

Virginia Master Naturalists
Beagle Ridge Chapter

Minutes of October 13, 2011
Meeting opened at 6:50 PM
16 members in attendance

Treasurer's report: \$3320.32
\$163.00 dispersed for Carrington Center supplies

Previous minutes approved as posted on the internet

On-going projects/news:

Carrington Place Courtyard
Planters completed and planted by residents
Mary and Ellen planted herbs
Donna Rhodes and Deb V transplanted perennials
Deb and Mary planning another planting day

Possible sites for Christmas party – Foster Falls Discovery Center (Ellen will contact) – West Wind Farm Winery (Deb will contact)- Mathews State Forest in Galax

Acorn collecting for DGIF – Rick participated

Collins Chew will be out guest speaker at our next meeting Nov 5, 2011 at the Harvest Table Restaurant in Meadowview. Deb Vrsansky is collecting names for attendance. 15 max. On book available by Mr. Chew at Amazon.com is Underfoot: A Geological Guide to the Appalachian Trail

New Business:

Master Naturalist Convention was held at Camp Friendship and was attended by Charlie Whittle. Accommodations were so-so but the seminars were very good.

Bev and her husband took planters over to Spiller elementary school. They had a successful vegetable garden. The garden will be prepared for fall planting.

New River Master Naturalist chapter is having a hike up Buffalo Mountain on October 27 in conjunction with Native Plant Society and mushroom specialist mycologist. Ellen will forward e-mail with details.

Greg and Ginny have hiked with Greg Weaver and he is interested in doing a program on Trails to Every Classroom. He has already been certifying teachers in Bland county. The program is available to districts within proximity to the AT. Will schedule program for first quarter next year.

With Dave and Donna moving elections will be held next meeting for secretary. Please consider volunteering to serve our chapter.

Submit your volunteer hours to Ellen! (Hours for being secretary count!)

Ellen's program was placed on hold for a future meeting.

Next meeting will be November 5, 2011 at Harvest Table Restaurant in Meadowview VA with the guest speaker Collins Chew. This program counts as advanced training.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Donna and Dave Moulin co-secretaries

On a personal note – it has been a hectic 2 weeks getting moved out and moved in with lots of unpacking left to do but we finally have internet service so I can get these minutes out. We have enjoyed being a part of this group and want to thank you for including us. A special thanks to Ellen for sharing her time and knowledge and starting the Beagle Ridge Chapter. Best wishes for your future endeavors.