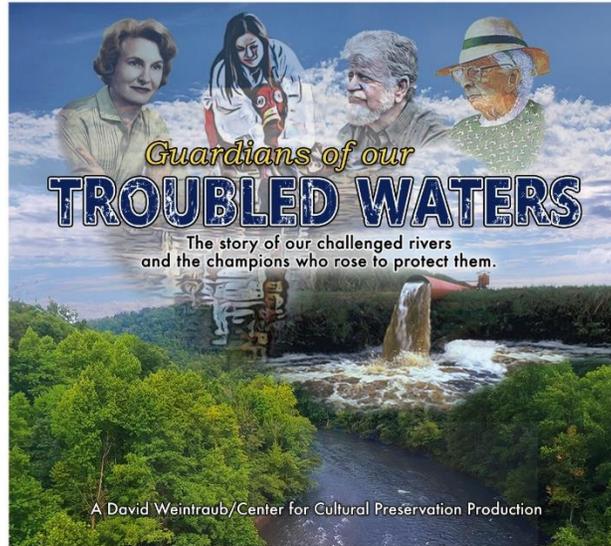


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WNCHA and OLLI host virtual film screening and discussion on December 3



ASHEVILLE, North Carolina – The Western North Carolina Historical Association (WNCHA) in partnership with The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNC Asheville will host award-winning filmmaker, David Weintraub, on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:30pm for a screening of his new film, *Guardians of Our Troubled Waters*, followed by a time for discussion and questions with the audience. This screening and discussion will be virtual.

Director David Weintraub has been an oral historian and filmmaker for over 20 years. His films have appeared on PBS stations around the country and at film festivals around the world. Weintraub's latest documentary, *Guardians of Our Troubled Waters*, tells the story of our early communities and their deep connections to their rivers and streams as a source of spiritual sustenance, as their lifeblood and as a critical component of their livelihood; how that changed during the industrial era when paper mills, tanneries and other manufacturing plants turned clean, protected water into moving cesspools; and the stories of the heroes who rose to challenge the destruction. Much of our environmental consciousness and economic vitality sprung from the champions of our waterways of the past. Much of our future depends upon our ability to continue their legacy today.

Guardians focuses on three communities — Western North Carolina, East Tennessee, and South Florida, the stewardship efforts that grew to protect the French Broad River, the Pigeon River, and the Everglades, and the lessons learned for today's world.

The documentary screening will begin at 5:30pm and the film runs approximately 77 minutes. Afterward, David Weintraub will answer audience questions. Tickets are free for WNHCA and OLLI members and \$5 for the general public. Reserve tickets in advance at wnchistory.org/events/

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