

The River Connects Us All

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This River Got a Bad Case of the Blues!



Photos in this issue from a recent water quality sampling expedition by Dr. Cliff Ochs and grad student Abbi McDonald from the University of Mississippi Dept of Biology. Abbi is researching the Sunflower River as part of her graduate work at Ole Miss.

RIP Shady Cat

Shady, you were the best friend the river ever had. You came out of the alley and watched over us, the canoes and the river. We will miss you Shady! Love, all the Mighty Quapaws. PS: please send your favorite Shady Cat story to zoe@island63.com for a special Shady tribute.



February is for Friends of the Sunflower River!

Annual General Membership Meeting

Noon, Saturday, Feb 13th

Behind Quapaw Canoe Company

(in downtown Clarksdale)



**10TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE
SUNFLOWER RIVER
MEETING AND CLEANUP!**



WHERE? Behind Quapaw Canoe Company 291 Sunflower Ave

WHEN? Saturday, Feb 13th

12pm potluck meeting -- bring a dish to share!

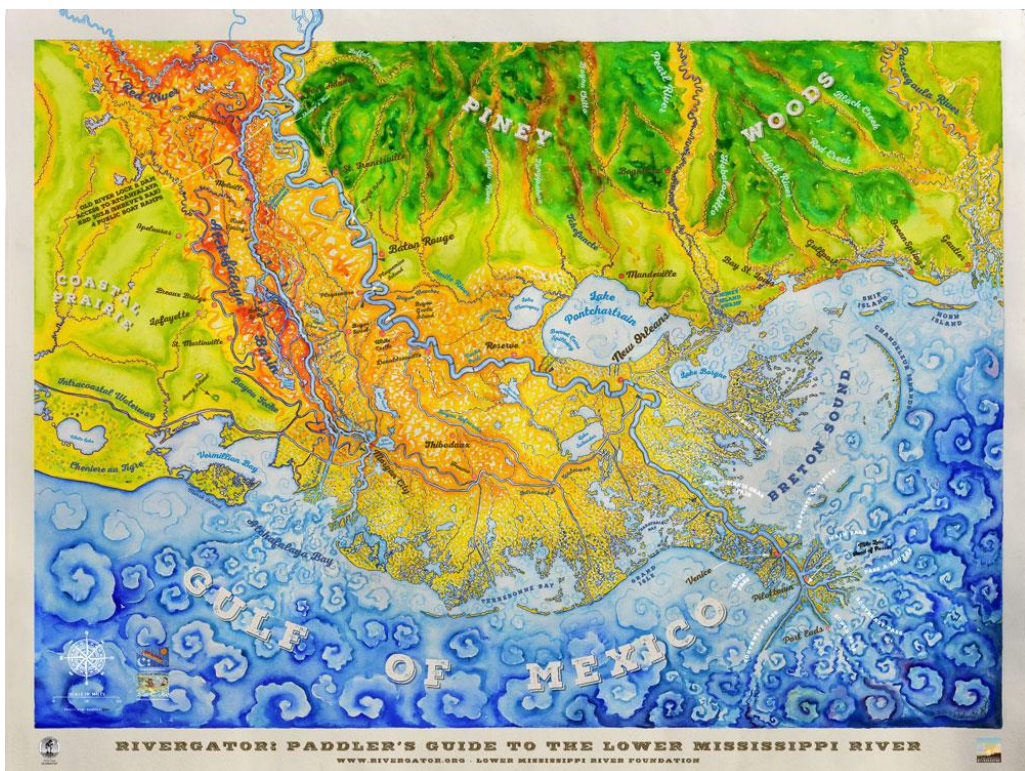
1pm Cleanup

WHAT? Annual membership meeting of the Friends of the Sunflower River. We'll provide the fire and the enamel eatware. You bring whatever you want to share. All welcome to attend. \$25 (annual dues) This is a special year, our 10th annual meeting and 15th birthday as a group! Sunflower River Cleanup 1pm meet behind Quapaw Canoe Company (following 12noon potluck meeting). Bring gloves and trash bags and dress for the weather. Barn boots and wool socks are best for the sticky, stinky mud. Canoes or paddleboards provided Quapaw Canoe Company with paddles and life jackets, or pick up trash from the riverbank.

WHY? To love, respect and care for our lonely river, the river with the blues, the loneliest river in the Lower Mississippi Valley.



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You can order a copy of the map here:

<http://www.rivergator.org/map-shop/map-shop.cfm>

A new voyageur canoe is taking shape in the wood shop, and we need your help with bowls, plastic containers and your old rags. Please save for us anytime between now and June, 2016.

1) Needed: Plastic Yogurt/Cottage Cheese (or similar) Containers!

2) ALSO Needed: Rags! (For cleaning up epoxy resin. For wiping down canoes after sanding. For cleaning canoes before applying marine spar varnish)

We are going into the wood shop in and will be building several voyageur canoes this winter. We need your 2 qt (or 32 oz) plastic yogurt containers! Cottage Cheese containers would work just as well. And also any other containers or bowls about that same size for mixing epoxy resin. Your old plastic or metal bowls. Smooth edges and rounded bottoms are best for the purpose. Clean them out and bring to us in downtown Clarksdale, or box and send to Quapaw Canoe Company, 291 Sunflower Avenue, Clarksdale, MS, 38614. It will take us 4-6 months to finish these canoes. Anytime between now and June is good. Save your smooth plastic containers for us until June. Thanks! Free Mississippi River Connects Us All Poster to anyone who brings us cleaned out yogurt containers!



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