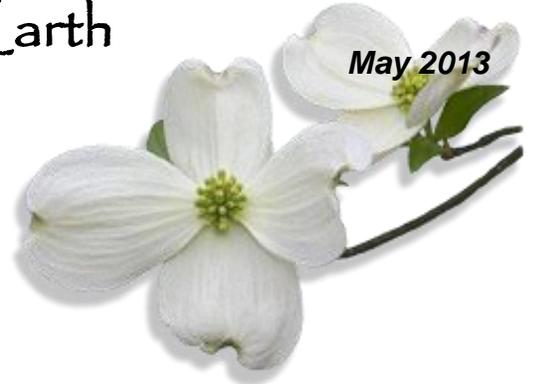


HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

May 2013



Rabun Spring—So many blessings

My daily commute has me meandering through Wolfcreek Valley (the back view from Heaven's Landing). Today (April 25), I just happened to have my camera in my back seat, as I was overcome, yet again, by our Rabun County spring beauty.

Struggling for the perfect words in which to describe this amazing display of green, white, and tan hues has still alluded me; and since I was hurriedly taking snap shots from the road side, my camera work is lacking as well. You simply must see these views for yourself. Fall color gets all the glory, but the fresh look of spring leaves is invigorating and peaceful. It is the rebirth of the forest!



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Rabun County boasts 155,000 acres of US Forest. These woodlands of the Southern Appalachian Mountains are incredibly diverse and lush. With a wide variety of tree species, the emerging spring blooms and delicate new leaves are magnificent in all directions. You can spend hours relishing in the grandiose views and the tiny intricacies of the forest floor.

Even a short walk will delight young and old—listening to the birds, watching the ground for emerging plants and even seeking a great variety of critters under wet leaf litter in creeks (oh I have an idea for next month!)

For truly breathtaking photos visit [Peter McIntosh Photography's website](#) and [Peter's Facebook page](#).

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Spring continued...5-Minute Walk



Left to right: Dusty Salamander, Pinxter Azalea, Fiddlehead fern, May-Apple, Birdfoot Violet, and Pink Lady's Slipper.

A five-minute walk in the woods will bring joy to your day! Above are just a few photos of what I found on my quick stroll.

From April until the last of the brilliant Rhododendron flowers fall in late June, the woods change noticeably *every day*. *May brings the bulk of the native wildflowers in Rabun County with many varieties of Azaleas and Mountain Laurel being the showiest.* Visit the [Chattooga Ranger District](#) office for a great selection of easy to use photo guide books (weekdays, 8am-4:30pm; closed 12-1pm). Or you might enjoy ordering the classic [Newcomb's Wildflower Guide](#) that is less colorful but teaches you proper terminology and how to identify flowers with a key system (this book is for NE US but is appropriate for Rabun County).

Local Goods & Garden



A new garden center has opened on South Main Street in Clayton. Local Goods & Gardens owned by Ryan Allred and his partners, Frank and Kristen Meadors, is nestled in a rustic location (right pass the health department and before Clayton Paint and Flooring). They specialize in native plants, and as the name states, local handcrafted specialty goods.



What sets LG&G apart from any other garden centers is their own homegrown products, dedication to service and advice to their clientele, partnership with local and regional growers and suppliers, and the special care they will provide for your landscape design needs.

Ryan Allred started gardening at the age of 19 installing Asian-style gardens and learning the art of bonsai. During this time, he fell in love with horticulture with interest in native, edible, and medicinal plants, as well as, becoming a master stonemason. "There is great joy by the simple act of eating fresh vegetables from your own garden!" Ryan shares. "My designs are tailored to the unique needs of each customer. My years of experience have taught me to offer landscapes that can provide for many generations." Ryan's services include consultation, design, installation, maintenance, soil testing, masonry, irrigation, and environmental restoration with native plants.

Whether you are landscaping a new or existing home site, shopping for stone-ground grains, organic fertilizers, native flowering plants, ferns & shrubs, or seeking a fresh bag of spring greens for dinner, you will enjoy the visit. They are open Monday—Friday, 10-6, and you can find them on [Facebook](#).

