

Mountain Women
Minutes of November 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Camille Kurtz, who said the business meeting would follow today's program. Terri Brooks then introduced Nathou Attinger and Jessie Cole of the Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary.

Jessie Cole said that the Sanctuary, founded in 2004 by Nathou Attinger, has three goals. The first is to care for orphaned and injured animals with the hope of returning them to the wild. In 2013, 600 animals were treated, and she explained some of the procedures for care, recovery, and, when possible, release. The second goal is to educate the public on what to do if an injured or possibly orphaned animal is found. She introduced a screech owl and an opossum, both of which had been treated at the Sanctuary, but because of their injuries could not be released back into the wild. The third goal is to provide information to the public about animal habitats and the needs of native animals. The Sanctuary, which needs a larger facility, is now fund-raising for a new building to be built on land they have already acquired. It is hoping to host an event in the Wintergreen Stoney Creek area and asked everyone to keep their organization in mind when planning programs.

Camille thanked the Blackrock neighborhood for providing refreshments and then took attendance by neighborhood. There were seven from Blackrock, five from Devils Knob, six from Laurel Springs, and seven from The Springs present. New member Beverly Holloway was introduced.

November birthdays are as follows: November 2, Helen Jacobs; November 3, Vesta McKee; November 10, Jean Bertelsen and Kate McIntire; November 12, Kate Allenbach and Sue Solomon; November 15, Suzanne Street; November 17, Kim Juergens; November 19, Carole Lonergan; November 20, Susan Talarico; November 21, Gana Dunlop; November 25, Cheryl Ellsworth; November 28, Nancy Neville and Pnina Armour; and November 29, Mary Carlson. The group then sang Happy Birthday to all with November birthdays.

The minutes from October 11, 2013 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer Ellen Hampton reported cash-on-hand of about \$450.

Camille then thanked Sylvia Stafford, who has moved away and was not present, for her many years of volunteer service to Mountain Women, and the group gave her a warm round of applause. Janelle Carroll will now take over our website, which was formerly run by Sylvia and her husband.

Regarding nominations for the December election to the Steering Committee, Camille said that three women have agreed to be nominated, but a fourth is still needed, especially someone from the Laurel Springs area who could serve as the neighborhood chair, and she urged members to consider serving. She also explained term lengths and how they are staggered.

The December 13 meeting, will be a holiday luncheon at the Devils Grill for all mountain women and has been coordinated by Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The cost is \$30 for the meal with wine and cocktails in addition. The Steering Committee will pay the tax and gratuity for the lunch of

approximately \$7 for each guest. Formal invitations will be emailed soon and checks, made out to Ellen Hampton, should be sent to her by December 6. Drinks will begin at 11:00 with lunch to follow at about 12:00. After the main course, there will be a brief business meeting and election of new members to the Steering Committee. Please bring canned goods which will be distributed to needy families.

Group Reports are as follows:

Gardeners -- Jill Toop said the October meeting was a seed and magazine exchange and the next meeting will be November 15 at the Village Garden Center in Fishersville. Those who go will be able to make a holiday swag, kissing ball, or centerpiece for a cost of \$20. Lunch will follow. There will be no meeting in December.

Book Club -- Marti Szczur said on November 11 the group will discuss *My Brother My Sister* by Molly Haskell who is Ellen Hampton's sister. The December book is *The Sister* about the life of Emily Dickinson. Following the discussion, which will be held at Sue Carlson's house, the group will see the film *The Belle of Amherst*.

Handwork -- Vera Jones said the group will meet at the home of Donna Foege on November 22.

Epicurious -- Cindy Coy said the group recently had a delicious soup and salad luncheon at the home of Chris Casey. She thanked Chris and everyone who had contributed. The next meeting, where members will plan 2014 programs, will be December 12 at Cindy's home.

Other Reports are as follows:

WPOA -- Martha Misker said the WPOA Annual Meeting will be held November 9 at the Skyline Pavilion at 10:00.

The Nature Foundation -- Terri Brooks said the TWNF annual meeting will also be November 9 at Trillium House at 2:00. Décor and More, a fund raiser for the Foundation, will be held November 16 at the Tuckahoe Clubhouse.

Wintergreen Sporting Club -- Camille Kurtz said that the club is in the process of laying out a field archery course near the ski slopes. In the spring, boating on the James River, fishing, and target shooting outings are being planned.

Reflection Garden -- Marti Szczur said the memorial reflection garden will not officially be a project of Mountain Women but information about it will be on the Mountain Women website and included in announcements at our monthly Mountain Women meetings.

Community Happenings are as follows:

Lockn' music festival in Arrington will take place again next year.

The annual Monticello Artisans Tour will be held November 8-9.

A holiday sale will be held December 7 beginning at 10:00 at the Rockfish Valley Community

Center.

Old Business

Martha Misker announced that another CPR training session will be held November 11 at 10:00 and last about 2 ½ hours.

The Virginia Consort holiday concert will be held December 15. There will be three more Wintergreen Performing Arts programs during the winter. The WPA gala will be April 26. More details are available on the WPA website.

New Business

Cindy Coy reported that Hazel Griffith is recovering from a serious fall and has appreciated all the help and meals.

Jill Toop thanked Martha Misker for working to discourage construction trucks from parking in the mailbox parking lot

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

October Minutes can be found on the following page

Mountain Women
Minutes of October 11, 2013

Camille Kurtz opened the meeting and asked for a count of the folks from the various neighborhoods. They were as follows: 7 from Blackrock, 3 from Devil's Knob, 6 from Laurel Springs, and 4 from The Springs. Everyone thanked the Springs and others for supplying the food.

There was one new member—Susan Talarico who lives on Blackrock Circle.

October birthdays were: 7th—Cindy Coy, 16th—Terri Brooks, 18th—Joyce Tate, 19th—Mike Williams and Jean Davis, 20th—Patty Roupe, 21st—Lola Reinsch, 29th—Anne Dowd, 30th—Glenna Martin, and 31st—Shirley Browning and Shirley Huff.

