

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. There are no minutes for the December holiday luncheon. Outgoing Treasurer Ellen Hampton was given a round of applause for her dedicated service. Incoming Treasurer Terri Brooks reviewed the proposed 2015 budget based on a projected income of \$780 and projected expenditures of \$780 making a balanced budget. She also read a more detailed report describing our income and expenditures. The balance on hand at the beginning of this year is \$363.86, for a gain of \$216 over the beginning of 2014. Dues will remain at \$3 per member per meeting. Those who wish can also pay their dues in advance at the rate of \$30 per year.

Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock, 10; Devils Knob, 2, Laurel Springs, 5; and The Springs, 4. Mary Ellen thanked the Devils Knob members for hosting this meeting.

Both maps and copies of the directory of members are available for those who would like them.

Birthdays of January include January 2, Anne Marie Goss; January 5, Mary Anne Batchelor; January 9, Marjorie Churchbourne; January 15, Joyce Smith and Sarah McCracken; January 20, Kathy Ely; January 22, Helen Eisenhart; January 23, Margaret Prinstein; January 29, Barbara Porter; and January 31, Wendy Valentine.

Mary Ellen then read the proposed slate of Steering Committee officers. They are President, Mary Ellen Condon-Rall; Vice President, Joyce Tate; Treasurer, Terri Brooks; Communicating Secretary, Maria Spence; Recording Secretary, Mary Carlson; and Neighborhood Chairs; Blackrock, Jo Ann Armstrong; Devils Knob, Bev Holloway; Laurel Springs Co-chairs, Joyce Claman and Martha Misker; and The Springs, Joyce Tate. Members voted to confirm this slate of officers for 2015.

Reports

Gardeners: Jill Toop said that the Gardeners planning meeting will be held on January 16 at 10:00 at her home.

Book Group: Sue Carlson announced that the group will meet on January 12 at Michelle Clark's home to discuss *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.

Epicurious: Cindy Coy reviewed the coming events for 2015. They are as follows: February 12, a winter soup event; April 9, a French-themed dinner which will be a member and guest event; June 11, an afternoon tea; August 13, a Mexican-themed dinner which will also be a member and guest event; October 9, a field trip to Pippins Winery restaurant; and December 10, the annual planning meeting.

The Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks said that the Nature Foundation will host a series of local history lectures over the winter. They begin on January 17 with "The Land before Wintergreen and A Dreamer and a Blind Man with Vision" The History of Wintergreen Part I; and continue on

January 23 with “True Blue” Ridge with guest speaker Tommy Stafford; and then on February 13 with “One Determined Man and No Turning Back” The History of Wintergreen Part II.”

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen said WPA is currently applying for grants from philanthropic organizations and the state of Virginia. She added that there are still a few places available for the January 24 murder mystery dinner. Price is \$120 per person. Glenna Martin said that the annual fund raiser will be held April 11 in the Wintergreen Ballroom. The price is \$130 per person.

The Wintergreen Sporting Club: Camille Kurtz said that some members will be going on fishing trips to Key West in February and Belize in June, and one to Patagonia in 2016 is under consideration. Spring and summer canoe and kayak trips are being planned.

Announcements

Rescue Squad: Martha Misker reported that the Wintergreen Rescue Squad needs ambulance drivers. Volunteers will be trained.

Wintergreen Friends: Service provider recommendations, notices of pets available for adoption, descriptions of items for sale or free, and other information are compiled in the Wintergreen Friends email bulletin board. Their email address is wintergreenfriends@gmail.com to get on their list to receive information.

First Tuesday: Everyone is welcome to gather for dinner at the Copper Mine on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00.

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Following the business meeting, Cindy Coy introduced mountain author Jack Daly. Before coming to Wintergreen, Jack worked in the federal government for 15 years and then started an energy consulting company which he ran for 20 years. After retiring to Wintergreen, he has volunteered with the rescue squad, the Nature Foundation, and the Nelson food pantry. His first novel *Fog City Conspiracy* is now available on Amazon. Jack then described his experiences writing his novel and explained why he decided to publish online. He is already at work on a sequel.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. Minutes of the January 9, 2015, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Terri Brooks submitted the following Treasurer's Report to be included in the minutes: The balance as of January 1, 2015, was \$363.86. We had expenses of \$65 in January for the rent of the meeting room at the Trillium House. Dues received during the January meeting totaled \$144. Some members chose to pay for the entire year at this meeting. Annual dues are \$30 as opposed to \$3.00 per meeting. Our balance as of the beginning of February was \$442.86 for a gain of \$79 since the beginning of 2015.

Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock, 6; Devils Knob, 3, Laurel Springs, 6; and The Springs, 4. Mary Ellen thanked the Laurel Springs members for hosting this meeting.

Maps of the neighborhoods were made available at the back of the room for those who would like them.

Birthdays of February included February 7, Lois Conrad; February 8, Ginny Morton; February 9, Kathy Knowles; February 15, Wilma Gormley; February 16, Mari Olga Kelley, February 17, Nanci Taylor; February 18, Susan Thomas; February 21, Carolyn Wood; February 25, Michelle Clark; and February 27, Susan Montgomery.

Reports:

President's Report: Mary Ellen indicated that the July 10, 2015, Mountain Women meeting that takes place at the Trillium House during the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, will begin at 1:00 PM instead of 10:00 AM, so that festival goers will be able to attend Michael White's morning seminar as well as the afternoon's Mountain Women meeting. This change was made at the request of our new artistic director, Erin Freeman. As in the past, the Mountain Women members will be entertained by a number of Academy Musicians. The Nature Center will be able to accommodate us at this new time.

Garden Club: Knowing that she would be absent from the meeting, Jill Toop sent an email in advance to all gardeners delineating the 2015 Mountain Gardeners' activities and their dates. She stated that all meetings will take place on the third Friday of the month EXCEPT during November when the meeting will be on Friday, the 6th, to allow for full appreciation and use of the Fall table Centerpieces the group will be making. Jill had checked the schedule for mountain activities and found no conflicts for this date. If anyone sees a scheduling conflict, please contact Jill by email. (Printed copies of the Garden Club schedule are also in the name tag folder available at each meeting.)

Book Club: The February meeting will take place on Monday, February 16, at 2:00 PM at the home of Marti Szczur. The book is "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova.

Epicurious: Cindy Coy reported a winter soup event occurred on February 12. The schedule for the remaining events will occur on April 9, a French-themed dinner for members and guests at

Pat Harvey's home; June 11, a tutorial for an afternoon tea at Lynnda Gilliam's home; August 13, a Mexican-themed dinner at Chestnut Springs, a member and guest event; October 8, a field trip (demo/tour potentially) to Pippins Winery restaurant; and December 10, the annual planning meeting at Marti Szczur's home.

The Nature Foundation: The announcement was made that on February 13 the second of two programs will be held on the founding of Wintergreen. This program titled "One Determined Man and No Turning Back," Part II in "The History of Wintergreen" series will be held from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen reported WPA is currently applying for grants from philanthropic organizations and the state of Virginia, and that most of the applications have been submitted. She indicated great progress has been made on the program, the orchestra and the academy. She suggested everyone should begin to think seriously about housing a musician and that the rewards are many for the individual and for Wintergreen. The individual is rewarded with the opportunity to learn much about the music world, and Wintergreen is enabled to continue with one of our best activities.

Wintergreen Sporting Club: In Camille Kurtz's absence, we are reminded that another trip is being offered to Belize in June, and one to Patagonia in 2016 is under consideration. Spring and summer canoe and kayak trips are being planned.

Announcements:

We were reminded that both local Post Offices need our business (stamp purchases, packaging mailings, etc.) in order to stay open.

Rescue Squad: Martha Misker reported that the Wintergreen Rescue Squad needs ambulance drivers. Volunteers will be trained.

Special project: Handcraft Group is meeting Friday, February 27 at Hillary Partridge's house to continue making mittens for children. Seventeen pairs for 3-to-5-year-olds have been donated so far.

Wintergreen Friends: Service provider recommendations, notices of pets available for adoption, descriptions of items for sale or free, and other information are compiled in the Wintergreen Friends email bulletin board. Their email address is wintergreenfriends@gmail.com for those who want to get on their list to receive information.

First Tuesday: Everyone is welcome to gather for dinner at the Coppermine on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

The 2015 Mountain Women Hosting Schedule is as follows:

Blackrock: April, August
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The Springs: March, July, November

Suggestions for programs may be found in a printed format in a handout provided in the folder

with name tags.

Business meeting was adjourned at 10:52.

