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Fall Beauty

The North Georgia Mountains are bursting with early November color, and the views in and around Heaven's Landing are unending and simply awesome. Flying over, you will be treated to a kaleidoscope of colors. Never underestimate what is in your own backyard at Heaven's Landing whether by plane, road vehicle or on foot.

Cruising throughout our development is one of the *great fall drives*. As you wind around the miles of concrete paths, you will delight in the diversity of trees of the Southern Blue Ridge Forest. Ones that offer a complete palate of hues with areas of scenic views extending for miles and miles. The colors are striking this year with many of the brilliant yellows absolutely popping. The spectacular show usually lasts until mid November.

It is always a wonder how new owners make their final decision on which lot and location to purchase at Heaven's Landing. Everywhere you turn, the view stops you in your tracks. Our current owners who are relaxing on their porches in the fantastic fall weather, know all about it! What a joy for them each time they sit back and revel in their dreams that have come true.

We are so blessed to have year round beauty with mild pleasant temperatures. In this month's newsletter, we explore a few places to stretch your legs and take off with a day pack. We will also enjoy the natural beauty of the area through the lens of area photographers.

Great resources are always just a click away for any visitor and you can always find something to do in and about the community. No matter what your goals are for a quiet time away, Heaven's Landing's home, [Rabun County](#), has something to offer.

October Expos

October is always a busy month for the Ciochetti's. Each year during the fall, they find themselves crisscrossing the county representing Heaven's Landing. They have just arrived home from two exciting and well-attended Expos. The AOPA Summit was held in Fort Worth, Texas on October 10-13, and the NBAA 2013 Convention was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 22-24.

Mike and Holly, with their well-known Heaven's Landing Angels, enjoyed both shows, each offering great networking and marketing opportunities on a national scale and to a diverse clientele.



Aviation Business Daily touts Heaven's Landing and their "Trademark" Angels!

AOPA—

"AOPA Aviation Summit always lives up to its reputation," reports Holly, "The expo is hospitable, well-planned, and full of wonderful people." While at the show, the Ciochetti's had a great opportunity to visit with HL friends, Mark and Dianne Stapleton, who live in the Ft. Worth area.



"Officer, there has been some misunderstanding!" Angel Kayla meets Texas law; Bella at the helm; and Marissa is ready for the NBAA crowds.

Although the Summit has occurred for several decades, Mike notes that this will be their last national expo. According to aopa.org news, "AOPA plans to redirect the time and resources previously spent on Summit to meeting members at community airports and hosting more grassroots events." "I think this will be a year of change and adjustment for AOPA Summit vendors," reports Mike, "but we look forward to working in regional markets as AOPA seeks to interact on a more intimate level in the coming years.

NBAA—

The trip to Las Vegas was another spectacular journey in the Ciochetti's Cessna 210. Fantastic weather and great photo ops made for a relaxing trip there and back. "It is hard to not take too many photos as you fly over the Southern Rockies," Mike confessed. Mike and Holly's daughter, Bella, is obviously a natural aviator, if Mike's pictures tell the story. She definitely looks like she has embraced the jetsetter lifestyle!



Top then left to right: Texas LONGHORN, South rim of the Grand Canyon, Vanessa and Holly at Bellagio, dining in at the AOPA Summit with Mark and Dianne Stapleton.

Their days in Vegas were as busy as ever. The team worked greeting and sharing information on Heaven's Landing with enthusiastic business aviators and corporate planners. "We hired a new Angel, Marissa, right before



Expos—Continued...

the show. She did an outstanding job,” Holly noted. “She is full of great energy and really helped showcase our exhibit.” Mike noted that Heaven’s Landing has an ever-growing reputation for their Angels. “Our Angels have always generated a lot of positive attention. Before we left Georgia, I glanced down to see the write-up in the *Aviation Business Daily* further emphasizing the following we have!”

The Expo also brought a great unexpected opportunity for the family to visit in the evenings with Holly’s oldest daughter, Vannessa. “Vannessa just began working for Hilton Goldstein of Hilton Software,” Holly explains, “Vannessa was working in the exhibit hall with Hilton showcasing their award winning mobile aviation app and software, [WingX Pro7](#).”

“The NBAA Convention is always outstanding,” Mike concludes. “The atmosphere, the people, and the setting once again made this a great show. It was also fantastic to see Hilton again. He was incredibly kind to treat both the Heaven’s Landing and Hilton Software crews to Cirque du Soliel’s *Kà* at the MGM Grand.”