On Saturdays, LG&G will also be active at the Simply Homegrown Farmer's Market!



Simply Homegrown Farmer's Market

The market is open for the season!

Opening day is Saturday, May 4 until the end of November.



The open air market is located at 837 Highway 76 West at the Clayton City Hall Complex grounds, and vendors will be there from 9am—1 pm. New selections and new surprises come every week of the season. Typically, participating farmers have fresh organic vegetables, plants, handcrafted specialty products, baked goods and more. Subscribe with your email address from their website for weekly notices of what is coming to market or like them on [Facebook](#) to keep on top of what is coming to the market.

Heaven's Landing Welcomes Norwegian Magazine

Heaven's Landing Airpark continues to gain a worldwide reputation for excellence in airpark living! Once again, Heaven's Landing has been invited to take part in an international magazine's feature story. "It is a perfect marketing opportunity, and we are always excited to participate," states Mike. "Full color magazine features are a fantastic way to open up even further to international audiences."

At the end of May, Mike and Holly Ciochetti will welcome Ivar Skaugstad from Norway's leading aviation magazine, [Flynytt](#). Ivar is profiling aviation parks in the United States, and he and his crew will have a complete tour of Heaven's Landing including all of the surrounding amenities.

Flynytt is a bi-monthly, full color magazine started in the 1930's. It is a publication of the Norwegian Aero Club and has received high praise from all areas of the aviation community.



Norway is a prosperous country in Northern Europe with a population of just under 5 million people. According to the Norwegian Air Sports Federation profile, aviation is a major form of transportation due to Norway's diverse topography and the "geographic spread of industry and population centers."

Nasser's Famous Heaven's Landing Home

Tom and Jan Nasser are proud to announce Montana Log Homes' [Log Cabin Homes Magazine](#) will feature their Heaven's Landing log home in an upcoming photo shoot. The magazine is nationally distributed and is available on newsstands everywhere. As soon as we know a publication date, we will be sure to let everyone know!

Jan reports that the company's photographers will be at their home for an entire day capturing the fine details and craftsmanship that went into their beautiful home. She has a "pre-shoot" checklist to make sure the house is perfect for the crew.



Their Heaven's Landing home was initially constructed in Kalispell, MT. Tractor-trailers transported it to Georgia, and it was then assembled on their lot. Local builder, Shaun Greer of S&K Specialties, was the general contractor for the project overseeing every detail. Tom and Jan moved into their showpiece of a home upon completion in November of 2011.

The Nasser's live full-time in Indiana, where Tom has his Endodontic practice.

Sun 'n Fun 2013

The official word is that the 39th Annual Sun 'n Fun held in Lakeland, Florida on April 9-14 was a great success with an estimated 5% greater attendance than in the last two years!

Organizers faced unprecedented hurdles this year but came out strong none-the-less. News that the FAA would not be paying for the air traffic controllers, who usher 40,000 take-offs and landings during the week long Sun 'n Fun event, made headlines; but from adversity comes great strength, especially when there is an Expo that generates about \$60 million (AOPA estimate) to the local economy! With a united pull of support, the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, the City of Lakeland, and Lakeland Linder Airport pitched in large sums of money to pay for the controllers. The result was a great show and a problem-free week of flying for all. The next challenge for planners was another hit from the sequester cuts, the grounding of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, as well as all other military flying teams, who are typically a huge draw to these large expos. Taking it in stride, Sun 'n Fun's President, John Leehouts stated the goal this year was to get back to drawing the public into the wonder and passion of general aviation at its very best. "It's all about making people love flying!" he reported, and the resulting numbers speak for these great efforts. The week was full of events, vendors, programs, and shows including a second evening air show, which definitely delighted the crowds.

Checkout the [joyride](#) from a reporter from the *Tampa Bay Times*.



Mike and Holly reported a great showing at the Heaven's Landing exhibit. They were joined by their two experienced Angels, Stacy Moses and Kaylie Murphy. The Angels did a fantastic job interacting with attendees and were beautiful ambassadors for Heaven's Landing. "Once again, the traffic was steady and the people seem focused with a lot of great questions and enthusiasm," Mike reports, "people seemed really laid back and relaxed and they gave us their full attention."