Following the business meeting, Martha Misker of Laurel Springs presented an audience participation program on volunteerism. At a later date, Martha will provide a detailed list of volunteer opportunities in the county, at Wintergreen, and in surrounding areas to all Mountain Women members.

For Mountain Women,

Submitted by Jo Ann Armstrong
Substituting for Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2015**

The business meeting was preceded by a talk by Wintergreen resident Wilfrid Rall about his work on the Manhattan Project and his later research in neuroscience. He began by explaining that because the knowledge of how to produce nuclear fission was known before World War II, once the US entered the war following the 1942 bombing of Pearl Harbor, the race to develop an atomic bomb before the Germans did, commenced. Approximately 125,000 people worked on the Manhattan Project at its height in 1944. Wil then discussed how uranium 235 was obtained using a mass spectrometer, for which he did the mechanical drawings, and then how the bomb was eventually developed. When the power of the bomb was recognized, many of those who worked on it, tried to keep it from being used on a populated area. After the war, Wil worked at Woods Hole, MA on dendritic function using the giant axon of a squid working out how neural communication takes place. He later obtained his Ph.D. and had a distinguished career as a neuroscientist. At the end of the talk, there was general agreement that Wil should repeat his talk for a larger audience, and that will try to be scheduled in the near future. "The Theoretical Foundation of Dendritic Function, Selected Papers of Wilfrid Rall with Commentaries" was published by the MIT Press in 1995.

The business meeting was then called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The minutes of February 13, 2015 were approved. Treasurer Terri Brooks reported a balance on hand as of February 1, 2015 was \$442.86. Dues received during the February meeting totaled \$159 with some members choosing to pay for the entire year at that meeting. Annual dues are \$30 as opposed to \$3 per meeting. February expenses were \$65 for room rental at the Nature Foundation. The balance as of the beginning of March was \$536.86 for a gain of \$173 since the beginning of 2015.

Mary Ellen then thanked The Springs members for hosting this meeting. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock, 9; Devils Knob, 4; Laurel Springs, 5; The Springs, 6.

Birthdays in March include March 3, Karen Sykes; March 4, Linda Blackburn; March 5, Yvonne Behm; March 7, Louise Cesaro; March 8, Jeanine Bennett and Georgia Orphan; March 9, Betsy Agelasto; March 11, Nancy Schwiesow; March 14, Vera Jones; March 19, Patti Brady; March 20, Betsy Brown; March 23, Joyce Claman; and March 24, Janet Helgert and Nancy Spangler.

Reports

Book Group: The group will meet March 16 at 2:00 PM at the home of Michelle Clark to discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.

Epicurious: The April in Paris dinner, which will be held at the home of Pat Harvey on April 9, is a guest event and is full.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen said a tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will take place March 20, a concert by the Adaskin String Trio will take place March 22, and the Spring Gala Fundraiser will take place April 11.

Wintergreen Sporting Club: Camille Kurtz reminded members to check the club's website for upcoming events.

Announcements

Marti Szczur briefly described the alternate pipeline route being proposed by Dominion Pipeline which would run through parts of our Wintergreen community. A decision will be made in the next six months, and she urged everyone who is concerned about the many impacts on our community to attend informational meetings and contact elected officials at all levels. Next month Connie Brennan will speak about the pipeline at our Mountain Women meeting.

First Tuesday: Everyone is welcome to gather for dinner at 6:00 pm at the Copper Mine on the first Tuesday of each month.

The 2015 Hosting Schedule is as follows:

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Laurel Springs: February, June, October

Devils Knob: January, May, September
The Springs: March, July, November

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

MOUNTAIN WOMEN MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2015

The business meeting was preceded by an informative talk by Connie Brennan, a member of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors for over 14 years, who was introduced by Jo Ann Armstrong, Blackrock Neighborhood Chair. Together with her assistant, Bob Kemp, Brennan discussed many aspects of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, that Dominion Power would like to build to transport natural gas from West Virginia through Virginia to North Carolina. Using slides, she pointed out some of the many possible routes for the 550 mile pipeline under consideration, noting that one of their currently preferred routes would impact Nelson County, including parts of Wintergreen. She explained the negative impacts of a pipeline on the county and our community and offered suggestions for how concerned citizens could get involved.

Following Brennan's talk, Terri Brooks said that a petition asking the WPOA Board to oppose the pipeline was on a table in the back of the room for anyone who wished to sign. The WPOA Board would discuss the pipeline at their April 17 meeting, that was to begin at 1:00 PM. For those who wished to write their elected representatives, a sample letter was also available, Terri said.