Minutes were approved

Treasurer's report: Ellen stated that there was \$589 in the account last month and that there was an upcoming bill of \$131.28 for the website.

President's report:

-Reminded us to make sure to welcome new people in our neighborhoods and to invite them to attend the Mountain Women meetings

-Mountain Women will have a table at the WPOA annual meeting on November 9.

-We will be holding our Mountain Women Steering Committee election in December, and there are three spaces to fill. Please consider volunteering to serve on the committee.

Committee Reports:

Garden Group was supposed to meet on October 18, but the meeting has been moved to November 1. It will be the seed exchange meeting. On November 15th the group will have their annual holiday craft meeting at the Village Garden Center in Fishersville.

Book Group will be meeting on Monday, October 14, and will have an outing to Crozet. They will carpooling and driving to Crozet to eat lunch at the Mexican restaurant, going to the Mud House for coffee and then to the bookstore for a meeting.

Handwork will go to Orchardside Yarn Shop in Raphine on October 25. After the yarn shop they will head for Wade's Mill and then to the Edelweiss Restaurant for lunch.

Epicurious will have their Soup and Salad meeting on November 7th.

Nature Foundation will have a book signing on November 2 at 6:30pm. The authors of the book Sunday Drives, a book about drives and sights in Amherst and Nelson counties, will be signing books and speaking. Also Décor and More will be held at Tuckahoe on November 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MHA announced that the joint MHA/WVA Winter Dinner Dance will be held on December 7, in the Ballroom at the Lodge. More information will be forthcoming. The schedule for the MHA social events to be held in 2014 has been decided. A schedule can be picked up at the MHA table during the WPOA meeting.

Sporting Club held its first quarterly social meeting with about 50 people attending.

There are three parts to the club—shooting, fishing and boating. They will have a table and information at the WPOA meeting.

Rescue Squad will have a regional meeting on October 27. During the meeting there will be competitions for EMS and EVOC staff. During this time there will also be a blood drive at Station 1. The hours for the blood drive are 11:00 a.m.-3:00pm. The Rescue Squad is also holding a CPR class at the Trillium House on November 11, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Class size is limited to 20 people. Please sign up even if the class is full. If there are extra names they will be able to attend future classes.

The WPOA candidates' forum will be held on October 26, at 10 a.m., at The Nature Foundation.

Sad Tidings: Hazel Smith fell and has been in the hospital and rehab for the last couple of weeks. When she gets home she and her family will need meals prepared for them. Hazel lost teeth in the fall and needs to have soft, not-too-spicy foods. Helen Eisenhart will coordinate the meal schedule. You can contact Helen at 325-7410.

Glad Tidings: Ellen Hampton's sister has written a book about Ellen's life. It's entitled My Brother, My Sister and is written by Molly Haskell.

Next month's meeting will be hosted by Blackrock on November 8, at Trillium House, featuring a speaker from the nearby Augusta Forestry Center of the Virginia Department of Forestry.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Maureen Kelly, Director of the Nelson County Office of Economic Development and Tourism. She spoke on the various parts of the county and what each has to offer residents and visitors. Motto for tourism is "Be a tourist in your own backyard". Currently there are fewer people living in Nelson than before hurricane Camille. There are now 10 wineries, 1 cidery, and 4 breweries. Future plans for the 151 corridor were put on hold until after the state had done its traffic safety study. She stated that whatever growth is done in Nellysford needed to be controlled growth. She has worked for twelve years on the Crozet Tunnel project, which has now been partially funded. They hope to complete the first phase within the next 3-5 years. For more information, contact info@nelsoncounty.org or see the tourism and recreation section of the Nelson County website at www.nelsoncountyva.org .

Submitted by Susan McIver
(Substituting for Mary Carlson, Recording Secretary)

September Minutes can be found on the following page

Mountain Women
Minutes of September 13, 2013

Before the business meeting, Martha Misker introduced the guest speaker, Russell Otis, who is the Executive Director of WPOA. Otis explained that this morning's talk would be a brief preview of the WPOA annual meeting and cover among other topics Wintergreen infrastructure and money, Wintergreen nature and money, and bears. A recent visible improvement at Wintergreen has been the repaving of Wintergreen Drive and associated culvert and manhole work, all of which were paid for with funds from the WPOA reserve account. Because last winter's weather was mild, other road work has been not been as necessary.

Otis then discussed the deer and bear in the resort. He said that in 2000 the deer population had grown so large that it was unhealthy for the animals and caused serious damage to the environment. Beginning in 2001, the Wintergreen Nature Foundation began assisting with a twice-a-year deer population survey, which indicates the trend in herd growth. Presently there are approximately 23.5 deer per square mile on the mountain and 32 deer per square mile in the valley. Whether some population management is necessary -- particularly in the Valley -- will be determined after this winter. If it is necessary, the resort will work with Hunters for the Hungry to see that the venison reaches those who need it. Regarding the bears, so far this year there have been 69 bear reports with more break-ins to cars than houses. All trapped bears, with one exception, have been transported away from Wintergreen.

Finally, Otis answered questions from the audience.

President Camille Kurtz then called the business meeting to order. Two new members, Ginny Budd and Pnina Armour were introduced.

Those members with September birthdays are Christine Casey, September 19; Gwynn Litchfield, September 20; Sara Dassance and Cynthia DeLuca September 24; Diane Crannis and Joan Hines, September 25; and Mary Beth Matthews and Hillary Partridge, September 27.

The minutes of August 9, 2013 were approved as distributed.

Terri Brooks gave the Treasurer's report for Ellen Hampton and said there is \$517.65 in the treasury.

Marti Szczur gave the Gardeners' report for Jill Toop and said that on September 20 at 9:30 AM, gardeners will meet on the site of the developing Reflection Garden near Chestnut Springs Pool to do some preliminary site work.

Marti also reported on the Book Group saying all are welcome.

Vera Jones then introduced Donna Foege, who has volunteered to lead the Handwork Group, which will meet at Donna's home, 250 Raven's Roost Lane, on September 27 at 10:00 AM.

