

Revealed- A behind the scenes look:

Gary Leabman- Owner, along with wife Marsha Nyberg of Spirit Hills B&B in

Hermann, Mo. Gary is a river angel and frequent Missouri River paddler. Gary was a key player in the success of the Missouri River Paddler's 1st ever Rendezvous Aug 1-8, 2015. Gary portrays Mike Fink & Steamboat Bill for the Hermann Historical museum. Gary can "out feather, out jump, out hop, out skip, throw down and lick any man on the river."

Favorite Band? *The Rolling Stones.*

First Time in a canoe or Kayak? *Paddled canoe at 16 (FIFTY YEARS AGO) on the Current River the day after first getting laid.*

Best Memory Paddling? *A fawn swam out to my kayak, staring at me as it came along side so I could pet it.*



Hobbies beside paddling? *Extreme gardening.*

Any regrets in Life? *No regrets, except if I unintentionally hurt someone's feelings.*

Best bit of paddling advice? *Always wear a PFD, especially on Big Water like the Missouri.*

What was your best childhood memory? *Playing with Timmy Mayer (who just took me to the Bob Dylan concert).*

Motto to live by: *"The Expansion of Happiness is the Purpose of Life".
Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.*

