

## 2011 Year in Review

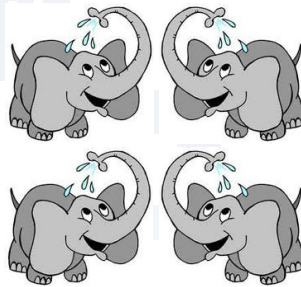
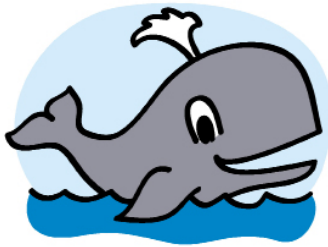
*With your help we were able to...*



- ◆ Restore over 7,000 feet of Town Branch Creek in Winchester, KY, through a partnership with federal, state and local agencies.
- ◆ Hire a contract Agricultural Coordinator to help farmers make positive changes that will combat pollution in the Bacon Creek watershed in central Kentucky.
- ◆ Grow our Beargrass Creek Alliance's volunteer base through the formation of a Neighborhood Creek Project, which spreads educational information about nonpoint source pollution in one of the most urban watersheds in our state.
- ◆ Reach out to communities surrounding the Red River Gorge, a large outdoor tourism destination for the state, to help address past abuses and begin the process of developing a strategic plan for protection and restoration.
- ◆ Lay the groundwork for a comprehensive ecological restoration plan for the Red Bird River watershed in Eastern Kentucky.
- ◆ Attend public hearings and voice the concerns of our members regarding EPA's objections to 36 discharge elimination permits (for coal mining waste) issued by the Kentucky Division of Water.
- ◆ Together with the Mississippi River Collaborative, bring a lawsuit against the EPA for their failure to address a critical water pollution problem in the Mississippi River basin that they have acknowledged for decades.
- ◆ Follow the progress of the current Farm Bill through congress, urging our members to comment on key points.
- ◆ Remove tons of trash from state waterways!

### 2011 River Cleanups a HUGE Success!

What do a gray whale and four African elephants have in common?



Both weigh less than the combined total of trash KWA volunteers removed from streams and rivers in 2011! Thanks in part to a generous donation from Aveda and an anonymous corporate sponsor, we were able to offer more opportunities to volunteer for cleanups than ever before, resulting in **more than 300 volunteers** and **25 tons of trash removed** from Beargrass Creek and the Green and Cumberland Rivers!



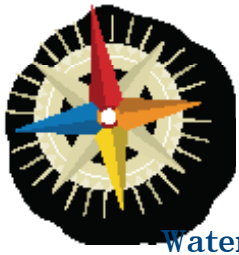
*Our army of volunteers!*



*Local scouts clean the Cumberland*

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### KWA's 3rd Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival

# SYRCL's WILD & SCENIC® FILM FESTIVAL

We'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thanks!" to everyone who sponsored, volunteered or participated in last year's festival. With more than 250 people in attendance, a record number of sponsors, and Louisville radio personality Kyle Meredith as emcee, the event was a huge success. Special recognition goes to our sponsors:



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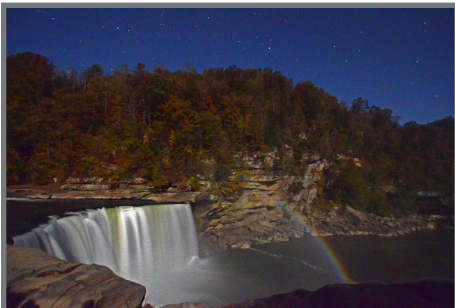
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### Annual Meeting



Cumberland Falls Moonbow Photo by Marc Hult

### Halfway to Forecastle



### Beargrass Creek Festival



Thanks again to everyone at Aveda for making the second year of our Earth Month partnership so successful! Events ranging from concerts in Lexington to a fashion show in Louisville raised over \$18,000 for our programs in 2011.



### Water is Life at St. Andrews



### Mayor's Hike, Bike and Paddle & Harrod's Creek Earth Day Paddle

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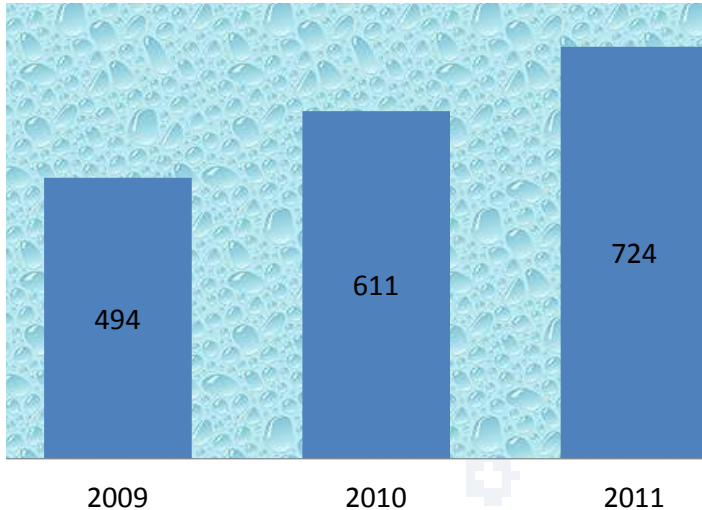
We would like to acknowledge David Wimsatt (left) for being KWA's 2011 Volunteer of the Year!



David Coomer with a loaded canoe



## KWA Members by Year



## Private Contributions in 2011



## Grant Funding Sources

### Government Agencies:

Kentucky Division of Water  
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## 2011 Marked KWA's First Ever Gift of Stock



In a year of "firsts," one exciting addition was our ability to accept gifts of stock. During our year-end appeal campaign last year, Frank Elsen, Board Member Emeritus, worked with us through the kinks to become our first ever donor of shares of stock. Thanks, Frank, for letting us test the waters through your generosity!

We've now accepted several stock gifts. If you're interested in learning the benefits of giving a stock gift or would like information about how you can make a tax-deductible stock gift, please contact Angela Doyle, our Development Director, at [angela@kwalliance.org](mailto:angela@kwalliance.org) or call our office at (502) 589-8008.