Sylvia Stafford announced the next Epicurious event will be a soup and salad luncheon on November 7.

Terri Brooks said that the new Nature Foundation calendar is now available.

Mary Ellen Condon-Rall explained that although she is trying to keep the cost of the holiday luncheon at the Devils Grill at \$25, it may increase to \$30 and asked if that increase would be acceptable. The majority of members said that it would.

Camille Kurtz reminded everyone that WPA's Oktoberfest takes place the next day, September 14. Mountain Homesteaders members can pick up one \$5.00 coupon per household at the Mountain Homesteaders' table that can be used for food at Oktoberfest. She also announced that MHA membership dues for 2014 will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per household, effective February 1. (Members may prepay, prior to that, at the current rate of \$20 per household.) The 2014 schedule of events for Mountain Homesteaders is ready.

Camille also reported that the new Wintergreen Sporting Club, started by Karl Hess, Larry Luessen, and Neil Carlson, now has a website, and with the help of Bob Keenan, an archery field course is being laid out on the mountain. Their first quarterly social event will be held October 5.

Under new business, Marti Szczur said that Marit Gay, 434-987-0266, will be available to give massages while she housesits for the Szczurs in September.

The next Mountain Womens' meeting will be held October 11, 2014, at the Chestnut Springs pavilion, hosted by The Springs neighborhood and featuring Maureen Kelly, Director of Nelson County Economic Development and Tourism.

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

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Mountain Women Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 9, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Camille Kurtz. This month's meeting was hosted by the Devils Knob neighborhood at Chestnut Springs.

Attendance was taken by of neighborhood. 8 from Blackrock, 5 from Devils Knob, 14 from Laurel Springs and 8 from The Springs.

Several new members were introduced. Karen Ondayko is from Alexandria, VA and lives in High Ridge. Cindy Kelly lives on Blue Flint Lane; this was her first meeting. Judy Jumper lives in Dallas, TX most of the year, and is in the Blackrock neighborhood; she has attended one previous meeting.

Helen announced the birthdays for August. 8/2 Cyndy Morris, 8/5 Polly Williams, 8/6 Cindy Kelly, 8/12 Dotty Rice, 8/14 Pat Harvey, 8/16 Marti Szczur, 8/17 Diana Woolridge, 8/20 Cindy Cobb, 8/21 Lynnda Gilliam and Kathy Tardy, 8/28 Martha Wertz, 8/30 Martha Misker, 8/31 Millie Steele, Hazel Griffith

Minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Ellen Hampton gave the Treasurer's Report and presently there is a balance of \$422.00

President Camille Kurtz encouraged members to seek out new members and invite new neighbors and people we meet as we participate in mountain activities to join MW. Elections will be held in December and members should think about joining the Steering Committee.

Group Reports- Gardening Club will meet on Friday, Aug. 16 for a trip to Bev Lacey's Dahlia Farm in Nellysford. They will also visit the Natural History Museum in Nellysford and sign ups are being taken for lunch at the Devils Grill afterward. Anyone willing to attend should contact Jill Toop at gctoopt@aol.com The September meeting will involve making concrete bird baths- date is still to be determined. Oct. 18- is a seed and garden tool exchange. Nov. 15 is a holiday craft class (wreath-making) at a local garden nursery.

Book Club- Club is meeting on Monday 8/10 and they are reading "Billy Budd" by Herman Melville. The meeting will be at the house of Mary Ellen Condon-Rall.

Handwork- Meeting on 8/23. Location still TBD. Anyone interested in heading up this group will be appreciated.

Epicurious- Greek Dinner was held at Martha Misker's house on 8/8 and attended by a full house of 30. Soup and Salad afternoon will be hosted by Chris Casey on Nov. 7. A planning meeting will be held on Dec. 12 to line up the following year's activities. Sylvia Stafford presented in place of Cindy Coy.

Jan Jones spoke about the excellent WPA summer season. Aug. 17 will be a program of the Blue Ridge Mountain Music. Pat Harvey also added that there are many WPA a la carte events coming up. Oct. 12 will be a "Pig Roast" at the Tuckahoe School. There are spots still open. Contact WPA if you are interested in participating.

Mountain Homesteaders is having their "Boots and Beans" dinner on 8/10 and "Lobsterfest" is on Sept. 7.

Martha Misker gave the report on the WPOA. Budget was passed and repaving has finished. There was also mention of the possibility of a MW group taking CPR as two full sessions have been given at Stoney Creek, and there is much interest.

Wintegreen Sporting Club has also begun its activities. If interested, Larry Luessen can be contacted at lluessen@verizon.net or Karl Hess at khess4@aol.com

Mountain Women activities and website can be looked up at www.wintergreenmountainwomen.com

Sue Carlson gave a report for the "Bear Smart" program. No bird or hummingbird feeders should be out from April 1 to Dec. 1. One should advise visitors about our community program for the bears. There have been numerous bear sightings and there is a mother bear and 3 cubs who have been quite active in trying to get into homes.

Next meeting will be hosted by Laurel Springs on Sept. 13. Subject may involve a speaker from WPOA.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am and Marti Szczur presented "Tootsie" her miniature horse. Tootsie did several tricks for us and Marti spoke about the care of a horse, and what we can learn from them. Also the various personalities of a horse and the "horsenality" diagram of how horses behave and learn. Tootsie is a left brain extrovert horse. Marti stressed the fact that one should teach a horse through it's relationship of "Love, Language and Leadership."

Submitted by Maria Spence
Communicating Secretary
Filling in for Recording Secretary

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Mountain Women
Minutes of July 12, 2013

Before the business meeting, Larry Alan Smith, Artistic and Executive Director of Wintergreen Performing Arts (WPA), spoke briefly about the WPA Academy for student musicians. There are 37 students here this year and they have been divided into performance ensembles all named for local places. He then introduced the Rodes Farm String Quartet which played for our group.

After the performance, President Camille Kurtz called the business meeting to order. Attendance by neighborhood showed Blackrock had 12 members present, Devils Knob, 5, The Springs, 7, and Laurel Springs, 6. The meeting was hosted by Black Rock.