The business meeting was then called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The minutes of March 13, 2015, were approved. Treasurer Terri Brooks reported a balance as of March 1, 2015 of \$536.86. March expenses were \$65 for the rent of our meeting room. Dues received at the March meeting were \$48 with one member paying the annual dues of \$30, making total receipts for the month of \$78. The balance as of the beginning of April was \$549.86 for a gain of \$186 since the beginning of 2015.

Mary Ellen then thanked the Blackrock neighborhood for hosting this meeting. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock, 9; Devils Knob, 5; Laurel Springs, 8; and The Springs, 9.

April birthdays are as follows: April 1, Sandi Nettina; April 2, Jane Kirkeby; April 5, Ellen Hampton and Jo Ann Zuercher; April 6, Phyllis Coulter; April 7, Susie Patton and Patricia Thompson; April 8, Jo Ann Armstrong; April 11, Lois Armel and Dawn Perusee; April 15, Jill Toop; April 16, Bev Bates and Barbara Lyn Belcher; April 19, Lisa Garber; and April 27, Maria Spence and Marcia Yanick.

Reports

Gardeners: Jill Toop said that Gardeners will tour Ivy Creek Nature Center in Charlottesville on April 17, followed by lunch at Travinia Italian Grill in Stonefield Center near Trader Joe's.

Book Group: Barbara Porter said that book group will meet for a planning meeting on May 11.

Epicurious: Cindy Coy reported that members and their guests attended an "April in Paris" dinner on April 9 at the home of Pat and Stu Harvey. On June 11, members will host an English tea at the home of Lynnda Gilliam, and a Mexican-themed dinner will be held in August.

Mountain Homesteaders Association: Michelle Clark announced that on May 9 MHA will host a

Seafood Fest, combining the shrimp and lobster fests of the past into one event. Members can choose lobster, shrimp, or both and pay accordingly.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks reminded Mountain Women to watch for information on the Annual Wildflower symposium in May.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen said that WPA is waiting to hear if their grant applications for the summer music festival will be approved and funded. Anyone who would like to host a musician or learn more about this rewarding experience should contact kelly@wintergreenperformingarts.org. Nanci Taylor added that the summer music festival brochure will soon be available.

Sporting Club: Camille Kurtz reported that several members are working with Lynchburg College to restore six valley ponds. On May 2, the club will host the semi-annual business meeting and social. Other activities for interested members include field archery on a station-to-station trail on WPOA property, boating day trips and several longer overnight trips, and opportunities for target shooting.

Reflection Garden: Marti Szczur said the garden looks fairly well after the long winter and asked members to consider helping to clean and weed the grounds in June.

Announcements

Carol Fonda will hold a BodiBalance Workshop for the Wintergreen community in June and July. She will teach a free sample class at the Mountain Women's June 12 meeting. Contact Carol at cmarielfonda@me.com or 917-579-9170 for more information.

Sue Carlson said that yoga classes will begin April 20 at RVCC. Contact her for more information at scarlson703@verizon.net

Maria Spence, Communicating Secretary, asked anyone who thinks they have not been receiving the minutes and meeting reminders to please contact her at paulnmaria_2000@yahoo.com

The May 8 Mountain Women meeting will be held at the home of Beverly Holloway, 380 Cedar Drive, at 10:00 AM. The Steering Committee will meet before the meeting at 9:00 AM.

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The Springs: March, July, November

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The minutes of April 10, 2015 were approved. Treasurer Terri Brooks reported a balance as of April 1, 2015 of \$549.86. We had expenses of \$65 for the rent of the Dunlop Room. Dues received during the April meeting totaled \$135. The balance as of the beginning of May was \$619.86 for a gain of \$256 since the beginning of 2015.

Mary Ellen then thanked the Devils Knob neighborhood for hosting the meeting, which was at the home of Beverly Holloway. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock, 6; Devils Knob, 4; Laurel Springs, 6; and The Springs, 4. Hilary Partridge was unanimously elected The Springs neighborhood chair.

May birthdays are as follows: May 1, Sally Boykin; May 4, Karen Ondayko and Tam Smith; May 6, Gloria Barrett and Gail Neal; May 15, Margaret Adams; May 16 Renee Acosta; May 18, Nancy Sundin; May 26, Lee Klousia; May 27 Michele Riedel; May 30, Donna Foege, Mary Klein, Mimi Scott.

