

Northern Neck Chapter,
Virginia Master Naturalists
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NEWS & NOTES for Members March 2022

Virginia Master Naturalist
shared by Camille

Remembering Earline Walker

2007 Charter Member,
Northern Neck Master Naturalists
February 1940-March 2022
See page 4 for Temple's tribute

News from the Board Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022



Chapter Advisors – Thank you to Wendy for hosting today's Board and Program Zoom meetings through her account.



Tara reported that the **updated version of the VT & VCE mask guidelines** was

posted on March 8. Following CDC guidelines, in areas of high transmission, masks are required in any VT/VCE facility. In areas of medium or low transmission, masks are optional. **Currently, our counties are all in the low category, so masks are optional.** We will be apprised of any future changes. Tara also shared that the **Lancaster Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection** will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 9:00-2:00, at the Lancaster Court House parking lot** for Lancaster residents only! The other counties will hold theirs later this Spring.



President – Camille reported that the **Executive Board has looked over the 2019 Working Groups Reports.**

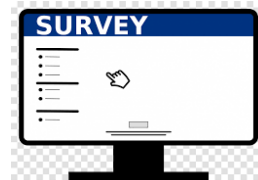
All committee chairs are asked to look at the ones related to their roles and determine which recommendations should be implemented. The Board plans to have an April meeting to review the implementation suggestions. Camille also recognized **Bob Dunstan (BTC 2021)** for his **\$3000 challenge donation** to VMN to encourage contributions during the recent VT Day of Giving. The total amount raised for VMN was \$8,500.



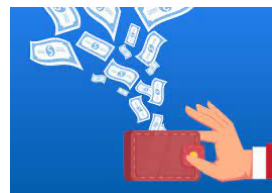
Thank you to all NNMNs who contributed!

Vice President - Eric Hentges is developing **"Standard Operating Procedures"** for the Program Chair. Eric also thanked those who responded to the **Program survey** recently sent to all NNMNs.

The Program Committee is reviewing suggestions from members to determine programs for the rest of 2022.



Secretary - Lee Arslan has developed an **Action Items checklist** to track the progress of all Board action items and the responsible party for each. This will be included with the minutes of each meeting.



Treasurer – Debby Tupper requests that members use the **Chapter Reimbursement**

Form when they have spent money for approved chapter items. Original receipts must be included with the form.

Debby also reports that there are **only 5 NNMN ball caps (\$25) left in stock.**



If anyone wants to purchase one, contact Debby (d.tupper@verizon.net).

Membership – Pat McMurray finalized the **2022 Member Roster** and posted it in BI. She also reviewed the **Recognition reports** sent by VMN and prepared **the certificates and pins for pick-up by members from the county VCE offices** (see “Recognitions” for complete list). Four members achieved initial certification, 40 recertified, and six achieved milestones for volunteer hours.

Please note that recertification for 2023 is back to 40 volunteer and 8 continuing education hours!

Activities – Audrey Vaughn has added **two new weather activities to BI: NOAA SKYWARN** (Porter and Mason Washington, leads) and **CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network)** with Chip Jones as lead. We hope to have chapter training for these new activities, but in the meantime, you can find information online for both:

NOAA SKYWARN:

<https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN>

CoCoRaHS: <https://www.cocorahs.org/>

Audrey is also **updating BI** for accurate **activity descriptions and leads.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOG YOUR HOURS!



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Basic Training – Lesley Newman has a **core committee** and they have held their first meeting. Thanks to Kyle Langford, the **individual presentation recordings done by the 2021 class** have been uploaded and are ready to view on Vimeo. **Dates for the next BTC** have not been determined yet.

Communications – Alice Stieve, as postmaster, has sent out **7 chapter emails** during February-March 8. Anne Atkins (media) is working with several members on **press releases and articles about several NNMN activities.** Anne C and Audrey are **collaborating on a FAQ** to be posted on the webpage. Anne C is also working on an annual **Chapter Calendar of Events** to be posted on the website.

Historian – Temple Moore continues to **solicit articles and pictures for the chapter scrapbook.** He thanked Tara for the ones she had recently provided.

Outreach – Nancy Joel **continues to complete the applications** for the upcoming booth events the chapter will attend while she awaits a replacement. **If anyone wishes to become the Education/Outreach Chair, please contact Nancy.** She will thoroughly mentor you for this role and will be grateful to you for taking it on!



April 19 - Board Meeting – Working Groups Reports Recommendations

May 10 – Board and Member/Program Meetings

June 12 – Chapter Picnic

July 12 - Board and Member/Program Meetings



Continued...