Camille welcomed new member Marcia Yanick and welcomed back Jo Ann Armstrong and Linda Blackburn.

Members sang Happy Birthday to all members, present and absent, with July birthdays. They are Nancy Wilkinson, July 9; Ellen English and Kathy Gunner, July 15; Barbara Marker, July 19; Sue Tiller, July 24; and Jeanne White, July 25.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved correcting the date of the Epicurious soup meeting which is November 7.

Treasurer Ellen Hampton reported that there is \$414 in the treasury which is \$71 more than last year at this time.

Camille said that the Steering Committee had met before the regular meeting. She urged members to consider serving on this committee. Elections will be held in December.

Reports by interest group were as follows:

Michelle Clark, filling in for Jill Toop, said the Gardeners had visited the Tillman Lavender Farm in June, that there was no July meeting scheduled, and that in August the group would visit a nearby dahlia farm.

Susie Patton announced the Book Group would meet on July 15, at 1:30 at her home to discuss *Plain Secrets* and *The Flight of Gemma Hardy*.

Barbara Marker said the Handwork Group would meet July 26 at the home of Terri Brooks.

Martha Misker, filling in for Cindy Coy, said Epicurious meets every other month and will hold a Greek-themed dinner August 8.

Other brief reports and announcements were as follows:

The Wintergreen Performing Arts Summer Music Festival began on July 8 and ends August 4.

The Nature Foundation is currently having a plant sale and will have an even larger one over Labor Day weekend. The Block Party will be held August 10 at 5:30 PM at the Nature Foundation and is free.

Mountain Homesteaders will have a summer social on August 10 beginning later than usual at 6:30 PM so that those who wish to attend both socials can stop in first at the Nature Foundation's Block Party.

Sue Carlson reported on an effort to sponsor a hole at the Nature Foundation's golf tournament. The cost is \$500 and \$250 has already been raised.

The Wintergreen Sporting Club will meet July 13.

Mary Ellen Condon-Rall reported that this year's holiday luncheon will be held on December 13 at 11:00 at the Devil's Grill and will cost each guest \$25 which members present felt was appropriate. Guests may purchase wine (\$9) and cocktails (\$10) at the cash bar. This event has been undertaken by the members of Epicurious in the past.

Marti Szczur said that there has not been much progress in finding a site for the proposed memory garden.

Camille announced the tentative program schedule for the next few months. In September there will be a preview of the WPOA annual meeting, in October a talk by someone from Nelson County Tourism Board and/or the Wine Promotion Board, and in November a talk by someone from the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Nature Foundation plant propagation program. Terri Brooks explained how the efforts of the forestry department and plant propagation program complemented each other.

Martha Misker then gave a detailed overview of some WPOA activities beginning with a review of some coming large events to be held either at Wintergreen or nearby, noting that there will be extra traffic. These events are a decathlon on August 17, the Spartan Race with approximately 5,000 people which is similar to Tough Mudders on August 24-25, and the Interlocken Music Festival running September 5-8.

Concerning resort roads and buildings, the resurfacing of Wintergreen Drive could not be finished by July 4 due to the weather; screens and curtains at the Chestnut Springs pavilion were destroyed by wind; construction of the new Police Department building near the gatehouse, which is being financed by restructuring outstanding loans, will begin soon; enlarging of Fire Department Station 2 in Stoney Creek is being financed by a no-interest loan and a \$70,000 grant from Nelson County.

The WPOA annual budget process is now in progress.

The next Mountain Women meeting will be August 9 at 10:00 AM at Chestnut Springs Pavilion. Marti will bring her miniature horse and tell us "What You Can Learn from a Horse." There will be an early morning email announcement if the location of this meeting must be changed.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

June Meeting Minutes are on the following page

Mountain Women
Minutes, Meeting of 14 June 2013

President Camille Kurtz called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 and announced that the program would come before the business meeting.

Camille asked Cindy Coy to introduce Nicola McGoff of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District whose speech would focus primarily on the harvesting of rainwater. Before her presentation, Doug Coleman, Director of The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen, spoke briefly about the difficulty of controlling water on Wintergreen's mountains - much of our rain water goes right over the edge; and on the usefulness of rain barrels to collect rain water. Cognizant of the importance of water and soil conservation, Wintergreen is becoming an active participant in the water conservation program.

Nicola McGoff's well presented program, complete with educational slides, touched on topics such as: History of the Soil and Water Conservation Program; Harvesting Rainwater; Conservation and Environmental Stewardship; Stream Impacts; Storm Water and Water Quality; The Challenge of Storm Water Runoff; Excess Sediment; Pollution Diet; Rain Barrels and Disconnect in Winter. She ended the program with slides of a variety of rain gardens designed primarily to decrease storm water runoff.

Following the program, President Camille Kurtz called to order at 11:30am the Mountain Women's business meeting.

Her first order of business was to call on Cindy Coy to remember Carolyn Barkley, Mountain Women Recording Secretary, who passed away on 12 May 2013. Cindy spoke for several minutes about Carolyn's personality, family life, and career.

President Kurtz thanked The Springs neighborhood for hosting the meeting. The number of members in attendance from the neighborhoods included 6 from the Springs, 8 from Blackrock, 2 from Devil's Knob, and 7 from Laurel Springs.

New member Linda Blackburn from Blackrock was introduced.

Helen Eisenhart read off the names of members with June birthdays. They included Judy DeWitt (1), Susan McIver (1), Marilyn Bauatt (4), Gwynn Cain (5), Eloise Strand (5), Joy Leman (5), Christine White (18), Sue Carlson (20), Joanne White (23), Sandi Meyer (25), Arlene Stone (27), Camille Kurtz (30).

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand equaled \$346.00.

Group Reports:

Garden Club. Jill Troop reported that group members will tour Lavender Farm on 21 June. The cost of the tour will be \$10.00 each. Lunch will be at the Lovington Café. Those wishing to car pool will meet at the mailboxes by 9 am. The trip will be cancelled if it rains.

