago from Michigan to work for NC DENR, the Div of Pollution Preven-

tion & Environmental Assistance as the Organic Recycling Specialist. He provides technical assistance in methods for recycling organic wastes into value-added products, such as composts and mulches. Brian has more than 15 years' experience in waste reduction, recycling and composting. Brian started his career in recycling at the grass roots level, instituting the local recycling drop off center in his community. The past eight years Brian has run a waste reduction consulting, compost and vermi composting equipment sales company. "15 years ago I was active in the Sierra Club with the Nepessing Group in Michigan (Genesee & Lapeer County) and at one time the vice-chair of the group."

2006 ExCom Ballot

Vote for no more than three candidates.

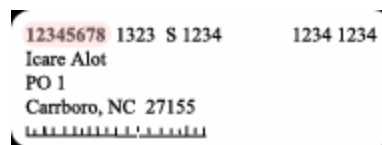
- Ana Hacic-Vlahovic
- Loren Hintz
- Andrea Rohrbacher
- Brian Rosa

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