September 9-11 – VMN State Conference & Training, Virginia Beach

September 13 – Board and Member/Program Meetings

November 1 – Board and Member/Program Meetings

(date change; Election Day on Nov. 8)

December – Holiday Social

Have you been to our website lately? MORE information about chapter events and volunteer activities may be found there!



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- Members needed for Diversity & Inclusion Committee – contact charlene.talcott@gmail.com

Outreach Events

WE NEED MEMBERS to step up and agree to be the LEAD for our Outreach events. The Board has agreed to three of these events so far for the upcoming spring-fall season because Board members have agreed to lead or co-lead these. We need others to help if we are going to do more. The Outreach events are our primary means of meeting and reaching the public. It lets them see Master Naturalists in action and gives us the ability to share our love for nature and the importance of its protection.

The lead or co-leads are responsible for getting the booth materials at the Warsaw VCE office, set-up at the event, take-down after, and returning materials to Warsaw. A call for volunteers to help staff each event goes out by NNMN email, so the lead is not the only one there. *If you have a special interest in any of these events, PLEASE VOLUNTEER to be the lead or co-lead. Recruit a MN friend to join you as co-leads!*

Nancy has put together the following list of potential events this year. The first three have leads, but the others do not:

March 26 Master Gardeners Event, White Stone

April 9 Osprey Festival, Colonial Beach

April 16 NAPS Earth Day Celebration at Heathsville Farmers Market

May ? Go Wild Rappahannock River National Refuge, Tappahannock

May 28 Strawberry Festival, St. Stephen's Church, Heathsville

May - Nov Irvington Farmers Markets (1st Saturday)

April - Oct Heathsville Farmers Markets (3rd Saturday)

April- Nov Tappahannock Farmers Market (3rd Saturday)

May - Sept Montross First Fridays

May+ BISP Music on the River

May+ WMSP Music on the Cliffs

September 17, NNLC Boots and BBQ, King

Nancy reports that the Master Gardener Symposium and the NNLC Boots & BBQ are the most likely for recruiting future naturalists. The others are primarily educational for the public. Both of these are essential to our mission as naturalists!

So, which events would you like to see NNMNs attend this year?

Please contact Camille (cgrabb9@gmail.com)

to volunteer to lead! The Board will select the other events we attend based on the volunteers who respond.



**Belle Isle State Park
"Walk on the Wild Side"**

Second Thursdays of each month

If you would like to be one of the master naturalist **volunteers** for this park event, please return the sign-up form that was emailed to all on Saturday, March 5, to Camille no later than March 21, 2022. If you cannot find the sign-up form, contact Camille (cgrabb9@gmail.com).

*In Memory of
Earline Walker*

February 1940-March 2022

She was one of the original Northern Neck Master Naturalists and always a bright spot both in class, on field trips and on many projects. Unlike some who rarely participated in class discussions, she always took part, asked serious questions and kept an instructor on message. Earline was one of those very dependable folks that you could always count on when you needed a volunteer or someone to help with an event. I particularly remember traipsing around in the Spring woods with Earline and Tom Teeples while we searched for emergent flowers like Spring Beauty and others. Earline and Jay were also gracious hosts at their lovely home on more than one occasion for a NNMN get together. Earline was one of the rare people who never seemed to be having a bad day and you could always see that wonderful smile and enthusiasm. I will miss her. *Contributed by Temple Moore*



NNMN friends with Jay and Earline (seated) at Earline's 80th Birthday Celebration.
Photo by Pam Narney

March Member Recognitions

Initial Certification:

**Andy Bailey Gail Drake
Pat Harris Anne Parker**

Recertifications 2022

Lee Arslan	Nancy Joel
Mindy Ashton	Lise Manning
Stu Ashton	Patricia McMurray
Anne Atkins	Ernest Monschein
Carla Bangs	Temple Moore
Katharina Bergdoll	Edward Munns
Paula Boundy	John Narney
Bryna Brennan	Pam Narney
Bobbie Burton	Carolyn Reiner
Anne Clewell	Lee Scripture
Buz Cox	Alison Sowar
Sandy Dodge	Alice Stieve
Leslie Fellows	Charlene Talcott
Nancy Garvey	Debby Tupper
Art Gilbert	Audrey Vaughn
Deborah Gillispie	Betsy Washington
Betsy Gorn	Mason Washington
Camille Grabb	Porter Washington
Eric Hentges	Karen Williams
Kevin Howe	Jeffrey Wright

Milestones

250 Hours	500 Hours
Arlene Crabbe-Kilduff	Anne Clewell
Alice Stieve	Ted Munns
	Audrey Vaughn
1000 Hours - Camille Grabb	

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