It has been two weeks since the Ciochetti' returned from Sun 'n Fun, and the tours are "robust," and clients are coming from a variety of geographic locations. Mike reports that they have had several visitors from Canada, "which is typical this time of year for many 'snowbirds'," some from out West, and many from the Southeast.

If you met the Heaven's Landing team for the first time or maybe reacquainted with them, know guests are always welcome at Heaven's Landing, where you will experience year round beauty and great seasonal weather. Call Mike to schedule your trip today at 800-HEAVEN2.



Tyler, we hope you had a fantastic birthday! Thank you and your family for coming to visit.



Welcome Buck Family to Heaven's Landing

Steve and Lynda Buck are our newest owners at Heaven's Landing. They purchased Dan and Barbara Andrew's home that sits picturesquely over runway 5 and overlooks their beautiful taxiway hangar. Lynda is Barbara's sister, and Mike and Holly are overjoyed that the extended family will enjoy the area.



Holly reports that the Buck's son-in-law, Robert is a private pilot, and he and his wife, Joy, along with their two children will be frequent guests. "We love having families around," comments Holly, "there are so many fantastic opportunities here for young families from our great public and private schools to the amazing hometown community."

Mission Control Meeting

Attention all Heaven's Landing Hangar owners!

You are invited to the Mission Control meeting Saturday, May 4 at 1pm at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse.

We will see you there!



Heartbreak

What started as a night of fishing with friends ended in a horrific tragedy with the deaths of two upstanding young men and with a third companion suffering severe injuries. One driver is reportedly responsible. One who will forever have to live with that awful scene and memories of grief stricken families. Police reports state that at 11:42 pm on Monday, April 1, 2013 this driver, who was headed northbound on the Eau Gallie Causeway Bridge in Melbourne, Florida, swerved into the three friends, who were fishing from the shoulder of the bridge. The impact killed Ronald Garrett Viccaro, 24 instantly; tossed Justin L. Mitchell, 25, into the water, where his body was found just 15 minutes later; and left Jeffrey F. Vanreenen, 42 with multiple injuries.



"Garrett" Viccaro is the son Ron and Patricia Viccaro. "The Viccaros are very dear old friends," said Mike Ciochetti. "Ronny was one of my best engine builders back in my early racing days." Ronny went on to build NASCAR Winston Cup and Sprint Cup engines for numerous race teams, most notably for Dale Earnhardt and Richard Childress Racing.

Garrett, would have turned 25 on Wednesday, April 3, just two days after the accident. It is in the honor of these families that we wish to bring this tragic event to light, and the possible cause of the driver's horrific actions. According to reports, the driver was *texting*. Please remember to never text and drive. Do it for yourself, for your loved ones, and for the memories of those who have senselessly had their lives taken from them.



Mike and Holly are so grateful to have made the memorial service for Garrett. They are grateful to have been present to hold the Viccaro family as they struggle with their loss and to have been given the opportunity to share some good memories from years past with truly warm and loving spiritual people.

We pray that God's grace uplifts the hearts of these grieving families.

** [Texting while driving legislation](#) has yet to be enacted in Florida, and a current watered down bill (SB 52) looks like it will fail just days from now in the Florida House (4/30/2013).*

To our Florida readers, please contact your [representatives](#) and consider supporting stronger legislation in the future.

*Florida is one of **4 states with "no ban"** in place (April 2013). Know where your [state stands](#) by learning more and lending your voice.*



Upcoming Events

Area Events*:

First Friday Fest

Enjoy free concerts in the park sponsored by the merchants of Clayton. Enjoy great music at the Rock House on Main Street, 6-9 pm.

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Featured Farmer Thursdays

Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant, 6-10pm Come enjoy a freshly prepared meal by Chef Jamie with featured food grown from one of our local farms. Learn more about the local farmer and their methods of farming. Dinner is served from 6-10pm. For more information go to www.lakerabunhotel.com or call 706-782-4946.

