

Position	Name	Photo	Bio
President	Eric Bowles		<p>Eric Bowles is an Atlanta based professional nature photographer specializing in the southeastern states. As a photo educator, he provides photo tours, workshops and training both independently and through Nikonians Academy, Chattahoochee Nature Center, and Atlanta Audubon.</p> <p>Eric is a Board member and Vice President of GNPA. He is also on the Board of the North American Nature Photography Association. He is a frequent visitor and speaker at GNPA chapters and photography clubs throughout the state. Eric has a business background in strategic planning and commercial banking. His non-profit experience includes leading Membership, Marketing, and Research for an 8000 member global non-profit association as well as roles on several boards. For more information about Eric, visit his website at www.bowlesimages.com.</p>

**Vice
President**

Mary Jo Cox



Mary Jo Cox is an accomplished photographer who resides in Big Canoe, Georgia. She specializes in the wonders of wildlife and nature. The creative process occurs within the heart and eye first, then within the lens. She has traveled worldwide to capture the wonders of Mother Nature and our natural surroundings.

Mary Jo has been a member of GNPA for 5 years. She has taken an active role within GNPA as the Chapter Coordinator Liason on the current Board, a trip leader, a panelist during Chapter meetings and attends many of the events scheduled within GNPA. She is also a member of the Big Canoe Photography Club where she is a trip leader in addition to, a speaker and educator within the Club.

Nature and wildlife are her passions, and through photography, she loves to share it with the world.

In addition to photographing wildlife and nature, Mary Jo uses her photography skills to help homeless animals find loving homes. She volunteers her talents weekly photographing dogs and cats for shelters and rescue groups in Georgia.

Prior to taking on the love of photography, Mary Jo graduated with a B.S. Industrial Engineering and a MBA in addition to raising two sons. She took on many Volunteer roles and Board positions while staying at home to raise her family.

Going forward, Mary Jo hopes to be a part of the GNPA Board to facilitate the growth of GNPA by educating and promoting photography to current and new members. Photos tell a story. By being out in nature, the world will see our natural surroundings through our pictures. By promoting GNPA and growing the membership, we will be able to use our photos to educate people on the beauty of Mother Nature.

<p>Secretary</p>	<p>Ken Dunwoody</p>		<p>Ken spent 30 years as the Editorial Director for the 28 monthly editions of Game & Fish Publications, where he oversaw all of the editorial content for the top-selling outdoors magazine on American newsstands. Prior to moving to Georgia, he earned a journalism degree at the University of Illinois and worked as a sports editor and photojournalist for newspapers in suburban Chicago. He won his first photo award from United Press International in 1983, has been a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) for 30-plus years, and is now a member of NANPA and the Roswell Chapter of GNPA. His photos have been selected in competitions such as NANPA's 2018 Showcase, and others sponsored by OWAA, GNPA, Callaway Gardens, Digital Photo Magazine, Fernbank Science Museum and Savannah Coastal Refuges Project. Wildlife photography is his primary interest, but he's also exploring landscape and macro photography.</p>
<p>Treasurer</p>	<p>Susan Burroughs</p>		<p>Susan Burroughs is the current treasurer of GNPA. She is a certified public accountant. She has over 25 years in non-profit experience. She actually runs her own non-profit organization called Cystic Fibrosis-Reaching Out Foundation. Her expertise in non-profit accounting is an asset to GNPA. In a previous life, she held several positions in the healthcare industry as Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Director of Finance, Controller, and Health Financing Coordinator. Susan is the current Treasurer of GNPA as well as being a member of the Board, the Finance Committee, and the Operating Committee.</p> <p>Susan has always been a photographer. However, in 2013 when she found herself an empty nester, she began taking photography workshops and providing photo services for</p>

			<p>weddings, infants and families. But she quickly realized that her first love was nature photography especially travel and bird photography.</p> <p>Susan and her husband, Keith have been a member of GNPA for several years. They have participated in local field trips, workshops and long distance trips with GNPA.</p>
<p>At Large</p>	<p>Anna DeStefano</p>		<p>Finishing her fourteenth year as a professional artist (she's published 27 novels and works as a developmental editor and ghost writer for both fiction and non-fiction authors), Anna DeStefano brings a uniquely creative vision to her photography. In each image she's found her poetry and has fallen in love with the visual stories she tells. Rehabbing from a sudden illness by immersing herself in our natural world, her Affirmation Photography™ began and has evolved with a single, clarion mission: shining nature's healing magic into everyday life. You'll find her soft focus flower collection in Emory Healthcare locations throughout greater Atlanta. She's recently launched a 20+ piece installation of large-scale canvas prints in Buckhead. And her fine art pieces can be found in North Georgia galleries from Clarkesville to Ellijay. To learn more, visit AffirmationPhotography.com.</p> <p>Anna has been shooting for the last five years and joined GNPA and its Gwinnett Chapter in 2017. Since then, she's served GNPA in numerous capacities, including joining Gwinnett's communication and education committees. She is currently serving on GNPA's website redesign committee. She presents creative photography programs to GNPA chapters, as well as other photography groups. Most recently, she was invited to present sessions and a photo walk at this year's EXPO. Her previous board experience includes serving as the president of</p>

			and chairing several committees for a 300-person, non-profit Atlanta writing organization. Additionally, she's a Senior Technical Writer with 20+ years of experience helping organizations and professionals clearly and effectively engage their audience.
At Large	Lee Freidman		<p>Lee has been doing photography and videography for many years. He realized he loved nature photography best of all. Growing up on Long Island, there were plenty of wetlands to explore. He's also been to Hawaii, the California coast, and of course many places here in Georgia, North Carolina and the eastern shores. He enjoys landscape, flowers, insects (especially bees and dragonflies) and wildlife. Macro and astrophotography are his newest endeavors. He joined GNPA in 2016. His photography have hung at the Bowen Arts Center, OyToys Bookstore, and he's won awards for his photos in the NANPA and GNPA competitions. He is currently serving as the GNPA EXPO 2019 Chairperson (please sign up now before the rates go up!). He is on the Conservation Committee, a co-coordinator for the Alpharetta chapter and is working with the website team to help create a better experience for our membership. Lee has nearly 30 years in the Tech industry working for IBM, then NCR, the Old AT&T, Bellsouth and now, the New AT&T. He is an engineer responsible for much of the Uverse Video architecture and other entertainment services. Now he working on Cloud architectures. Photography keeps him sane. He hopes to continue in a board role to enhance GNPA experiences and bring new technologies and capabilities to its membership.</p>

At Large

Tom Wilson



Tom Wilson began making photographs at age 40. His work stems from a life-long love of nature and the outdoors. He has worked extensively on the Chattahoochee River providing images for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy, Georgia River Network, The Atlanta Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy and other conservation-oriented organizations. Tom is very active in GNPA and Chairs the Conservation Committee.

Tom believes strongly that nature photographers should be nature advocates and use their cameras to protect and preserve our vanishing natural world, documenting the threats to our precious resources and sharing the beauty that makes it worth protecting.

He works extensively to document natural areas of Georgia and provide images to organizations such as the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, The National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, Georgia River Network, Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, The Atlanta Audubon Society, Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy and others.

Tom retired from a 33 year career as an Executive with the Boy Scouts of America in December of 2016 to pursue Nature Photography full time. He is currently working on a project with Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to update their library of photographs and with the Chattahoochee

			<p>River National Recreation Area to update their signage throughout the park.</p> <p>Tom enjoys hiking, camping, birding, amateur astronomy, astrophotography and just about anything else that gets him outside.</p> <p>For more, visit tom-wilson-photography.com</p>
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