

# SGH Leadership Team



## **Donna Shearer, Founder**

Donna passed away in June, 2024, however, her motivating presence, humor, empathy and leadership will continue to serve as the guiding principles behind the success of Save Georgia's Hemlocks. Learn more about Donna [here](#).

## **Buz Stone, Chairman, Saplings Program Manager, NE counties**

Born and raised in Atlanta, Buz attended Emory undergraduate and law school, graduating in 1970. He joined the Air Force as a JAG officer and served for 4 years. Afterwards, Buz practiced law in Atlanta for 22 years. He began a second career in rustic landscaping in 1997, eventually selling that business and retiring in 2021. He has been active in several nonprofits, serving as Chairman of the Lake Rabun Association, Director of the Lake Rabun Foundation, Chairman of Foxfire, and Chairman of Save Georgia's Hemlocks. Buz has been married to his high school sweetheart, Mary Cobb, since 1968. They have three grown children, nine grandchildren and are enjoying retirement living on Lake Rabun.



## **Dave Teffeteller, Vice Chairman/Communications Director/Paddling for Hemlocks**

Dave Teffeteller, SGH Co-Chairman and Director of Communications, is a founding member and director of Save Georgia's Hemlocks. A life-long conservationist, he has lent his professional skills and dedication to numerous environmental non-profit organizations throughout the southeast. An avid fly fisherman and outfitter, he realizes the role of healthy forests in maintaining the delicate ecosystem of our streams, rivers and lakes. His career as a designer, creative director and writer spans more than 50 years. Dave and his wife, Joanne Waddey, live in Ellijay where he serves as a director of Blackberry Mountain Association.

**Chris Curtin, Board/Saplings Manager North Central**

**Jim Wentworth, Board/Treatment Manager BRRD**

**Jon Jones, Board/Treatment Manager CRRD**

**Derrick Morris, Board/Education Program Manager**

**Darrell Sheffield, Board Member at Large**

**Katherine Carey, Board Member at Large**

**Jonathan Micancin, Board Member at Large**

**Bob Pledger, Board Member Emeritus**

**Holly Cochran, Executive Director**

**Betty Larsen, Festivals & Special Events Manager**

**Todd Jackson, Treasurer**

**John Shearouse, Saplings Technical Advisor**

**Jim Heilman, Saplings Program Manager NW counties**

**Jimmy Stewart, Treatment Manager NW counties**

**Elliott Seagall, Scout Liason**

**Robert Patchett, Scout Liason**

**Jody Webb, Membership Coordinator**