Photo at left: Mike Ciochetti is the “iPad Winning Master.” In what has become a freakish streak of luck, Mike has won the iPad give a-way from NBAA three times (he’s now forgotten if it has been consecutive or if he skipped a year—that is how bad it is!) “I dropped in my ticket and told the staff, that they might as well hand it over now, because I just knew I would win it again. When the drawing occurred, I was ready and they couldn’t believe their eyes!” If you are in the market for an iPad, your Heaven’s Landing retailer is now open for business.

Croman’s Making Progress

Builder Shaun Geer of S&K Specialties is the General Contactor for **Graham and Julie Croman’s** new home on lot #62/63 on Earnhart Lane. We look forward to watching this project from the ground up.



New Owners—Welcome!

Heaven’s Landing would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest owners, **Barry and Robin Agosti** from Connecticut. Barry is the Vice-President at [Koma Precision Inc.](#)

Mike Ciochetti first met the Agostis earlier this year at Sun ‘n Fun. Barry and Robin are the proud owners of lots 142-143 on Sally Ride Trail and Hangar M9.



Fall Photography

We live in an area that teems with resources and opportunity. Photography is a great way to immerse yourself, and become a part of it all, while preserving memories. Rabun County has a number of amazing professional photographers. Each offering a unique specialty and style. As the year is winding down and the weather is so perfect, you should schedule a private or group photo class. No matter what point and shoot or professional grade equipment you have, you will be well rewarded with new found skills.

We've profiled and mentioned [Peter McIntosh Photography](#) so often that hopefully you know by now that Peter repeatedly captures the most stunning landscapes. If you "like" him on Facebook, he will treat you to frequent uploads and new additions to his portfolio that will keep you begging for more. He has a great following and soon you will not be able to pass a vista, witness a shooting star, or gasp at one of our amazing sunsets without hoping he is behind the camera recording it for all—and come to find out, he usually is! Peter also writes for the [Georgia Mountain Laurel Magazine](#) and features monthly adventures—all of which are breath-taking. You'll also see many of his timeless prints gracing the walls of the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse. (Prints are available through his website.) Contact [Peter](#) directly to schedule a photo adventure.

International photographer, [Jim Loring](#), has nearly three decades of worldwide travel and photographic experience, covering some of the most gripping stories from around the world. Jim's work speaks to your heart and every photograph tells in-depth narrative of people, regions, celebrations, and strife. Jim will be hosting a [workshop](#), November 15-16 from 10 am—4 pm. An awesome opportunity.

[Tammi Nowack Photography](#) will blow you away and make you smile. If you wish to capture the essence of youth, the joy of a relationship, or life milestones, Tammi is the photographer for you. Tammi's profile proclaims, "My style is completely laid back and relaxed," and "I feel like I am doing what I was born to do when I'm taking pictures." You will see what she means, as soon as you view her galleries. Enjoy her website and marvel at the how she *will* affect you! Tammi does not have any scheduled workshops currently (maybe in the spring), but if you are looking for a joyful photo session, she is one to call.

Smokey Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

Just wanted to give another shout-out to the [Smokey Mountain Center for the Performing Arts](#) in Franklin, North Carolina which is just minutes up the road. More so this year, than what I've seen before, SMC has brought in a diverse and high quality array of entertainment at very reasonable prices. The theater is well-designed and very comfortable as well. We attended a show last month and will go to [another this coming Friday](#). (My son is all things involving cirque arts!)



Black Rock Mountain State Park

You see [Black Rock Mountain State Park](#) every time you approach Heaven's Landing from the North. It is Georgia's highest state park soaring 3,640 feet high on top of Black Rock Mountain sitting on the Eastern Continental Divide. It is located just two miles east of Heaven's Landing, and it is a easy treasure to enjoy on the spur of the moment.



Black Rock is a great place to visit year round but most definitely showcases its uniqueness with the spring blooms and late fall when the autumn leaves are at their peak and skies are crisp. The views are amazing, and if your camera can take good panoramics, make sure it comes along with you.



