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John and Fin Kernohan are the Founders of the United Tiny House Association (originally known as the Georgia Tiny House Association), the Founders and Hosts of the Georgia and Florida Tiny House Festivals\*, are also members of the American Tiny House Association and the Georgia contacts for the Small House Society.

After spending his adult life creating/developing a number of at-home medical specimen collection mechanisms and immunoassays, John retired at the age of 49 when he realized, while lying in a hospital bed, that his life-long quest of accumulating wealth was not a life of living.  He made the decision to sell his laboratory, to reclaim his health (he lost over 80 pounds and shed 10" off his waist), and began a quest of learning what it really means to be truly happy.

He was also the elected District Director of Home Education for the 5th largest school district in the US and sat on the board directors as the vice-chairman for 7 years of our Nation’s largest homeschool organization, during which time he founded the non-profit Single-Parent Scholarship Fund and was a board member of the 501c3 Homeschool Scholarship Fund.

Together with his wife, Fin, John lives a tiny-off-grid lifestyle 24/7/365 in their 304sqft tiny cabin and hosts the Facebook blog, "Beloved Cabin", as well as hosting and being admins for numerous other Facebook groups geared specifically for health, fitness, food intolerance/allergy support, and tiny/micro-living.

Their 2016 Georgia Tiny House Festival was featured in the April 2016 issue of Tiny House Magazine; and their journeys from the big cities of Bangkok, Miami and London to their tiny lifestyle in the Georgia woods can be read about in the June 2016 issue of Tiny House Magazine as well. (Additional articles and news segments are available at <http://www.tinyhousefestivals.com/media.html>.)

John’s and Fin’s *"Our Great Big Tiny Lives"* presentation focuses on their journey from the mega cities of Bangkok, London and Miami, while living in houses over 2000sqft, to their now-tiny life in the Georgia woods where they are embracing their minimalist lifestyle.

In *"Paleo Builder: Be the Hunter/Gatherer of Your Tiny House Build",*John and Fin share their secrets of how they obtained almost all their materials for either FREE or at a fraction of the cost charged by the big DIY stores.  Additionally, they share information regarding their experiences in alternative energy, gardening, construction, self-sufficiency, gathering, reclaiming, re-purposing, living off-grid, and how you can have your very own "Pinterest-looking" tiny home without spending over $10K-$12K.

Additionally, John and Fin advocate and support the tiny house lifestyle by meeting with community and government officials so to assist communities in embracing tiny houses. Currently, they are working with a local land developer/timber land owner in establishing a 58-acre tiny house community in central Georgia.

\* Please Note: John and Fin created their branded Tiny House Festivals as a way to bring more awareness to the tiny house movement, especially in the South and Southeast, as well as to create a financial resource for local communities and charities. (To date, John and Fin have not personally profited, or collected a single penny for either themselves, or their tiny house organization, through their tiny house festivals or tiny house-related events.)

John sums his philosophy of life up in five simple words, “Live large – by living tiny!” – John Kernohan