

Tree Steward Symposium ~ 2023



Woolen Mill, 203 Ford Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Agenda: Friday, September 22, 2023		
9:30 AM	<i>Registration Opens – Woolen Mill (203 Ford Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401)</i>	
10:30 AM	<i>Welcome to the 2023 Virginia Tree Steward Symposium!</i>	Molly O’Liddy, Trees Virginia Board Martha Orton, Trees Virginia Board
10:35 – 10:45	<i>Tree Steward Training Manual Updates</i>	Molly O’Liddy, Trees Virginia Board
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Volunteer Hours Count! Track it Forward</i>	Anne Little, Tree Fredericksburg Lara Johnson, Tree Virginia Board
11:00 – 12:00	<i>A Positive Aspect of (Bio)Diversity</i>	David Close, Virginia Cooperative Extension
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch @ Woolen Mill catered by Eileen’s Bakery</i>	
1:00 – 1:45	<i>A Topic of Conversation: 501c3 Opportunities</i>	Brenda Frank, Fairfax Tree Stewards
1:45 – 2:30	<i>A Topic of Conversation: How do we interact with local governments?</i>	Nora Palmatier, Arlington/Alexandria Tree Stewards
2:30 – 3:15	<i>Maryland & Delaware Tree Stewards: A cross pollination of successful community tree programs</i>	Craig Highfield, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
3:15 – 3:30	<i>Break</i>	
3:30 – 4:15	<i>A Topic of Conversation: What does your training process look like?</i>	Dave Pohlmann, Richmond Tree Stewards
5:30-6:30	<i>Evening Social Event – Maury Park (901 Kenmore Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401)</i>	

Plant & Play Day Event –



Saturday, September 23, 2023

9:00-2:00

Location: Virginia Credit Union Stadium
(42 Jackie Robinson Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22401)

Lectures

Time	Speaker	Title	Description
9:30-10:30	Karen Tavakoli	Keystone Plant Species	Learn how Keystone plant species are critical for nature, and how they relate to the rest of the plants in your garden.
10:45-11:45	Barbara Ryan	Native Plants Through the Seasons	Keynote Speaker. Learn about the many benefits of native plants, the key role they play in a healthy natural landscape, and how native plants can help us build a stronger connection with nature as we explore their evolution through the seasons of the year.
12:00-12:45	Lesley Newman	We All Need Trees!	There are so many different ways that humans use trees. During this talk, you may recognize some, but you may not recognize others. Trees are not only an indispensable part of our ecosystem but also of our culture & economy. Come learn more about trees and their importance in Virginia. This talk is geared for children of all ages.
1:00-2:00	Amy Jindra, Judy Thompson	Exploring Joy through the Outdoors	We will explore the many benefits of outdoor recreation with an emphasis on personal growth and wellness. The discussion includes an interactive presentation with games, pictures, stories, and demonstrations. Appropriate for all ages.

Workshops

Time	Speaker	Title	Description
10:00	Mike Blashford	Proper Pruning for Tree Care and Maintenance	Mike Blashford, an ISA arborist, will take us through the basics of proper pruning
10:30	Karen Hedelt	Proper Planting & Mulching	Karen Hedelt, Tree Steward, will show how to enhance the health of your plants and trees through proper planting and mulching
11:00	Jason Coiner	Pest/Diseases in Your Garden	Jason Coiner from Bartlett Tree Experts will talk about the basics of preventing disease and pests in your garden
11:30	Madison Morgan	Water, Soil, Pollution and How it Impacts our Lives	Madison Morgan from Tri-County/City Soil & Water Board will talk about how we can help the environment with good gardening practices.
12:00	Molly O'Liddy Martha Orton	Tree Stewards & What We Do	Molly O'Liddy & Martha Orton from Trees Virginia will give an overview of Tree Stewards across Virginia
12:30	Jonathan Stevens	Composting 101	Jonathan Stevens, Master Gardener, will speak about the basics of composting and how to get started.
1:00	Master Gardeners	Soil Testing - How to Do It and Why it Matters	What is a soil test and why test your soil? Master Gardeners will explain.
1:30	Virginia Witmer Meredith Keppel	Native Plants for Central Virginia	Virginia DEQ and George Washington Regional Commission will explain the development of the native plant research across Virginia