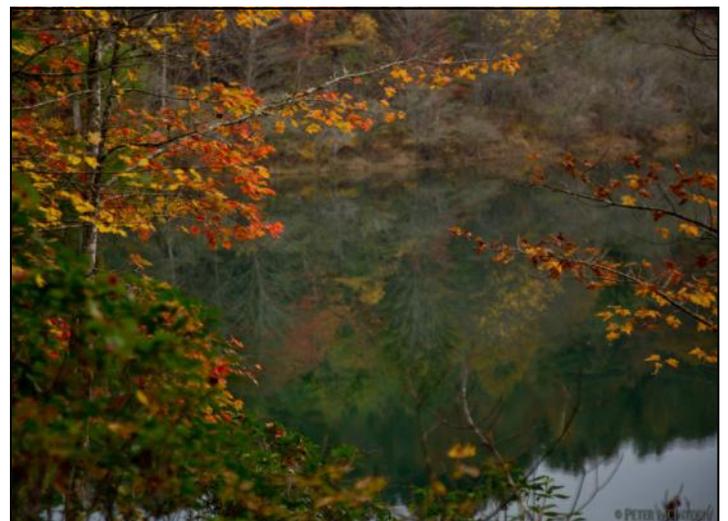
The park has many trails of all shapes and sizes (ranging from .25 to 7.3 miles), with many offering great far-reaching views of the surrounding mountains. Or if simply driving the roads is more your style, you will meander through a canopy of hardwoods as the colorful leaves flutter in the breeze. As you drive the road into the park, stop and enjoy the overlooks with outstanding scenery.



Take time to enjoy the Park's Visitor's Center. As in all State Parks, the rangers will assist you with the trails and activities available, but make sure you take time to shop, because you'll have a treat as you look out of their big glass windows at the view below. The building is poised looking south over the city of Clayton and the Hwy 441 corridor nestled in a blanket of forest.

By stepping outside, you are now a part of one of the best views in Georgia. You'll enjoy identifying the surrounding mountains and landmarks. It is all in your backyard.

Directions—From Heaven's Landing head southeast on Devil's Branch Road. Turn left on N. Germany Mtn. Road continue until you make a right on Black Rock Mtn. Parkway follow the signs into the park.



Early Morning at Black Rock Mountain Lake
by Peter McIntosh

Day use fee is \$5/vehicle or support your state parks with a yearly pass starting at \$50.

Other Highlights of Fall

Best Fall Day Trips and Area Parks to Explore:

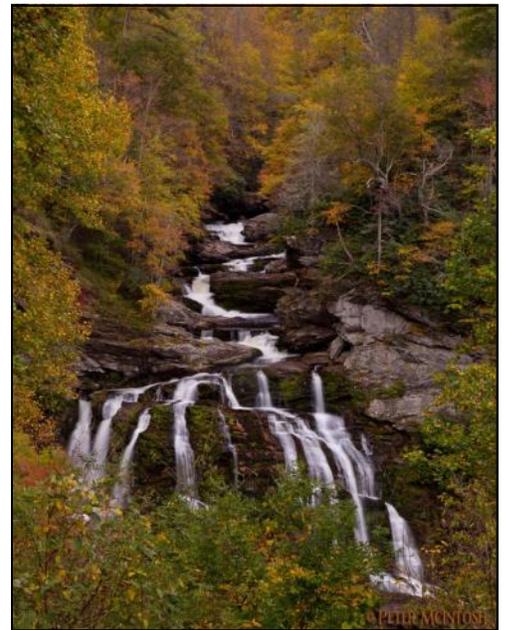
[Brasstown Bald](#)—Georgia's highest peak is a US Forest Service Center. The views are outstanding. Visit their [webcams](#) to get a sneak peak.

[Tallulah River Gorge State Park](#)—Ah! Whitewater releases are the 9, 10, 16, and 17. What an awe inspiring combination of autumn color and the tremendous flow of gorge carving whitewater.

[Pickens Nose](#)—If you haven't gone before, do it before the US Forest Service closes the gates over winter. There are no words for the sights you will see around every corner.

ATV/OHV Adventure—Checkout [explorerabun.com's](#) information page and this [mountain guide](#).

Peter McIntosh Mountains ~ Fall



Top: Early autumn over Lake Burton; Highlands, NC.
Bottom: Leaf strewn Black Rock trail with brilliant understory colors; Early morning on the Chattooga River.

