



THE Will Henry Stevens REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Will Henry Stevens Revolving Loan Fund is a permanently endowed revolving loan fund assisting the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy and the Conservation Trust for North Carolina in Saving the Places You Love in Western North Carolina.

The **Will Henry Stevens Revolving Loan Fund** was created in 2006 by Asheville residents Lynn Hill, great niece of Will Henry Stevens, and John Cram, owner of Asheville's Blue Spiral 1 Gallery. Blue Spiral 1 donates a percentage of sales of Will Henry Stevens' artwork to the Loan Fund. Both Lynn and John are long-time supporters of conservation.

WILL HENRY STEVENS

Will Henry Stevens (1881-1949) was an amazingly productive artist, a quiet and gentle man with a mystical and passionate love for nature. Stevens was a Southern regional painter. He found inspiration for his paintings in the rivers and bayous of Louisiana and the landscapes of the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

Stevens was also considered a pioneer of modern art in the South. Stevens' paintings are on display at more than 40 museums across the country.

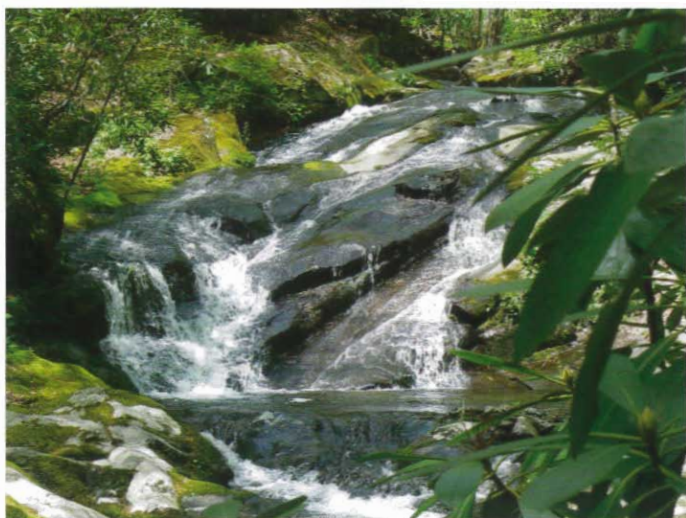
The **Will Henry Stevens Revolving Loan Fund** is being used by the two land trusts to protect significant land and rivers in Western North Carolina. It enables them to respond quickly to properties imminently threatened by development.

The Fund first helped protect 138 acres in the Sandy Mush area of Buncombe County and a 430-acre tract in the Highlands of Roan in Avery County.

cover: Will Henry Stevens, Untitled, ca. 1939, pastel on paper, 23"H x 19"W, signed "Stevens" lower left.

below: Will Henry Stevens, Untitled, ca. 1942, pastel on paper, 22"H x 18"W, signed "Stevens" lower left.





Elk Hollow Creek photograph by Jay Leutze

North Carolina's Southern Blue Ridge eco-region has more endemic species — those that are exclusive to this area — than any other eco-region in North America. These mountains are home to 400 rare flora and fauna. We have more tree species than eastern and western Europe combined and more aquatic species than the Pacific Northwest.

The Southern Blue Ridge Mountains may be the most ecologically rich temperate woodlands in the world. The Blue Ridge forms a critical habitat in eastern North America for populations of globally declining neo-tropical migrant songbirds. These birds depend on large, undisturbed, unfragmented tracts of land to reproduce successfully.

Natural areas and family farms that make up the unique character of our region are highly threatened. This decade is the last chance to protect large tracts of undeveloped land in Western North Carolina. The special places we protect — or lose — this decade will determine the character of our landscape forever.

You are invited to support the **Will Henry Stevens Revolving Loan Fund** by making a contribution.

The Fund is administered by the Conservation Trust for North Carolina. Gifts of cash, stock, real estate or planned gifts such as a bequest can all be used to permanently protect Western North Carolina's natural landscapes.

Contact CTNC at info@ctnc.org or by calling the Director of Development at 919.828.4199.

Please make gifts payable to CTNC with a designation to the **Will Henry Stevens Revolving Loan Fund**. Send to the Conservation Trust for North Carolina at the address below.



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