Book Club: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 17 June at the home of Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The book for June is David McCullough's *The Greater Journey*.

Handwork: The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 28 June at the home of Helen Eisenhart. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Epicurious: The Epicurious Group met at the home of Vera Jones for a Mexican Dinner on Thursday, 13 June. The next meeting will be at the home of Martha Misker on Thursday, 8 August. A Greek or Mediterranean theme is being contemplated. There will be an Epicurious dinner at the home of Christine Casey on 10 October.

Announcements:

Marti Szczur has books left over from her book launch that are for sale.

Camille Kurtz announced a message from Nancy Taylor that WPA still needs housing space for musicians. WPA's telephone number is 434-325-8292.

Camille also announced that the Devil's Grill Restaurant's renovations are completed. Also, there is talk of possibly building a hotel and a Performing Arts Center.

Cindy Coy made several announcements: The Wintergreen Nature Center's Clamber Around Crawford Knob hike is 19 June at 9am; the Center's Rail Road trip was a big success; the Center is trying to obtain rain water barrels for purchase.

Martha Misker of the Wintergreen Property Owners Association Board stated that the paving of roads is underway; that the Police Department is getting their own 2 story building in front of the Gate House; that the Fire Department in the valley is expanding its quarters; that a training tower is going up behind the mountain fire house.

Camille Kurtz mentioned that her husband, Karl Hess, Lynn Luessen's husband, Larry, and Mary Carlson's husband, Neil, have started a Wintergreen Sporting Club for men and women who are interested in participating in fly fishing, kayaking, boating, target shooting, archery, and other sports activities. Minutes of the club and application forms are available from the organizers.

WPA needs volunteers to take tickets at this summer's music festival. Oak Ridge will have a music festival September 5 through September 8.

Mary Ellen Condon-Rall announced that the Mountain Women's Holiday Brunch will be held at the Devil's Grill Restaurant on Friday, December 13.

New Business:

Mountain Women needs a new recording secretary because of the death of Carolyn Barkley. Mary Carlson was the sole nominee and was unanimously elected to that office.

The Mountain Women's July meeting will be held on the 12th at the Trillium House instead of Chestnut Springs. The WPA music academy will perform.

The Mountain Women's August meeting will be held on 9 August at Chestnut Springs. Marti Szczur will talk about understanding horses. She will bring her miniature horse Tootsie to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Condon-Rall
Temporary Recording Secretary

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Mountain Women Meeting
Friday, May 10, 2013 Trillium House

Anne Marie Goss called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. This month's meeting was hosted by the Laurel Springs neighborhood.

Attendance was taken and there were 16 members present: 3 from Blackrock, 2 from Devil's Knob, 7 from The Springs and 4 from Laurel Springs.

May birthdays were announced but none of the members were present. Birthdays were 5/1- Sally Boykin, 5/4 Tam Smith, 5/6 Renee Acosta and Gail Neal, 5/15 Margaret Adams, 5/26 Lee Klousia and 5/30 Mary Klein and Donna Foege.

Ellen Hampton gave the Treasurer's Report and presently there is a balance of \$366.00

Book Club will next be meeting at Mary Carlson's house on 5/13. A list of the books to be read can be requested from Barbara Porter at ports1999@aol.com if you'd like to join.

Epicurious has scheduled a Mexican Dinner for June 13, but it is for members only and is now full.

Gardening Club had a successful "potting party" in April at Waynesboro Nursery on Main St. and then the group went to lunch at "Stella, Bella and Lucy" in the downtown.

The Garden Club will tour mountain homes on Friday, May 17. Members should meet at Chris Casey's house, 18 Raven's Roost Point at 9 a.m. If non-gardeners wish to attend; please contact Chris at 325-2794.

Information was presented on Marti Szczur's book launch on Sat. June 1 from 1-3 pm. at the Tuckahoe Clubhouse (outdoor deck). Marti will talk about her new book, "Lazy Daisy, the Love Dog." Kids of all ages are welcome as well as friendly dogs for games, snacks and book readings every 30 mins.

Information was presented on the WPA Gala which was again well attended this year. Michelle Clark asked that people please email Jim Clark at james_clark@verizon.net if they are

interested in volunteering to help sell tickets for WPA functions like the wine festival and summer music festival.

Nanci Taylor said the WPA Summer Festival books should be out in the mail next week. Phone lines were already open and tickets for the cooking classes were going quickly. The Wine Festival on Memorial Day weekend will be a mix of local and international wines on both days.

Joyce Claman spoke about the Nelson County Community Fund and “The Opportunity Ball” which will be on Friday, Oct. 26, 2013. Anyone interested in volunteering to work on the various Ball activities are to contact her at grappagirl@verizon.net

Gwynn Litchfield was introduced and gave a short presentation on her floral watercolor paintings and note cards. One of the watercolors was just selected to be on the front cover of the Journal of the Garden Club of Virginia. Watercolors and notecards can be purchased from Gwynn by emailing her at gwynnrl@aol.com

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am

Members that brought salad recipes for the Exchange gave a little information on their choices, and the copies were placed on the tables as handouts. Copies will be available later in the month on the Mountain Women website: www.wintergreenmountainwomen.com

Next month’s meeting will be at Trillium House at 10 am on Friday, June 12 on Rain Barrels and will be presented by the Blackrock Neighborhood.

SAD TIDINGS

Our dear Mountain Woman, Carolyn Barkley passed away on Sunday, May 12 of a sudden and severe illness. A service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at Reynolds-Hamrick Funeral Home, 618 W. Main St., Waynesboro. A reception for friends and family will be held at 3:30 p.m. at The Wintergreen Nature Foundation.

Contact info for Carolyn’s son and daughter in law:

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Roanoke, VA 24015

Minutes submitted by Maria Spence, Communicating Secretary

Mountain Women Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2013 Trillium House

President Camille Kurtz announced that a quick business meeting would take place after a talk and demonstration on spinning wool.

