



Education Committee Meeting

April 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM by ZOOM

Attendees: 11

Tim Maywalt, Mary Spear, Robin Hanes, Allen Ingling, Emily Ferguson, David Marrs, Steve Huff, Penny Kaiserlian, Jackie Savage, Phil Stokes, Pam Dorland

Minutes of the March 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 (or a few) to take over speaker coordination for monthly Membership Meetings. This could be a small team of folks so coordination can be rotated.	Mary	September 2022
Plans for 2022 Tree Steward Classes	Volunteers needed to help deliver the class, e.g., check-ins, food/snacks, Tree Walk assistants, pruning and invasives instructors, etc.	Tim or Mary	Soonest
Tree Sale Update	Place ads in "Cville Weekly" for the 2 weeks prior to the Fall tree sale	Robin	Soonest
Status of New Workshops	Chainsaw Safety – if interested, please let us know so the workshop can be coordinated with the appropriate parties.	Tim	June 1
	Chestnut Grove in Fluvanna – need volunteers to help maintain planted trees (in tubes)	Tim	Soonest

UPDATES

Robin outlined planning for a CATS gathering at the big Airport White Oak on June 15. Jake VanYahres has said they can help CATS get approval with officials at the airport to get inside the fence for a visit. We are thinking VanYahres crew can talk to us about tree care over the years there, and they will take down some dead limbs while we watch. Kathy and Robin are scouting where to go after this demo for our annual picnic.

Communications Committee:

- Promoting Arbor Day next week – we've placed an ad in "Cville Weekly" and will do a mailing to CATS members.
- Ready to start promotion of next Tree Stewards class. On 5/9, the class will be advertised and registration opens on 6/15.

Projects Committee:

- Kathy (and others) were teaching at the OLLI class, so no updates could be provided.

STATUS REPORTS

Member Meeting Continuing Education

- Our speaker for the next Members Meeting on 4/27 will be David Haskell, Professor of Biology at The University of the South in Sewanee. He is the author of "The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature and The Songs of Trees".
- We are still looking for a speaker coordinator for monthly meetings. Mary suggested this could be taken on by a small team or committee so that finding speakers can be rotated among a few folks. Please let Mary know if you are interested!

Plans for 2022 Tree Steward Classes

- Looking for volunteers to help deliver the class, e.g., check-ins, food/snacks, Tree Walk assistants, pruning, planting and invasives leaders, and tabling at Graduation Day. Carolyn Burgess confirmed she will lead the check in process again. Please contact Tim or Mary if you can help.
- The final class schedule and list of volunteer jobs will be sent out via Blast by Libby soon.
- New presentations have been added for this class (largely based on previous class input). "Forest Ecology", "Climate Change" and "Urban Trees" will be approximately 50-60 minutes each and instructors have been confirmed.

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

- Classes
 - Jackie has a list of pending walks; please contact her if you want to lead a walk and we can get organized.
 - Emily will do a Spring Tree ID on 4/19 and an associated walk on 4/23.
 - Emily will also host a Summer Tree ID class on June 7, by ZOOM, 7-8:30pm.
- Walks
 - 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
 - Emily will lead a Summer Tree ID walk on June 11 at 9:30AM (site TBD-check TIF).
 - Carol Wise and Dana Denbar at UVA campus:
 - 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

Photo Library

- Thanks to all who've sent pictures of projects and events. Please be sure to include details such as date and activity/event for your photos – it helps with context.
- Shoutout to Phyllis for all the photos she's been sending.

Tree Sale Update

- Robin provided an update as Phyllis was teaching at OLLI.
 - 364 trees sold by 11:15am. 104 buyers including 14 volunteers. Transactions: 45% cash; 43% credit; 12% check.
 - Sales and proceeds (\$3,915) were the most ever!
 - Ads in “Cville Weekly” and CATS, RMN and PMG email distribution may be a factor in the big response.
 - It was agreed we should place multiple ads in “Cville Weekly” for the 2 weeks prior to the Fall sale.
- Majority of people bought 3-4 trees. 3 buyers bought the limit of 10. Some visitors were from outside Cville.
- Parking was sufficient. We will spread out the tables for the next sale; some discussions were hard to hear.
- Scheduled tree walks did not take place as our volunteers were overwhelmed. We will try to offer walks for future sales, but weren’t able to try it out this time.
- We are working on the Fall sale.

Status of New Workshops

- Tree Walk Leadership Workshop– Mary and a small team compiled practical information and tips received from experienced tree walk leaders into a consolidated document that will become a “Tree Walk Leader Guide”. The group will meet on 4/25 to review the contents of the “Guide” and develop a format for presenting the material at a workshop.
- Geology – we are determining whether this will be a workshop or presentation. More later.
- Orientation for Tabling – under development for all volunteers interested in staffing tables at events and activities (such as the Tree Sale).
- Chainsaw Safety – Mid Atlantic region for STIHL offers training for free. Becky Turner’s property has been identified as the location for the workshop. Now we need to find out the names of tree stewards who are interested in taking this class. If you responded to the recent survey with interest in this workshop, please advise Tim so the workshop can be scheduled.
- The 60 Chestnut trees planted in tubes in Pleasant Grove (Fluvanna) need regular maintenance such as weeding, clearing out debris; mulching, maybe some pruning. The first maintenance workday is on 4/28; see TIF for info/posting.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

Next Education Committee meeting date: May 24, 2022 – 10:00am by ZOOM

Respectfully submitted by Pam Dorland.