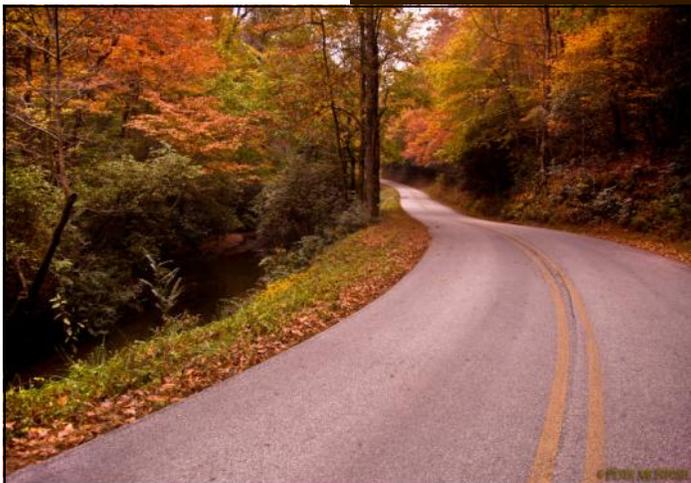
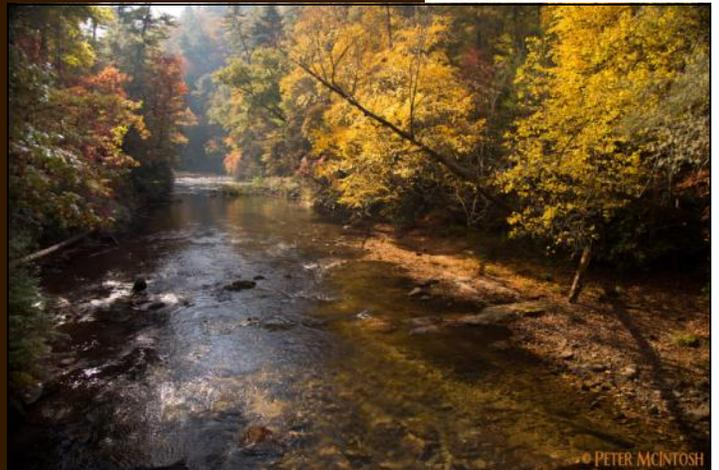


Peter McIntosh Mountains ~ More

Top—Peter's view of HL Approach 23 from the back seat of Mike's Cessna.

Middle— Side by side Cessnas over Rabun, and West Fork of the Chattooga River.

Bottom— Autumn drive along Persimmon Creek Road, and Boat on Lake Burton.



Upcoming Events

Heaven's Landing Events:

Heaven's Landing Christmas Party

December 7

Join us for the annual Christmas Party! Holly is planning a spectacular Italian Feast and Santa has locked us in his GPS. RSVP's are a must to ensure you have a seat for you and your family and friends. Call Holly at 706-982-5245 or email her at holly@heavenslanding.com.

Area Events:

Featured Farmer Thursdays

Every Thursday May through Nov.

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.

Tallulah Falls Whitewater Release

Nov. 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17

Come watch as the damn is released and the Kayakers brave the rapids. On a typical day, the water flow through the gorge is 35-40 CFS (cubic feet per second). During whitewater releases, the flow is 500 CFS on Saturday and 700 CFS on Sunday. This is one of the most spectacular events you will see on the river. The North Rim will be open. Watch from Overlook #1 or Inspiration Point for the best views. You will not be able to get to the suspension bridge during the release.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Fall Children's Heritage Days

November 23

This popular summer program is being offered twice this fall at the Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center. Make awesome holiday gifts and ornaments to take home. To register your child, ages 7-18, contact Michelle Bourlet at 706.490.3977. Cost is \$40/child.

Clayton Cluckers Turkey Trot

November 28

Come join the inaugural 5K race through downtown to celebrate our thanksgivings. All proceeds from the race will go to benefit the Rabun County Food Pantry. Costumes are encouraged! There is an entry fee and you are asked to bring canned food for the Pantry. Registration is at 8 am and the race starts at 9. Call Jenny Wilson at 706-982-1284 or fromageclayton@yahoo.com.

Holiday Extravaganza and Festival of Trees

November 29-30

Get all your holiday shopping done in one day at the Rabun County Civic Center. You will not want to miss the handmade crafts, art, & jewelry. There will also be food available at the event. You can also shop for your tree! Local organizations decorate in different themes and then donate over 25 trees for a silent auction. 9 am—5 pm both days. Contact Margaret Dunn at 706-982-9432 for additional information.

Charity Lane

December 6-8 and 13-15

Enjoy this most wonderful season with a 7 mile spectacle of light displays benefiting 30 area non-profits. Start your journey through Wolffork Valley at Don's Exxon in Mtn. City and end at the RGNS Alumni House. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested. Toys For Tots volunteers will be collecting also along the drive.

Rabun Country Christmas Parade

December 7

A wonderful evening unfolds for all as local groups parade down Main Street Clayton. Santa will be there and little ones can expect candy to be handed out. 5:30 pm

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

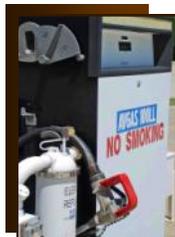
Heaven's Landing Concierge Service

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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Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

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



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