Michelle Clark of The Springs Neighborhood introduced Barbara Gentry of Stony Mountain Fibers. Barbara raises sheep (corno breed) and spins and dyes their wool for knitting. Barbara was accompanied by her friend Audrey Boneangle, who raises llamas, also for their wool. The ladies brought their spinning wheels and demonstrated how to spin, as well as the technique of “drop spindling” which is done manually by a special wooden spindle. Several ladies volunteered to try the drop spindle, and realized how difficult it can be! The ladies also passed around several types of wool (merino, cashmere, silk, mixes etc) to show the various textures as well as colors that can be dyed into the wool. Barbara breeds her sheep and has a shop outside of Charlottesville. Her website is www.stonymountainfibers.com and she can also be reached via email at Barbara@stonymountainfibers.com

After the demonstration, Camille called the business meeting to order and attendance was taken by neighborhood. There were 5 from Blackrock, 1 from Devils Knob, 7 from Laurel Springs and 4 from The Springs.

Thanks were given to The Springs ladies for organizing the snacks and drinks.

Marti Szczur introduced a new neighbor, Jo Ann Armstrong who lives on Blackrock Circle, and will be soon retiring to Wintergreen full-time. Jo Ann has lived in Wintergreen for over 20 years, but was only part-time. Her husband and son are on Ski Patrol and she has taught Psychology/Sociology in Martinsville at a community college for over 30 years.

Birthdays were not officially announced, as our representative was not present, but we did have two in attendance. Birthdays for April are Dahne Morgan and Sandi Nettina (April 1), Janie Kirkeby (4/2), JoAnn Zuercher and Ellen Hampton (4/5), Susie Patton and Pat Thompson (4/7), JoAnn Armstrong (4/8), Dawn Perusse and Lois Armel (4/11), Jill Toop (4/15), Bev Bates (4/16), Lisa Garber (4/19), Merrilee Tooker (4/24), Marcia Armstrong and Maria Spence (4/27), Eva Blum (4/28) and Kathy Parrot (4/29).

Jill Toop announced that the Mountain Gardeners are meeting on April 19 at Waynesboro Nursery for a “potting party.” Carpools will leave from the parking lot at 9:10 am.

Book club will have their next meeting on May 13, and the book and location are TBD.

Handicraft group will be meeting the 4th Friday of each month. Barbara Marker can be contacted if you want to be on the email list. tbmarker@aol.com

Epicurious meetings are held on Thursdays before Mountain Women, and are held every other month. This month it was held at Cindy Coy's house- where handy kitchen gadgets were discussed, as well as items you would be willing to lend out. A "pantry list" was brought up as items that we should have on hand, and items that were unusual that people will have on hand if others need them in a pinch.

Camille Kurtz was asked by Glenna Martin of the Wintergreen Performing Arts board, to remind people about "Rhapsody in Blue- Americans in Paris" on April 27. The fundraiser will begin at 6:30 pm and will include Live and Silent Auctions as well as dinner and dancing. Several wonderful trips are on the list.

Millie Steele also advised that housing for some of the musicians for the WPA Summer Festival is still needed. If you can help long or short term, please contact Karen Quillen at 325-8292.

Martha Misker gave a report from the latest WPOA meeting. Screens have not gone onto the Chestnut Springs pavilion yet, due to the inclement March weather, but should go on next week.

A schedule will be going out in the May WPOA newsletter on the street paving between May 15-June 15. Contact the Community Office if you are not getting the emails at 325-8530. They are also in the process of negotiating a good price to pave private driveways at the same time. They are to be contacted if interested.

Marti Szczur spoke on the TWNF program for Earth Day on April 20. It will be a water workshop on storm water management, rain barrels, how much water we use, and how to save money on water costs.

Camille Kurtz also reported on a Wintergreen Sporting Club idea that is being explored. It will likely involve various activities like shooting, archery, hunting, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. An email has gone out for an organizational meeting in June, as much interest has been generated so far.

A few survey results were also presented from a previous meeting on "Know your Neighbor." The idea of "outings" for some of our meetings will be discussed – such as movies, matinees, historic events etc.

Camille Kurtz spoke about a Saturday yard sale that has begun at the Rockfish Community Center where one can take items to sell on weekends.

Ideas for future Mountain Women Meetings are June- Fabulous Trip Destinations (short and sweet presentation) books , travel ideas, restaurants.....

July- Wintergreen Performing Arts musicians will play for us.

August- Marti Szczur will bring "Tootsie" her miniature pony and discuss her care.

December- Annual Holiday Brunch will be held at Devils Grill this year. Will be open for just our group on the day.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

UPDATE on Lady Bird Johnson Garden at Devils Grill renovation project: Doug Coleman of TWNF has been working with Jay Roberts of Wintergreen Resort in protecting the garden during renovation. Some plants from the bank have been removed and set aside to bring back to the new landscape. There is also discussion on moving plants to Trillium House during this process.

The next Mountain Women Meeting will be Friday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at Chestnut Springs Pavilion (by the pool). In the case of inclement weather, an email will go out by 9 a.m. to inform if location has been changed to Trillium House.

Submitted for Mountain Women by Maria Spence

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Mountain Women Meeting
Friday, March 8, 2013
Trillium House

President Camille Kurtz announced that the business meeting would take place after a talk by Lynn Tyler, Vice-President of Food and Beverage for Wintergreen Resort, who was then introduced by Blackrock neighborhood chair, Terri Brooks.

In her interesting and informative talk, Lynn began by describing the proposed new and more contemporary decor for the Devil's Grill restaurant. Inside seating will be redesigned and outside seating will be increased with a proposed deck expansion. Heat, speakers, and improved lighting will also be part of the deck renovation. Jill Toop asked if the Lady Bird Johnson garden next to the deck would be affected and Lynn said she would ask (see below). The lunch menu will be similar to what it is now and bar food will continue to be offered. To maintain the Devil's Grill as a higher-end restaurant, the dinner menu will be more upscale. The restaurant will remain open to the public until December, 2013, and then will become private, open to guests of the resort and to WPI members and guests. Several members asked if the Devil's Grill could be opened to the public several nights a week even after it is privatized. There is no plans for that at this time.

