



## Education Committee Meeting

### October 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM by ZOOM

Attendees: 18

Tim Maywalt, Mary Spear, Susan Brickman, JoAnn Dalley, Phyllis Johansen, Robin Hanes, Emily Ferguson, Steve Huff, Cheri Acker, Mary Stack, Debra Burleigh, Carolyn Burgess, Becky Turner, Jackie Savage, Rachel Keen, Penny Kaiserlian, Vanessa Hurst, Pam Dorland

Minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

| Reference                             | Action Description  | Contact                     | Due Date(s) |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>2022 Tree Steward Class Status</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on outstanding class Moodle modules</li> <li>• Follow up on overdue and upcoming photo assignment</li> <li>• Follow up on TIF registrations</li> </ul> | Emily<br><br>Pam<br><br>Tim | Soonest     |
| <b>Photo Library</b>                  | Add agenda item to Board meeting for photo credits  | JoAnn                       | By 11/7     |

#### UPDATES

##### Communications Committee:

- Thanks to Mary Spear for stepping forward to move from Education Committee Co-Chair to Chair of the Communications Committee.
- A recent survey was sent via Mail Chimp for ordering new tee shirts; so far, it looks like the gray long-sleeved will be the new one and there are some ivory ones left. Final results pending.

##### Projects Committee (<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/76306/events>):

- Kathy was absent due to pre-planning and scouting at Mint Springs in preparation for the tree planting on October 29th when about 20 trees will be planted.
- CATS received grant money which has been used to purchase trees for planting. These trees will be planted at various sites and at an upcoming field session for the current class of Tree Stewards.
- Please check the member calendar for October/November projects and sign up as soon as you can. Lots of offerings in the next couple of months!

## STATUS REPORTS

### Member Meeting Continuing Education

- Amber Ellis, Director at Virginia Tech's Catawba Sustainability Center, will be our speaker at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Her topic will be "Riparian buffers and introduction to Ecotherapy". Please plan to join the Zoom meeting at 9:30a.m.
- Mary noted there is interest in forming a collaborative committee to find/coordinate speakers for monthly membership meetings. She plans to schedule a Zoom call soon to discuss how to get up and running.

### 2022 Tree Steward Class Status, TIF, Moodle, etc.

- Emily reported that we are down to 30 students and is following up on any gaps in their Moodle curriculum so that they can stay on track for graduation. All quizzes and makeup field sessions must be completed by 11/5 so we have time to compile results for graduation.
- Phyllis noted 3 students are not registered in TIF. Tim will follow up.
- 5 of 30 students have not posted selfies that were due 9/10 for the Photo Assignment; Pam will follow up.
- Volunteer Interest Checklists are being returned by the current class and we will share results with committee chairs so that we can help guide graduating students to make the most of their CATS participation.
- In December, the Education Committee will gather new members for a Zoom session to talk about their interest in walks and help them to discern how they can be involved going forward.

### Tree Basics Classes and Walks (<https://charlottesvilleareatreestewards.org/learn-about-trees/take-a-tree-steward-class/>)

- Classes
  - Fall Tree ID by Season by Emily will be given via Zoom on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
  - In December, Tim will do a class on Winter Invasives; it's an excellent time to identify and treat them.
- Walks
  - Phil Stokes is hosting a CATS-only walk at his farm on November 11<sup>th</sup>. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the walk will be open to the public. Phil has increased the size of his session to counter the last-minute cancellations when we can't find others to fill the slots.
  - Emily's Fall Walk at VDoF on October 29<sup>th</sup> is already sold out.
  - Future Plans for Walks: Steve Kostiw and Scott Syverud have developed a walk at Crozet and are looking for experienced walk leaders to review what they have in mind.

### Photo Library

- Thanks to JoAnn and Kathy for sending Tree Sale and Day of Caring photos and to Tim for pics from the Chainsaw Safety Workshop.
- If you have any problem uploading to SmugMug, please feel free to contact Jackie for help. It's also ok to post them to the "To Be Filed" folder, but please remember to use Keywords, Titles and Caption to help identify and define photos (and credits). (Using keywords shows up in the search mode, so it is helpful there.)
- Please visit the CATS website and under FOR MEMBERS/Additional Resources you will see "CATS Photo Library on SmugMug.com" listed where information about labeling, posting and downloading your photos is located.
- JoAnn would like to add a Board agenda item regarding photo credits. We need to make sure we give proper credit, especially for external publications.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- JoAnn asked for candidate(s) to come forward to fill the Chair and Co-Chair vacancies for next year. Co-chairing offers opportunities to rotate meeting leadership, attendance and other duties. Tim spoke in detail about the responsibilities shared by key committee members such as Walk and Class Coordinator, Photo Librarian, and the Work Group for Tree Steward classes.
- We also need someone to fill the President-Elect role, which is a 3-year term, but in a learning mode for the first year.

**Next Education Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.