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George Bird Evans



The Lifeworks of George Bird Evans and Kay Evans were honored by inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places in December 2014.

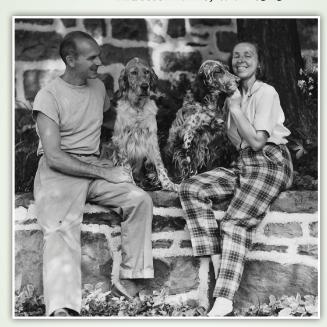
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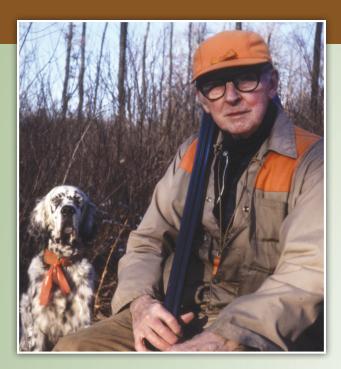


The Old Hemlock Foundation's mission is to preserve and promote the legacy of George Bird Evans and Kay Harris Evans.



Old Hemlock Foundation





About the Foundation

The Old Hemlock Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. The Foundation maintains 232 acres of real estate situated on the Brandonville Pike in Preston County, West Virginia, which George and Kay chose as their residence and named "Old Hemlock." George was a noted artist, author, outdoorsman, and founder of the Old Hemlock line of English Setters. Together, George and Kay produced many written works, including five mysteries, 16 sporting books, and numerous articles.

The property contains virgin hemlock trees and is to be maintained in its natural state as a nature and wildlife preserve. The house located on Old Hemlock was built in 1782 and is the oldest habitable residence in its state of preservation in Preston County.

The Old Hemlock Foundation has house tours on some weekends during the summer months. We also provide tours for interested civic and education organizations, and offer programming related to our mission by appointment.

OHF Charities

The Old Hemlock Foundation also gives charitable donations to local, non-profit organizations such as the West Virginia University Foundation for medical scholarships, the Bruceton Alumni Association for college scholarships for local area high school graduates, the Bruceton School for arts and literature education and the Preston County Humane Society.

Give Back!

The Old Hemlock Foundation welcomes dedicated volunteers to help us fulfill our mission. Do you have a passion for local history, the outdoors, upland game, or education? Are you a part of a civic group that would like to give back to a local nonprofit organization? Contact us for more information.

Oral History Project

The Old Hemlock Foundation recently began an oral history project. We hope to preserve the memories that individuals have of George, Kay, and the property itself. Do you have any memories of Old Hemlock that you would like to share? Please contact us at oral.history@oldhemlock.org.



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Old Hemlock Setters

George Bird Evans and his wife, Kay, developed the line of Old Hemlock English Setters as their ideal gun dog for grouse and woodcock hunting in their Alleghany coverts. Old Hemlock Ruff, the fountainhead of the line, was born in 1947. Upon George's death in 1998, the Old Hemlock line passed to Roger Brown who knew the line of dogs well, having had Old Hemlock Setters since 1973. Today, the Old Hemlock line remains vibrant as Roger continues George and Kay's legacy. There are typically one or two litters born each year.