Other resort facilities will also be updated. Stoney Creek Bar and Grill will soon reopen with old furniture replaced with that from the Devil's Grill. The Copper Mine restaurant and ballroom will also be redecorated in the future. Lynn showed pictures of the aisles at The Market, which showed the larger selection of food now available. During her talk, she answered many questions from those present. She was warmly thanked for her presentation.

Following the talk, Camille called the business meeting to order. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Communicating Secretary Maria Spence asked if everyone was receiving her emails. She added that she was trying to update the list of members and that the new member's information packet has been revised.

Treasurer Ellen Hampton reported a balance on hand of \$407.00.

Mountain Gardeners' Chair Jill Toop announced MW Gardeners would meet [March 15](#) depending on the weather [at 11:00](#) to pull garlic mustard at the Nature Preserve followed by lunch.

Book Group will meet March 11 at the home of Michelle Clark [at 1:30](#). The book is *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama.

The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen will have a pancake breakfast with maple syrup boiled on site on March 9.

A report on the Memory Garden by Sue Carlson was postponed until the April meeting.

Camille asked if any new members were present and there were none.

Birthdays for March are: Karen Sykes (March 3), Yvonne Behm (March 5), Louise Cesaro (March 7), Georgia Orphan (March 8), Betsy Agelasto (March 9), Vera Jones (March 14), Patti Brady (March 19), Joyce Claman (March 23), and Janet Helgert (March 24).

Camille thanked Terri Brooks and the other ladies of Blackrock for an interesting program and delicious snacks. The next meeting will be hosted by the ladies of The Springs.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted for Mountain Women by
Mary Carlson

Follow-up:

- 1) Lynn Tyler later emailed that expansion of the deck at the Devil's Grill will not affect the Lady Bird Johnson garden.
- 2) Jill Toop later reported that the meeting of the MW Gardeners group had been cancelled due to the failure of the garlic mustard to have yet appeared for pulling.
- 3) Nanci Taylor later emailed an announcement that the final concert of the Wintergreen Performing Arts Valley Season will take place March 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lake Monocan building. Ticket information is available at www.wintergreenperformingarts.org or by calling 434-325-8292.

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Mountain Women
Minutes, 8 February 2013

The February meeting of Mountain Women was called to order by President Camille Kurtz at 10:32 a.m. with approximately 25 in attendance.

Devils Knob Neighborhood Chair, Anne Marie Goss, and Devils Knob neighborhood members were introduced and thanked for hosting the meeting.

New members were introduced:

Sandi Nettina –a part-time resident on Deer Springs Lane since November 2010, living south of Baltimore and visiting about every other weekend

Donna Foege, a ten-year part-time resident on Ravens Roost Lane, living in Richmond and beginning to transition to a full-time resident

February birthdays: Lois Conrad (7th), Ginny Morton (8th), Kathy Knowles (9th), Wilma Gormley (15th), Nanci Taylor (17th), Carolyn Wood (21st), Michelle Clark (25th), Susan Montgomery (27th).

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as distributed and corrected.

Ellen Hampton, Treasurer, reported that although \$55.00 was lost on the brunch, the Treasury ended up \$75.00 for the year. The balance for the end of January was \$404.00.

Camille asked if anyone had lost a pair of glasses (readers) at the last meeting. Please contact Camille (325-7276) if they might be yours.

President's report: The Steering Committee met before the meeting and developed a list of suggestions for meeting programs (please contact Camille if you have an idea). Sylvia will be updating website information (www.wintergreenmountainwomen.com). Please refer to the web site often for updated volunteer opportunity and upcoming program/activity information. The Committee approved a suggestion from the Epicurious Group to change the holiday brunch to a luncheon out at the Devils Grill.

Group reports:

Gardening – Jill Toop reported that she has just sent out an annual activities email; please share feedback with her on possible programs. The group has over 100 members; if you would like to be added to the email list, contact Jill (gctoopt@aol.com). The next meeting will be held on Friday 15 March, program to be announced.

Epicurious – Cindy Coy, the group's new leader, thanked Sylvia Stafford for her five-year leadership of the group. A recent planning meeting led to a new focus on tutorials and hands on, fun events for members of the group. Participation – not just eating – will be the key! There will be six meetings per year. Plans for 2013 include:

April 11 at Cindy Coy's – a pantry and tool day with, hopefully, mozzarella making

June 13 – an evening dinner (members and spouses/significant others) with a Mexican dinner theme. The menu will be pre-arranged and dishes will be assigned. Organizers are Vera Jones, Joyce Claman, and Camille Kurtz.

August 8 – a summer cookout (members and spouses/significant others) at Martha Misker's

November 7 - noon soup sampler coordinated by Chris Casey and Janelle Carroll

December 12 – planning meeting at Marti Szczur's

The holiday brunch is undergoing changes and the Steering Committee has been asked about [and has approved] a suggestion to have a luncheon at Devils Grill in lieu of a brunch catered by Epicurious at the Nature Foundation.

Book Club - Sue Carlson reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11 February at 1:00 at Barbara Porter's house (232 Fortune's Ridge). The title for the month is *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen. Sue Carlson will confirm Barbara's correct email address, but it is believed to be ports1999@aol.com.

Handwork – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 22 February at Helen Eisenhart's house (52 Deer Springs Lane) at 10:00. Handwork will be meeting every month from now on.

Announcements:

WPOA – Martha Misker reported on the recent WPOA Board meeting. Highlights include the fact that the Chestnut Springs Pavilion will be screened in and will also have vinyl curtains to protect against rain; Wintergreen Drive will be repaved this summer; culvert repair/rebuilding will be an emphasis for 2013. There will be several openings for the Board for 2014; please let Martha know if you might be interested in serving to maintain our tradition of election of a Mountain Woman to the Board.