Reports

Gardeners: Jill Toop reported that the group will tour existing and planned soapstone quarry gardens in Faber on May 19. Owners Bernice and Armand are implementing huge plans for their property which will be open to the public in a few years. Those who are unable to come Friday will have an opportunity to visit the gardens when Gardeners return in the future to work there.

On June 19 there will be a work day at the Wintergreen Reflection Garden near Chestnut Springs Pool. Jill will be away that day, and Sue Carlson will act as leader with the help of Lynn Luessen. Look for more information in early June.

Book Group: The group will meet for an organizing meeting May 11 to choose the books to read for the next 12 months. The meeting will be at the home of Mary Ellen Condon-Rall.

Epicurious: Epicurious will host an English tea for about 24 guests on June 11 at the home of Lynnda Gilliam. Please let Lynnda know if you would like to attend.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks reminded members that the Wildflower Symposium will be held the weekend of May 16-17. Looking ahead, the Sarah Ott Golf Tournament will be held October 2, 2015. The Nature Foundation is asking those with vacation homes to consider donating a stay in their home to this fundraiser.

Handwork Group: Donna Foege said that the group will meet May 22 at the home of Helen Eisenhart.

Mountain Homesteaders: Michelle Clark said that the Seafood Fest, a combination of the Shrimp Fest and Lobster Fest, will be held May 9.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen reported that the summer music festival program

brochure is now out in an easy to use format. Michelle Clark added that a buy-one-get-one offer for music festival concert tickets can be found in the Hospice of the Piedmont coupon book. Mary Ellen also said that WPA is still looking for people to host a festival musician in their home. For more information, contact the WPA office.

Sporting Club: Camille Kurtz reported that a small group from the club has just returned from a trip to Mathews, VA where the group stayed in a house built in the 1840s. The Club has plans for a trip to Belize in June. Karl Hess and Neil Carlson have been laying out a mountain archery course on WPOA land. Ongoing activities include pond restoration work, fishing clinics, archery lessons, boating adventures, and target shooting trips. Ed Solomon encouraged more women to come out for shooting trips.

Mountain Women June program: Mary Ellen said that in June Carol Fonda of BodiBalance will lead members in soft exercises designed to promote healthy movement and to introduce them to the program. A handout describing classes, presenting the schedule, and listing prices is in the back of the room. For more information visit her website cmariefonda@me.com or call 917-579-9170.

New Business

Hilary Partridge then told members that Blue Ridge Medical Center is partnering with the Reach Out and Read program to provide free age-appropriate books to all children aged 6 months to 5 years when they come in for their regular check-ups. Along with parental encouragement, this is a proven technique to improve kindergarten readiness. A modest donation can buy many books, and she asked Mountain Women to consider making a donation. Terri Brooks said that the Steering Committee endorses a contribution. After some discussion about charitable giving, Terri moved and Joyce Tate seconded a motion to contribute \$50 each to the Blue Ridge Medical Center Reach Out and Read, Wintergreen Performing Arts, The Wintergreen Nature Foundation, the Wintergreen Rescue Squad, and the Wintergreen Fire Department. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2015 hosting schedule is as follow:

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The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, Beverly Holloway introduced Van Anderson, a landscape designer with Waynesboro Landscape and Garden Center, who answered our many questions such as, how to choose plants for mountain gardens, optimal times to move plants, and deer-resistant plants. To contact him, call his cell phone at 540-241-0712.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The minutes of May 8, 2015 were approved. Mary Ellen gave the treasurer's report. The balance as of May 1, 2015 was \$619.86. Dues received at the May meeting totaled \$48.00. Total expenses for May were as follows: Members present at the May meeting voted to make \$50 donations to the Blue Ridge Medical Center for their Reach Out and Read Program, Wintergreen Performing Arts, The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen, the Wintergreen Rescue Squad, and the Wintergreen Fire Department for a total of \$250. In addition, \$12.50 was spent for coffee for a grand total of \$262.08. The balance as of June 10, 2015 is \$405.78 for a gain of \$41.92 since the beginning of 2015.

Mary Ellen then thanked the host neighborhood of Laurel Springs. Attendance by neighborhood was Blackrock, 4; Devils Knob, 3; Laurel Springs, 9; and The Springs, 5.

