



Education Committee Meeting

March 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM by ZOOM

Attendees: 16

Tim Maywalt, Mary Spear, Kathy Nepote, Allen Ingling, Carol Wise, Phyllis Johansen, Emily Ferguson, Sherri Fitzgerald, David Marrs, Steve Huff, Penny Kaiserlian, Jackie Savage, Rachel Keen, Phil Stokes, Marjie Guiliano, Pam Dorland

Minutes of the February 22nd 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Reference	Action Description	Contact	Due Date(s)
Education Committee	Looking for someone to take over speaker coordination for monthly Membership Meetings	Mary	September 2022
Tree Sale Update	Send notice to Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists	Penny	Asap
	Check with the help desk at VDoF about sending to their distribution list(s)	Phyllis	Asap
Status of New Workshops	Looking for a tabling inventory manager to maintain and organize materials for use at events/activities	Marjie	May 1
	Send Tree Walk Leadership (model by Nancy Weiss) to Mary	Carol	Soonest
New Business, Notable Trees	Ensure current info is posted on the website	Penny	Completed
	Send info re walking tour to Penny	Marjie	N/A

UPDATES

Communications Committee:

- Cville Weekly is carrying an article on the Tree Commission report which mentions CATS and also has a writeup on Notable Trees. Next issue will have ad for Tree Sale and upcoming Tree Steward class.
- Emily has set us up with Eventbrite, a system for enabling easier registrations. Thank you!

Projects Committee:

- We did pruning at Gateway on 3/21 and have another pruning session there on Saturday, 3/26, at 10:00-12:00. (Please note the location was changed from Berkmar to Gateway and TIF is already updated.) Trees are loaded with scale – come and see!
- We will finish pruning at VDoF on Thursday, 3/24.
- Next week, 4/2, we will be at Jackson Via Elementary from 10:00-12:00.

STATUS REPORTS

Member Meeting Continuing Education

- Our speaker for Mach's member meeting on 3/30 will be Adam Downing, Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Agent serving Virginia Cooperative Extension's Northern District. The title for his talk will be "Managing Backyard Woodlots".
- Still looking for a speaker coordinator for these monthly meetings. Thanks to Mary's efficiency and forethought, bookings are already in place through September 2022.

Plans for 2022 Tree Steward Classes

- The schedule is being tweaked and various topics/issues are being resolved. We will keep everyone posted.

Tree Basics Classes and Walks – [\(Click here to check the website\)](#)

- Classes
 - 3/29 by ZOOM (at Azalea Park) – Tree Basics: Select, Plant, and Care for Trees; register on CATS website.
 - 4/12 and 4/14 – Tree Basics: Invasives Identification (4/12) and Treatment (4/14) via Zoom. Classes will include what are good targets in Spring, what to leave alone, and what to do.
- Walks
 - Phil's walks on 4/1 and 4/3 filled up quickly and there was plenty of lead time to advertise. *[Note to walk leaders - please nail down your details 30-60 days prior to your walk to allow sufficient advertising time. Jackie will be happy to coordinate with you.]*
 - 4/9 – Walks during CATS Tree Sale:
 - 7:30 – 9:00 Bird Walk (JoAnn Dalley)
 - 10:00 Nature Trail Walk (JoAnn Dalley)
 - 11:00 Arboretum Walk (Barbara White)
 - 1:00 Arboretum Walk (Barbara White)
 - 5/14 at the Botanical Gardens – BGP is sponsoring a public (only) walk (their request)
 - 5/28 at the Botanical Gardens – CATS members only walk by Tom Wild and Donna Vinal
 - June (after UVA students are gone, to ease parking): Carol Wise and Dana Denbar at UVA campus, meeting near the chapel and will have a sign to identify the group. Mics will be provided to leaders due to traffic noise.
 - 6/12, 1.5 hours, offered to general public – includes university and tree/plantings history.
 - 6/19, for CATS members.
 - 6/26 will be the rain date for either date/population. Planning for 15 people max; masks not required.
 - Emily, David and Ben are checking out Walnut Creek and targeting for Fall/after Labor Day (after fees end). There was a fire there in 2017, so there is the opportunity to show forest restoration in those areas.

Photo Library

- Thanks to all who've sent pictures of projects and events. SmugMug is a great tool for tree ID – but galleries need more photos, especially of beautiful or notable trees.
- SmugMug is easy to access and use, but if you want to send your photos directly to Jackie, she can post to the correct gallery.

Tree Sale Update

- 300 trees available.
- Trucks will arrive at 7:30; volunteers begin at 8:00. Setup will be complete around 9:00 and guests will arrive at 10:00.

- Aromas is providing lunch for volunteers.
- Notice of the sale has been sent to the Sierra Club.
- Penny to send to Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists. Phyllis to check with the help desk at VDoF to see if they want to send notices to their distribution list(s).

Status of New Workshops

- Chainsaw Safety – We are visiting Becky Turner’s and Michele Cormier’s properties as potential sites on 3/31 for a workshop of about 12 people.
- Geology – Tom Wild working on this and the timeline is TBD. Topic may be considered for Member Meeting speaker.
- We are planning to hold a Tabling Orientation for all volunteers who are interested in helping at events. Mary and Marjie will work together to organize the topics to be covered and who will be the leaders of the orientation. Materials to be displayed are under review and/or update. We are also looking for someone who can manage our inventory going forward.
- Tree Walk Leadership Workshop– We will host a panel (hopefully in the next 2-3 months) of experienced leaders to provide tips and input for “what works best”. Emily is on board as a panel member and we’re looking for diversity of input, e.g., Riparian, City Walks, etc. Carol noted that Nancy Weiss had created a basic model and will send it to Mary who is coordinating the beginning stages of the workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

- Belmont Tree Walk: Steve Huff is working on this and timeline is TBD. The walk will include local history of the Belmont Mansion and Clark Elementary School.
- Notable Trees: Penny has ensured current info on the Notable Trees driving tour is posted to our website. (There is not an actual walking tour.)
- Update on Yancy Community Center: Tim, Steve, Marjie and Sherri did some invasive cleanup. YCC wants to keep activities within their group and CATS may be called upon to assist where needed.

Next Education Committee meeting date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 10:00am by ZOOM

Respectfully submitted by Pam Dorland.