Nature Foundation at Wintergreen – Carolyn Barkley announced that March 2 through 9 is the annual Maple Sugar Days event. Of particular interest is the Maple Mixer, scheduled from 6:00-8:00 on Saturday, 2 March. This cocktail party features a wonderful selection of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and desserts all featuring Wintergreen's own maple syrup. The cost is \$40 per person with proceeds helping to support maple sugar school programs and exhibits. Please register by calling 325-8169.

Sue Carlson spoke about former member June Lyons who had been her summer-time neighbor on Tyro for many years and who has recently passed away.

Marti Szczur reminded interested members about a Wintergreen memory garden planning meeting scheduled to be held at her house (366 Blackrock Circle) at 1:30 on Tuesday, 12 February. Please let her know if you plan to attend (szczurm@gmail.com).

Sue Carlson announced that Virginia Garden Week will include Nelson County this spring – April 21st and 22nd – including sites in Stony Creek and Afton. Docents are needed either in the properties themselves or in their gardens. Please let Sue know (scarlson703@verizon.net) if you are interested in volunteering.

Sue Carlson will be presenting a “dinner theater” at the Nature Foundation on Friday, 23 February at 6:00 featuring photos, music and stories from her 2012 trip to Cuba. Please call the Nature Foundation (325-8169) for cost and details.

Martha Misker has a new great-granddaughter in Illinois – just three months old.

The meeting was followed was a structured social meeting on the theme “Know Your Neighborhood, Know Your Neighbors,” led by Anne Marie Goss.

The next Mountain Women meeting will be held at Trillium House on Friday, 8 March at 10:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.
Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn L. Barkley, Recording Secretary

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Minutes, Meeting of 11 January 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Camille Kurtz with approximately twenty-five in attendance.

Sylvia Stafford thanked Jill Toop for arranging the meeting's program and introduced harpist Virginia Schweningen (whose music can be enjoyed locally during Sunday brunches at Basic Necessities). Virginia "retired" here approximately nine years ago and is an advocate for music education in the Nelson/Albemarle area. Her harp is a Wurlitzer made in either Chicago or New York between 1909 and 1919. It is a parlor-sized pedal harp, named "Margie." Virginia demonstrated how the seven pedals each have three settings which provide the diatonic notes, and how the strings are color-coded. She also discussed her students (20-25 at the current time), concerts they provide, and therapeutic music which some provide in local hospitals. She played a series of tunes including *Till There Was You*; *Send in the Clown*; *Somewhere in Time*; and *Mary Scott Flower of Yarrow*, by North Carolina harper, William Jackson. Virginia dedicated this last piece to Sarah Scott.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:25 by President Camille Kurtz.

Laurel Springs was thanked for hosting the program with Sylvia Stafford, Vera Jones, Joyce Claman, Maria Spence, Barbara Marker, Glenna Martin, Janelle Carroll and Sylvia Theriault in attendance.

New members were introduced:

Vesta McKee (Laurel Springs neighborhood)

Mary Ann Batchelor (Blackrock neighborhood)

January birthdays included: Marjorie Churchbourne (9th), Joan Stemmler (11th), Joyce Smith (15th), Kathy Ely (20th), Helen Eisenhart (22nd), Barbara Porter (29th), Wendy Valentine (31st)

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the December meeting as emailed.

Ellen Hampton reported that the treasury was still in a state of flux as costs for the holiday brunch were still in process, but that generally, current funds totaled between \$200 and \$300.

President's Report: Camille reported on the decisions made at the Steering Committee meeting. As the Devils Knob Neighborhood Chair position was once again vacant, the Steering Committee presented the nomination of Anne Marie Goss. This appointment was approved by acclamation. Officers for 2013 will be President, Camille Kurtz; Vice-President, Mary Ellen Condon-Rall; Treasurer, Ellen Hampton; Corresponding Secretary, Maria Spence; Recording Secretary, Carolyn Barkley. Neighborhood Chairs are Terri Brooks, Blackrock; Anne Marie Goss, Devil's Knob; Sylvia Stafford, Laurel Springs, and Michelle Clark, The Springs. The theme for the year will be getting to know your neighbors.

Group Reports:

Garden Club. The next meeting will be on 22 March. Please contact Jill Toop (gtoopt@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the email list.

Book Club. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 14 January at Marti Szczur's. The book for January is Geraldine Brooks' *Caleb's Crossing*. Please contact Sue Carlson (scarlson703@verizon.net) if you would like to be added to the email list.

Epicurious. Sylvia Stafford is the "interim" contact until a new leader is identified. There has not yet been a planning meeting for 2013. Please contact Sylvia (sbstafford@verizon.net) if you would like to be added to the email list.

Handwork. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, 25 January at 10:00 a.m. at Barbara Marker's house. Please let her know (tbmarker@aol.com) if you plan on attending.

Announcements:

Sue Carlson announced that housing was still needed for Wounded Warrior Weekend. Please contact her at scarlson703@verizon.net if you are able to help out.

Marti Szczur announced a brainstorming meeting to explore the establishment of a memory garden on the mountain, to be held at Marti Szczur's house (366 Blackrock Circle). Please let Marti know if you would like to participate, or send ideas if you cannot attend (szczurm@gmail.com).

Joyce Claman announced that the next WPA event will be a Taste of Wintergreen scheduled at the Monacan Club House, with local food, music, and cash bar.

Marti Szczur reminded members that the Cat Council who provides food for feral cats at several locations on the mountain is about 4-5 people short for 2013. Please let Marti know if you are interested in helping out (szczurm@gmail.com).

Camille Kurtz announced that Nelson County Master Gardener classes will begin a new session in February, lasting through April.

Carolyn Barkley informed members, who have seen the recent *Lincoln* movie and who may want to learn more about the topic, that an upcoming Nature Foundation program on the Lincoln assassination conspiracy, is scheduled for Saturday night, 2 February at Tuckahoe Club House. The discussion will be led by valley resident Len DiIoia who wrote his master thesis on the topic. Please register by calling the Nature Foundation (325-7451). The cost is \$10.00 for Foundation members and \$12.00 for nonmembers.

The next meeting of Mountain Women is scheduled for Friday, 8 February.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn L. Barkley
Recording Secretary