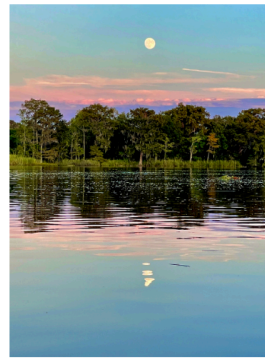


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Newsletter

December 2021



Announcing the winners of ORK's annual photography contest!

This year, guest judge and photographer [Parker Stewart](#) led the selection process. Stewart is based in Savannah, Georgia, and is currently focusing his time photographing the coast of Georgia and the river basins that flow in the region. "I was so excited to be asked to judge the Ogeechee Riverkeeper's annual photography contest," Stewart said. "The Ogeechee is such a beautiful and diverse expanse. There's nothing better than exploring and photographing the winding black water rivers which flow out towards the most pristine barrier islands on the east coast."

The 2021 winners are:

Black and White – Scarboro Landing, Janet Strozzi Anderson

Funny Wildlife – Tree Climber, Wesley Hendley

Landscape – Kings Ferry Landing, Ted Grey

Plant life – Tree, Near Morgans Bridge, James Maddox

Portrait – New Friends, Montana Tohm

Wildlife – Barred Owl, William Harrell

[Read more about the contest](#)[View all the entries](#)

Last chance for raffle tickets

The raffle will end December 29, with the winner being announced on December 30. This is your last chance to win a package valued at more than \$2,000!

The prize includes a two-night stay in a mountain cabin, a bespoke sailing trip, a custom corn hole set, an ORCA cooler, a Wilderness Southeast adventure, an electric airfryer, and a Keurig coffee maker.

[Buy tickets](#)[Watch videos](#)

Annual meeting and panel discussion

If you weren't able to join us on December 2, ORK's annual meeting and the great plastics panel discussion are now available to watch online. There was lots of valuable information shared!

See the [annual meeting](#).

Watch the [panel discussion](#).

Dirty Dozen report

Milliken and GA EPD are again on Georgia Water Coalition's [Dirty Dozen](#) list. In the past seven years, the textile facility has violated its existing pollution control permit at least 35 times and

been fined more than \$350,000. This includes 11 permit violations since the draft permit was issued last November. And GA EPD has not required additional testing or monitoring, and it still hasn't issued a permit.

[View the report](#)

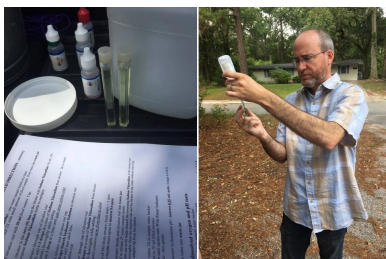
Take a holiday from plastic

This holiday season, we challenge you to think "plastic-free." Get some ideas on how to reduce or completely remove plastic from the holiday gifts you give.

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[Gift memberships](#)

Adopt-A-Stream training

ORK will host an Adopt-a-Stream training for chemical and bacterial monitoring at the Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education Center in Guyton. New citizen scientists or those seeking recertification are encouraged to attend. The training is free. Pre-registration is required.

[Sign up](#)

**There are many ways you can help the Ogeechee Riverkeeper protect,
preserve and improve the waterways within our basin.**

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