June birthdays are as follows: June 1, Judy Dewitt and Susan McIver; June 5, Gwynn Cain, Joy Leman, and Eloise Strand; June 9, Jan Jones; June 18, Christine White; June 20, Sue Carlson; June 23, Joanne White; June 25, Sandi Meyer; June 27, Arlene Stone; June 28, Lynn Luessen; June 29, Barbara Norton; June 30, Camille Kurtz.

Reports

Gardeners: Jill Toop reported that the group will work at the Reflection Garden next to the Chestnut Springs Pool on June 19 at 10:00 with lunch about 11:30 or 12:00 at the Devils Grill. Sue Carlson will coordinate this activity because Jill will be away. Everyone is welcome to come and help. Jill added that a pet garden is in progress as part of the Reflection Garden. Due to the Wintergreen Music Festival, there will be no Gardeners meeting in July.

Book Group: Mary Ellen said that Book Group may or may not continue and no decision has been made.

Epicurious: Hilary Partridge told of the success of the afternoon tea hosted by the cooking group on June 11 at the home of Lynnda Gilliam.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Ann Marie Goss said that volunteers are needed to occasionally prepare dinners for the academy students during the music festival. Volunteer cooks will only need to prepare part of a meal. If you are interested, contact Karen Quillen at the WPA office.

The Wintergreen Sporting Club: Some members of the club will be leaving for fishing in Belize on June 20.

Genealogy: Cindy Todd said that anyone interested in tracing their ancestry can contact her either by email cindyodd@aol.com or by phone 434-325-1316 and she will organize a meeting to help them get started. She added that using the computer has made it much easier to do this than it was in the past.

Announcements

Maria Spence said that the seasonal migrant workers have arrived in our area. Two University of Virginia students are working with them as part of their senior project this summer, and a grant will cover some of the workers needs. At this time no further help is needed.

Cindy Todd said that Friends of Nelson is organizing a march to protest the pipeline route preferred by Dominion on July 4. Contact Friends of Nelson for more information if you would like to get involved.

First Tuesday meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 at the Coppermine for dinner. Everyone is welcome.

The July Mountain Women will be held at Chestnut Springs at 1:00 PM. The Music Festival Academy students will play for us. Following their performance, we will walk over to the pool for a party.

The 2015 Hosting Schedule is as follows:

Blackrock: August
Devils Knob: September
Laurel Springs: October
The Springs: July, November

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

Following the business meeting, Carol Fonda, a New York dancer/choreographer, explained the aims and benefits of her BodiBalance for Retirees summer workshop. This movement system helps you achieve better movement habits through gentle exercise. Carol then led the group in beginning exercises. For those who are interested, she will be teaching summer classes at Wintergreen. For more information contact her at cmariefonda@me.com or 917-579-9170.

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. The minutes of July 10, 2015 were approved. Treasurer Terri Brooks reported a balance of \$450.78 as of July 9, 2015. Dues received at the July meeting were \$85.30 and expenses were \$43.00 for a new coffee maker and rent of \$65.00 to The Wintergreen Nature Foundation. The balance as of August 13, 2015 is \$428.08 for a gain of \$64.22 for 2015.

Mary Ellen then thanked the host neighborhood of Black Rock and Neighborhood Chair Jo Ann Armstrong. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock, 10; Devils Knob, 2; Laurel Springs, 7; and The Springs, 6. Four new members attended the meeting and were welcomed. They are Tamara Bramwell, Marcy Johnson and her mother, Marie Abercrombie, and Jill Schildkamp.

August birthdays are as follows: August 2, Cyndy Morris; August 5, Polly Williams; August 6, Cynthia Kelly; August 12, Dotty Rice, August 14, Pat Harvey; August 16, Marti Szczur; August 17, Diann Woolridge; August 20, Cindy Cobb; August 21, Lynnda Gilliam and Kathy Tardy; August 29, Joanne Street; August 30, Jane Glover and Martha Misker; August 31, Millie Steele.

Mary Ellen reported that the Steering Committee met before the business meeting and discussed future programs. With Vice President Joyce Tate becoming the next President and Communicating Secretary Maria Spence leaving the committee at the end of her term in 2015, there will be vacancies on the Steering Committee for those two positions.

Reports

Gardeners: Mary Ellen reported for Jill Toop that Gardeners will meet August 21 at 10:00 AM at Chestnut Springs Pavilion for a flower arranging workshop led by Anna Marie Mizell.