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Tallulah Gorge Aesthetic Water Releases

Enjoy the trails and viewpoints of Tallulah Gorge State Park during the aesthetic water release of 200 cubic feet/second, the historic flow of the Tallulah River prior to the building of the dam in 1912. Note Gorge Floor Permits are not issued during special water releases.

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Spring Farm Day

[Hillside Orchard Farms](http://www.hillsideorchardfarms.com) hosts, a great spring planning festival. There will be crafters, music, food, and specials in the Country Store. 9 am—5:30 pm; contact 706.782.4995 for more information.

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Kimberly Adams Glass Bead Making

This beginner seminar will introduce students to the magic of glass bead making, using the technique of lampworking. We will cover safety and basic studio set-up. Many decorative techniques will be explored over the two days of this seminar giving students the opportunity to make lots of beads. The cost for this workshop is \$225 per person. Class sizes are limited. Email timpsoncrkgallery@windstream.net or call [\(706\)782-5164](tel:7067825164) to reserve your spot now.

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Rabun County Carnival

Come join in the fun at the Rabun Arena. There will be rides, craft exhibits, games, booths, and of course carnival food. You will not want to miss out on this family fun. Kids of all ages will have the time of their life. For more information, call 706-982-0792. Open 5pm – 10pm Tuesday – Friday, 1pm – 11pm Saturday.

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North Georgia Arts Tour

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3rd Annual Rabun Co Rodeo

The Bar-W Rodeo Company from Hayesville, NC is bringing a professional rodeo to Rabun County. There will be Bareback/Saddle Bronc riding, Calf Roping, Woman's Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Women's Barrel Racing, & Bull Riding. This is a professional rodeo sanctioned by the Professional Cowboys Association (www.pca.com). Adults \$12, Ages 6-12 \$6, children 5 & under free. For more information please contact Van Canup at 706-781-9880 or go to www.barwrodeoco.com.

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Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

This will be the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 9th season with Rabun County Music Festival. We are once again delighted to have the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra present a "Special Performance" for our audience sponsored by United Community Bank. For more information about the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra go to www.atlantasympphony.org. The performance begins at 4 pm. For information about tickets to this performance and others in this series go to www.rabunmusicfestival.com.

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NBHA Horse Show

Come out to watch some great barrel racing and exhibitions and have a lot family fun. The Exhibitions will start at 10am and the actual barrel racing will begin at 2pm. For more information, call the Arena Director at 706-982-0792.

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* See www.explorerrabun.com for these and other great events.

Stay Informed



- **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from NOAA. <http://forecast.weather.gov/>



- **Wi-Fi** is available at the Clubhouse. Stay connected with your personal devices as you enjoy the amenities.



- **What's New with You?** Share photos and stories of what is new in your flying circles. Please send submissions to janclay@windstream.net. (All submissions are subject to editing and the evaluation of content.)



- **Go Green!** Please update your contact information with our office at 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will always stay informed.

- **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "[Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark.](#)"



- **Let us Know About Your Aviation Groups.** Give the office a call and share what groups and organizations you belong to, the website address, and the organization's contact information. (800) HEAVEN 2.



- Fish year round and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at a new studio in Tiger, GA, [Studio e.](#)

Join Elisa and the four other instructors in feeling more energetic and healthier this year. There are over 20 classes to choose from.

Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.



Heaven's Landing Services

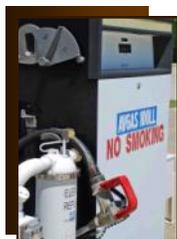
Heaven's Landing Concierge Service

We offer the finest, personalized, and professional services to meet your needs. Whether it's scheduling a trustworthy service to clean your home, picking up groceries, or keeping up with routine maintenance, Heaven's Landing Concierge Service will maintain your property, so you can fully enjoy your Heaven's Landing home. Please contact our office for information: 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com.



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Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.95/ gal*
JET A	\$5.30/gal*



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For questions or comments regarding the newsletter please contact Jan at janclay@windstream.net.



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