



Education Committee Meeting

November 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM by ZOOM

Attendees:

Tim Maywalt, Phyllis Johansen, Carolyn Burgess, Mary Spear, Kathy Nepote, Rachel Keen, Penny Kaiserlian, Phil Stokes, Lil Williams, Barbara White, Steve Huff, Emily Ferguson, Anne Benham, Ellen Tully, David Marrs, Sherri Fitzgerald, Carolyn Burgess and Jackie Savage.

Minutes of the October 12th 2021 meeting were approved.

The following table summarizes ACTION items noted in this month's minutes.

| Reference | Action Description | Contact | Due Date(s) |
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| Tree Basics Classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine a walk date at Monticello's Secluded Farm | Phil/Tim | TBD |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan/coordinate walks at Ivy Creek for Largest and Oldest Trees and/or Fruit and Nut trees in 2022 | Phil/Tim | TBD |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan/coordinate walk at Walnut Creek for 2022 | Emily/Tim | TBD |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue preparations for Belmont Street Tree walk | Steve/Kathy/Emily | TBD |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare survey and background materials for CATS member interest in six workshops/tree basics classes for 2022 | Mary, Tim, Emily | TBD |
| Filling Some Staff Gaps | Volunteers needed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Walk Coordinator SmugMug Photo Librarian | Tim, Mary | Soonest |

UPDATES

Communications Committee:

- Penny stepping down as Committee Chairperson at end of 2021, looking for new person to lead Committee.
- Emily's Mint Springs public tree walk is overbooked at 20 in anticipation of no shows (actual limit 15). There are plenty of openings for CATS members to attend her walk on November 20th.

Projects Committee:

- Kathy is chairing the Projects Committee monthly meeting on November 10 at 9am by ZOOM.
- Potting party at the nursery will be held on November 11th.

- Saturday, 11/20, Jackson Burley Middle School
- More work parties to be identified at the 11/10 Projects Committee meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

Member Meeting Continuing Education

- November 17, 9:30, Mary Hughes, UVA's Landscape Architect: presentation will be on the Landscape Master Plan for the Ivy–Emmet Corridor development, a new 14.5 acre district of UVA grounds that will include a wonderful new public open space.

New Tree Steward Class

- Graduation Day is 11/13 combined with the tree planting field day (rescheduled due to rain).
- Class evaluations will be done by survey since there will not be time for it at the November 13 meeting.
- Survey results and training team member input will be used to develop a work plan for the 2022 class and will be discussed at the December Ed Com meeting.

Tree Basics Classes – <https://www.charlottesvilleareatreestewards.org/learn-about-trees/take-a-tree-steward-class/>

- No classes scheduled for December. The 2022 class series will begin in January with Pruning.
- Walks:
 - Belmont: Steve Huff, Kathy Nepote, Emily Ferguson, Mary Spear and Tim Maywalt walked the proposed route of a street tree walk in the Belmont neighborhood on November 3rd. There are a number of potential routes that could be developed with over 60 species of native and non-native trees including shagbark hickory and sugar maple, not usually seen here in Charlottesville.
 - Phil Stokes is preparing a walk at Monticello's Secluded Farm for 2022 that will include the National Champion blackhaw viburnum. Monticello has approved the walk. Phil is also looking into walks on his own property and at Ivy Creek for its largest and oldest trees and/or its fruit and nut trees.
 - Emily Ferguson is planning a recon visit at Walnut Creek for a possible 2022 walk there.

Filling Some Staff Gaps

- Need a coordinator or assistant for tree walks, scheduling, logistics, arranging for an walk assistants, etc. Please contact Tim.
- Photo Library Librarian: need help with SmugMug uploading, cataloging, categorizing, etc. Need photos of classes, activities, trees, and flora to be used for classes, pamphlets, presentations, etc. Please contact Mary or Tim.

NEW BUSINESS

Several new workshops or classes are being considered for 2022. A survey with their descriptions will be sent to all CATS members in December to determine the level of interest in order to decide whether further planning should be pursued. They include:

- Tabling
- Event Photography and Photo Library
- Tree Walk Leader Training
- Geology and Trees
- Tree ID by Twigs and Buds
- Chainsaw/Brush Cutter Safety Training

Next Education Committee meeting date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 7:00pm via ZOOM