Epicurious: Vera Jones said that 30 people recently attended a Mexican-themed dinner at Chestnut Spring Pavilion catered by Margarita's Restaurant in Nellysford.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks reminded members of two upcoming events at the Nature Foundation. The first, a neighborhood picnic, is August 22, and the second, the Sara Ott Golf Tournament, is October 2. She also said volunteers to help in such areas as archaeology are always welcome.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen reported that ticket sales during this year's music festival were up by a third over last year. Tickets for the blue grass music festival at Dunlop Pavilion August 17 are \$30 for adults.

Reflection Garden: Marti Szczur told members that there is now a separate section in the Reflection Garden near Chestnut Springs Pool for pets.

WPOA: There are now eight candidates running for the two vacant positions on the WPOA Board.

Announcements

Barbara Porter said that line dancing classes are held Mondays at 3:00 in Tuckahoe School.

Marti Szczur updated members on the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Friends of Wintergreen, which opposes the present route, now has 501C status and donations are tax-deductible. Additional funds are needed to continue necessary research on alternate routes. WPOA will soon be sending out an information letter.

Sue Carlson told members that yoga classes are held Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe School. Equipment is available if needed, and there is a fee for the classes.

New Business

Members took some time to remember Hazel Griffith, a founding member of Mountain Women, who passed away this summer. Vera Jones moved and Terri Brooks seconded a motion to purchase a stone from Mountain Women in memory of Hazel to be placed in the Reflection Garden. The motion passed unanimously. Joyce Tate will arrange the purchase of the stone.

Hosting Schedule

Black Rock: August
Devils Knob: September
Laurel Springs: November
The Springs: October

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2015**

The business meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. She thanked The Springs and Hilary Partridge, The Springs Neighborhood Chair, for hosting the meeting and arranging the program. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Blackrock: 4
Laurel Springs: 4

Devils Knob: 3
The Springs: 6

In September, Mountain Women traveled to Sunspots in Staunton to see a glass blowing demonstration followed by lunch. There was no business meeting, Treasurer's Report, minutes or an opportunity to acknowledge September birthdays. Both September and October birthdays are as follows:

September: September 16, Maria Puente Duany; September 19, Christine Casey; September 20, Gwynn Litchfield; September 21, Susan Moore; September 24, Sara Dassance and Cynthia DeLuca; September 25, Diane Crannis and Joan Hines; September 27, Marybeth Matthews and Hilary Partridge.

October: October 7, Cindy Coy; October 16, Terri Brooks; October 18, Joyce Tate; October 19, Mike Williams; October 20, Patty Roupe;; October 22, Shirley Brauning; October 29, Phyllis Workman; October 30, Glenna Martin; October 31, Shirley Huff.

The minutes of August 14, 2015 were approved. Mary Ellen read the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Terri Brooks, who was not present. The balance as of August 13, 2015 was \$428.08. August dues collected were \$45.00 and no dues were collected in September. There were no expenses in August. September expenses were \$48.93, a reimbursement to Hilary Partridge for the sparkling wine she purchased for the July meeting. The balance as of October 1, 2015 is \$424.15 for a gain of \$60.29 since the beginning of 2015.

Reports

President's Report: Mary Ellen said the holiday luncheon will be held on December 11, 2015 at the Devils Grill. The cost, which will be determined by the Steering Committee when they meet in November, will be approximately \$35 per person without a subsidy from Mountain Women.

Gardeners: Jill Toop announced the annual seed exchange will be held at her home on October 16. In November Gardeners will meet one week earlier at the home of Jo Ann Armstrong to make pumpkin centerpieces. Meeting details will be sent by email.

Handwork: The group will meet at Donna Foege's house and she will send an email with meeting details.

Epicurious: The annual planning meeting will be held in December at the home of Marti Szczur.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Mary Ellen reported that Dale Weigel is the new president of WPA and that Nanci Taylor and Neil Carlson are new board members. Planning is underway for the 2016 music festival which will be slightly longer than last year. An important fund-raising

weekend will be held November 13-15, and the annual Virginia Consort concert is December 13.

Mountain Homesteaders: Bev Holloway announced the next event will be a Halloween pizza party on Saturday, October 31. The cost is \$15 per person.

Reflection Garden: Marti Szczur will soon be ordering memorial stones. Please contact her if you would like to purchase one.

