

2022 CONSERVATION STEWARDS AWARDS



Saturday, March 19th
5:30-9:30 p.m.

Prairie Creek Lodge

2022 Honorees

Sara and Kay Eoff

Sara was born in Floral, Alabama, the closest medical facility to the farm in Okaloosa County, Florida, where she was raised an only child. On the farm is the single-story Double-Pen cracker house built (1885-1887) by her maternal great grandparents, John and Josephine B. Campbell, which is still maintained, the house of her grandparents, Mack and Effie C. Tyner, and the current house that she helped build when she was in elementary and high school. Only a few miles away is Almirante cemetery where they are all buried. So, you can understand her strong feelings for the land and her desire to maintain a small bit of it as it was when she was a child and living there with the extended family.

Growing up Sara spent lots of time in the woods and working on the farm with her grandfather, Mack Tyner. He loved longleaf pines that are the principal native pine covering the Florida panhandle. Because her grandfather refused to allow any logging on the property, Sara's share of the acreage through her

mother, Mayme Tyner, still has most of the native longleaf pines and their habitat. Grandfather Mack and his father, William Henry Tyner, owned and operated a Turpentine Still and sold the resulting rosin and turpentine to a naval stores company in Pensacola, Florida.

Later, Sara met physicist Kay M. Eoff and they married. The Eoffs share preserving longleaf pines and their habitat. In 2018, the Eoffs donated a conservation easement to ACT on Sara's family land as well as their homestead on Newnan's Lake. A life estate granted to ACT by the Eoffs for their Newnan's Lake property will ensure that the land is protected forever and benefits conservation efforts. In 2021, Sara along with her cousin, Nell Tyner, donated a conservation easement on additional acreage in Okaloosa County, increasing the total land conserved there to over 900 acres.