Announcements

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Marti reported that Friends of Wintergreen are reviewing the application Dominion has recently filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

First Tuesday: Everyone is welcome to come for dinner at the Coppermine Restaurant at 6:00 PM on the first Tuesday of every month.

Hosting Schedule:

November: Laurel Springs

December: There is no neighborhood host for the holiday luncheon.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

Following the business meeting, Hilary Partridge introduced Beth Barber, executive director of OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Virginia. OLLI, which was started in 2001, offers many kinds of experiences for ongoing learning. This fall over 930 participants are enrolled in either classes taught by volunteer instructors who are often retired professors, or going on field trips or traveling overseas. Beth handed out a variety of information on the types of programs available and noted that OLLI has reorganized the fee structure.

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Condon-Rall. She thanked the host neighborhood of Laurel Springs for providing refreshments and arranging the program. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows: Blackrock: 7; Devils Knob, 3; Laurel Springs, 6; The Springs, 6.

November birthdays are as follows: November 2, Helen Jacobs; November 10, Jean Bertelsen, Kate McIntire; November 12, 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, Beverly Holloway; November 28, Prina Armour, Nancy Neville; November 29, Mary Carlson.

The minutes of October 10, 2015 were approved. Treasurer Terri Brooks reported that the balance as of October 8, 2015 was \$424.15. Dues received at the October 10 meeting totaled \$74. Rent paid for use of the Dunlop Room was \$65. The balance as of November 1, 2015 is \$433.15 for a gain of \$69.29 since the beginning of 2015.

Reports

President's Report: Mary Ellen said the holiday luncheon will be held on December 11, 2015 at the Devils Grill. The cost will be determined when the menu is finalized. The Steering Committee recommends that the cost of each lunch be subsidized a small amount approximately \$3.19 per lunch.

Gardeners: Gardeners will meet on March 18, 2016 at the home of Bev Holloway to plan the 2016 program. Because the present leader Jill Toop is retiring, in the future members may take turns planning programs. Jill received a round of applause for her many years of leadership.

Handwork: Handwork will resume meeting in January, 2016.

Epicurious: Cindy Coy said that Epicurious will meet December 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the home of Marti Szczur to plan the program for 2016.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: On November 21 the Nature Foundation Trivia night has been cancelled due to low numbers.

Mountain Homesteaders: Sue Solomon reported that almost \$900 has been donated for the purchase of warm clothing for students at Tye River Elementary School. Guidance Counselor David Hill provided information on the kinds of needed clothes and sizes, and almost all of these were purchased. The Mountain Women Handwork Group knit many, very nice hats, scarves, and mittens and donated them to the school as well. Sue thanked all those who gave so generously to this project.

Wintergreen Sporting Club: Camille Kurtz reported that the recent chili cook-off was a success. Breakout groups met before dinner to discuss the kinds of programs members would like in the coming year. Pond restoration and archery course construction projects are in progress. Dues

will increase after February 1, 2016 from the present \$10/member to \$25/member.

Reflection Garden: Marti Szczur showed members the memorial stone for Hazel Griffith, who was a founder of Mountain Women. She added that there is now a separate area where stones for beloved pets can be purchased and laid.

As an aside- it should be mentioned that two spots will be available on the Mountain Women Steering Committee as of January 2016. A Neighborhood chair for Blackrock neighborhood and an additional member for the board- please email Maria Spence- paulnmaria_2000@yahoo.com if you are interested and the Board will open up for nominations.

Hosting Schedule: The 2016 neighborhood hosting schedule is as follows:

Blackrock: January, May September

Devils Knob: February, June, October

Laurel Springs: March, July, November

The Springs: April, August, January, 2017

Note: There is no host for December for the holiday luncheon.

Announcements

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Marti said that Dominion has formally filed their application with FERC and that Friends of Wintergreen has filed as an intervener. More information can be found at the Friends of Wintergreen website.

Craft Fair: The RVCC holiday crafts fair will be December 5. There is also an indoor market there on Saturday mornings. The Nellysford farmers market has been extended through November and begins at 9:00 AM.

First Tuesday: Everyone is invited to have dinner at the Coppermine the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Before the meeting some members had left books for a book exchange. At the end of the business meeting, some readers gave brief summaries of some of these books as well as books they have recently enjoyed reading. Michelle Clark volunteered to inventory travel books and guides for those who might like to use them.

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,

Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary