

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Szczur. She thanked Blackrock neighborhood for hosting this month. She welcomed Mary Ellen Cordon-Rall, one of the founding members of Mountain Women and a past president. Mary Ellen was also active for many years in other local organizations, with Wintergreen Performing Arts a particular favorite. She has recently moved to Maryland to be close to family.

Marti reminded members that Mountain Women yearly dues of \$30 are collected for January-December; members may also pay \$3 at each meeting they attend.

Attendance by neighborhood:

Black Rock: 6

Devils Knob: 2

Laurel Springs: 4

The Springs: 3

Three new-ish members were welcomed.

- Katherine Parker came from Alexandria and has been full-time since July.
- Mary Jane Black is part-time, with her primary home in Loudoun County. She has taught music and has been coming to Wintergreen for over 15 years, primarily for the music festival.
- Cindy Gilmer became a part-time resident in 2011, and has been full-time since July. She comes from Falls Church, still works part-time and is an artist working in watercolor and oil.

Presidents Report

The Mountain Women Steering Committee met before the general meeting. Marti reported on the items discussed.

- Treasurer's term expires at the end of March so Terri Brooks will be leaving the Steering Committee. She has offered to return to the Committee after a year off.
- Barbara Porter offered to take over as Treasurer in April.
- Martha Gray has replaced Eva Blum as Blackrock co-chair.
- The Springs neighborhood would like a co-chair to assist Joyce Tate.
- New volunteers are needed for the Steering Committee. It is an excellent opportunity to be involved (with a minimum amount of work).
- Ideas for new programs were discussed, including a talk by the owner of Over The Moon bookstore in Crozet, an insider view of mediation and conflict resolution, a dog show of our very own dogs for the 'dog days of August', hints and tips on getting the most from cell phone cameras.

Terri Brooks presented the Treasurers Report

- Beginning balance \$851.09
- No dues collected in December
- No expenditures
- Current balance remains \$851.09

The surplus in the treasury was intended for the purchase of a projector but Cindy Gilmer has kindly offered the use of her personal projector whenever needed. This frees up the surplus to be used in other ways. Suggestions discussed were:

- Small donations to mountain-centric organizations – Friends of Wintergreen, Adaptive Skiing Program, Wintergreen Rescue Squad, Wintergreen Fire Department, Nature Foundation, Wintergreen Performing Arts.
- Honorariums for special speakers for Mountain Women programs

Marti asked that members let her know of any objections to these suggestions.

Reports and Announcements

- Garden Club: Meets on the third Friday of the month. Contact Bev Holloway at plains3545@gmail.com for information about this group.
- Book Club: Meets on the Monday following the Mountain Women meeting on Friday. Instead of reading a particular book and discussing it, this group shares recommendations about books and articles. Contact Jo Ann Armstrong at pharmsj@icloud.com for information about this group.
- Handwork: Meets at 10am on the last Friday of the month. Bring any kind of handcrafts to work on, or just come for the comradery. It has been on hiatus but Martha Gray will host the 2019 kickoff meeting to be held in February. Contact Cindy Coy at misscindycoy@msn.com for information about this group.
- Epicurious: The next event will be held on March 7 and will be a 'Jause', a traditional Austrian afternoon meal featuring sweet confections. In June, Epicurious, in conjunction with the Garden Club, will visit Polyface Farm. Contact Barbara Porter at ports1999@aol.com for information about this group.
- Nature Foundation: The winter lecture series has begun. See the Nature Foundation website for details.
- WPA: No report was presented.
- Sporting Club: Activities include biking, kayaking/canoeing, archery, skeet shooting. Contact John Tani for information about this group.

Julia Manherz, longtime Wintergreen resident, passed away at the age of 96.

Sue Carlson described the 'Fill The Closet' program which provides personal and school supplies for Nelson County school kids. They are in particular need now of toiletries such as deodorant (for boys and girls), tampons, soap and toothpaste. Donations or money can be dropped off to the Stoney Creek Auto ladies, or ordered online and delivered to Stoney Creek Auto.

The next meeting will be on February 8 and will be hosted by the Devils Knob neighborhood.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Instead of a program, the meeting was followed by an extended social hour.

Hosting Schedule:

Devils Knob (Carolyn Felling/Sallie Singletary) – February

Laurel Springs (Judy Dewitt) – March

The Springs (Joyce Tate) – April

Blackrock (Sue Carlson/Martha Gray) – May

January Birthdays:

Katie Ryan, 1/1; Anne Marie Goss, 1/2; Sarah Vanderhyde, 1/3; Mary Burke, 1/6; Carol Cheatham, 1/6; Marjorie Churchbourne, 1/9; Jewel Easler, 1/9; Rosanne Foley, 1/10; Sallie Singletary, 1/12; Ann Galione, 1/13; Sarah McCracken, 1/15; Joyce Smith, 1/15; Kathy Ely, 1/20; Phebe Wescott, 1/20; Helen Eisenhart, 1/22; Margaret Prinstein, 1/23; Jill Schildkamp, 1/25; Joann McCabe, 1/28; Barbara Porter, 1/29

**Minutes from
Wintergreen Mountain Women Steering Committee Meeting
January 11, 2019**

Members in Attendance: Judy DeWitt, Terri Brooks, Marti Szczur, Sallie Singletary, Jo Ann Armstrong, Carolyn Felling, Sue Carson, Martha Gray, Barbara Porter

- *Members reviewed the next year (Apr'19 – Mar'20) SC membership - expiring terms and call for candidates for open positions. Martha Gray has replaced Eva Blum as co-chair for Blackrock. Terri Brook's term expires end of Mar '19. She is willing to return to Steering Committee after a year off. Barbara Porter has offered to take on Treasurer Position for next year. Mention of the need for new volunteers for Steering Committee members will be made to full membership.*
- *Discussion of ideas for meeting program topics was held. Ideas included speaker from Over the Moon, an independent book store in Crozet (set for Feb.); Conflict Resolution discussion by 'Cville Woman of the Year', who is a friend of Judy DeWitt's; Dog Show ("Dog Days of August"); How to Take Advantage of the camera features on our mobile phones; Life Line device discussion; invite a well-known local speaker (e.g., John Grisham); day trips. Other good ideas have been captured on a list distributed by Jo Ann.*
- *Discussion of Ways to Spend Surplus in Balance – There was consensus among SC members that if the full membership was in agreement, we could donate \$50 to the following five Wintergreen-oriented non-profit groups: Nature Foundation, Performing Arts, Fire Dept., Rescue Squad, Friends of Wintergreen. This proposal will be presented to the membership-at-large at the next few MW monthly meeting, and a vote will be taken in March. This reduction of \$250.00 would still leave enough balance for covering the MW budget in the next year.*

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Szczur. The program was presented before the business meeting and the speaker was Anne DeVault from Over the Moon Bookstore in Crozet. Anne described her journey through various aspects of publishing to bookstore owner, and shared some less well known but fascinating book titles.

The business meeting followed. Marti thanked Devils Knob neighborhood for hosting and chair Carolyn Felling for arranging the program.

Attendance by neighborhood:

Black Rock: 5
Devils Knob: 3
Laurel Springs: 4
The Springs: 4

Terri Brooks presented the Treasurers Report

Beginning balance \$851.09

Dues collected in January \$168

Trillium House rent for January \$75

Ending balance \$944.09

A proposal was made in January to donate \$50 to each of the six Wintergreen non-profit organizations: Adaptive Skiing, Fire Department, Friends of Wintergreen, Nature Foundation, Wintergreen Performing Arts and the Rescue Squad. This has been presented to the membership for consideration and discussion, and will be voted upon during the March meeting.

Reports

- Garden Club: Meets on the third Friday of the month. The next event will be a spring planting workshop on April 26 at Milmont Greenhouses in Stuarts Draft. Contact Bev Holloway at plains3545@gmail.com for information about the group or this event.
- Book Club: Meets on the Monday following the Mountain Women meeting on Friday. Instead of reading a particular book and discussing it, this group shares recommendations about books and articles. Contact Jo Ann Armstrong at pharmsj@icloud.com for information about this group.
- Handwork: Meets at 10am on the last Friday of the month. Bring any kind of handcrafts to work on, or just come for the comradery. Contact Cindy Coy at misscindycoy@msn.com for information about this group.
- Epicurious: The next event will be held on March 7 and will be a 'Jause', a traditional Austrian afternoon meal featuring sweet confections. In June, Epicurious, in conjunction with the Garden Club, will visit Polyface Farm. Contact Barbara Porter at ports1999@aol.com for information about this group.
- Nature Foundation: Maple Sugar Days are coming up, starting with a hike to see how sap is collected and culminating with a pancake breakfast on March 9.
- Sporting Club: Activities include biking, kayaking/canoeing, archery, skeet shooting. Contact John Tani for information about this group.

Announcements

Joyce Claman shared the news that Dan and Betsy Brown were in a car accident a few weeks ago. Dan's injuries were not life-threatening but Betsy's were more severe. She is in ICU in a Savannah hospital. Contact Joyce for updates.

Sue Carlson described the 'Fill The Closet' program which provides personal and school supplies for Nelson County school kids. They are in particular need now of toiletries such as deodorant, soap and toothpaste for both boys and girls, and sanitary supplies for the girls. Donations or money can be dropped off to the Stoney Creek Auto ladies, or ordered online and delivered to Stoney Creek Auto.

The next meeting will be on March 8 at Trillium House and will be hosted by the Laurel Springs neighborhood. The program will be presented by Kathie Driscoll, Education Director of the Nature Foundation, and will be about the habits and habitats of owls.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Hosting Schedule:

Laurel Springs (Judy Dewitt) – March, August

The Springs (Joyce Tate) – April, September

Blackrock (Sue Carlson/Martha Gray) – May, October

Devils Knob (Carolyn Felling/Sallie Singletary) – June, December

March Birthdays:

Martha Gray 3/2

Marjolaine Marianella 3/3

Yvonne Behm 3/5

Peggy McFarland 3/5

Louise Cesaro 3/7

Jeanine Bennett 3/8

Georgia Orphan 3/8

Nancy Schwiesow 3/11

Vera Jones 3/14

Betsy Agelasto 3/19

Betsy Brown 3/20

Joyce Claman 3/23

Bobbie Thomas 3/23

Nancy Spangler 3/24

Virginia Hisghman 3/29

Jo Ann Armstrong

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**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Szczur. Marti thanked The Springs neighborhood for hosting and for arranging the program.

Attendance by neighborhood:

Black Rock: 5
Devils Knob: 6
Laurel Springs: 5
The Springs: 2

New member Phyllis Vienne was welcomed. She is from Rhode Island originally but spent most of her life in Maryland. She is interested in patio gardening.

Terri Brooks has completed her terms as Treasurer and Marti thanked her for her work. Barbara Porter takes Terri's place as Treasurer and they will work together to create a new budget.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning balance on Feb. 7 \$944.09
Dues collected in February \$147.00
Trillium House rent for February \$75 (March meeting cancelled)
Ending balance \$1016.09

A proposal was made in January to donate \$50 to each of the six Wintergreen non-profit organizations: Adaptive Skiing, Fire Department, Friends of Wintergreen, Nature Foundation, Wintergreen Performing Arts and the Rescue Squad. The proposal passed unanimously.

Reports

- Nature Foundation: The dinner/auction will be held at Bold Rock on June 7. The auction items will be available for online bidding ahead of time, with final bidding at the dinner. Owl quilt raffle tickets are available now; tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.
- Wintergreen Music: Derby Day party will be held on 5/4 from 4-7pm at the home of Vicki Sabin. Hats are optional!
- Garden Club: Meets on the third Friday of the month. The next event will be a spring planting workshop on April 26 at Milmont Greenhouses in Stuarts Draft, followed by lunch at Green Leaf in Waynesboro. Garden Club and Handwork have combined for this event. Contact Bev Holloway at plains3545@gmail.com for information about the group or this event.
- Book Club: Meets on the Monday following the Mountain Women meeting on Friday. Instead of reading a particular book and discussing it, this group shares recommendations about books and articles. The next meeting will be at 1:30 on April 15 at the home of Eva Blum. Tea, wine and Eva's special cake will be served. Contact Jo Ann Armstrong at pharmsj@icloud.com for information about this group.
- Handwork: Normally meets at 10am on the last Friday of the month but this month the group will join Garden Club at Milmont. Contact Cindy Coy at misscindycoy@msn.com for information about this group.

- Epicurious: The next event will be an all-day outing on Friday, June 21. Epicurious, in conjunction with the Garden Club, will visit Polyface Farm. The Polyface store will be open that day so bring a cooler with ice if you wish to make purchases. The group will go to lunch afterwards. Contact Barbara Porter at ports1999@aol.com for information about this group.
- Sporting Club: Activities include biking, kayaking/canoeing, archery, skeet shooting. Contact John Tani for information about this group.

Announcements

Martha Gray reported that 'Fill The Closet' needs snacks for testing days. She took up a collection to drop off at Stoney Creek Auto.

The business meeting was adjourned and the program followed. The speaker was Robert Swift, a Park Ranger at the Appomattox National Historical Park. Ranger Swift gave a fascinating talk about the history of Appomattox and events leading up to the surrender of Confederate General Lee to Union General Grant.

Hosting Schedule:

Laurel Springs (Judy DeWitt) – August

The Springs (Joyce Tate) – September

Blackrock (Sue Carlson/Martha Gray) – May, October

Devils Knob (Carolyn Felling/Sallie Singletary) – June, December

Birthdays:

Sandi	Nettina	4/1
Janie	Kirkeby	4/2
Tuss	Macpherson	4/3
Ellen	Hampton	4/5
JoAnn	Zuercher	4/5
Phyllis	Coulter	4/6
Carolyn	Felling	4/7
Susie	Patton	4/7
Pat	Thompson	4/7
JoAnn	Armstrong	4/8
Lois	Armel	4/11
Brenda	Kessler	4/11
Dawn	Perusse	4/11
Jill	Toop	4/15
Bev	Bates	4/16
Barbara-Lyn	Belcher	4/16
Lisa	Garber	4/19
Maria	Spence	4/27
Eva	Blum	4/28

MOUNTAIN WOMEN MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Communicating Secretary Jo Ann Armstrong. The program was presented before the business meeting and the speaker was Nelson County Sheriff David Hill. Sheriff Hill first discussed a personal emergency device available through the Sheriff's office, similar to Lifeline but without the monthly fees. Contact Sheriff Hill at 434-263-7051 for more information. Sheriff Hill then spoke about the work of the sheriff's department and the challenges they face.

The business meeting followed. Jo Ann thanked Blackrock neighborhood for hosting and arranging the program.

Attendance by neighborhood:

Black Rock: 5

Devils Knob: 3

Laurel Springs: 3

The Springs: 1

There were no new members.

Treasurer Barbara Porter reported that a Wells Fargo checking account has been set up for Mountain Women and the donations to six Wintergreen non-profits voted on at the last meeting have been made.

Reports

- Garden Club: Meets on the third Friday of the month. The May meeting has been cancelled. Contact Bev Holloway at plains3545@gmail.com for information about the group.
- Book Club: Meets on the Monday following the Mountain Women meeting on Friday. Instead of reading a particular book and discussing it, this group shares recommendations about books and articles. Next meeting will be at Martha Gray's home at 2pm. Wine and snacks will be served. Contact Jo Ann Armstrong at pharmsj@icloud.com for information about this group.
- Handwork: Meets at 10am on the last Friday of the month. Bring any kind of handcrafts to work on, or just come for the comradery. Contact Cindy Coy at misscindycoy@msn.com for information about this group.
- Epicurious: The next event will held on June 21. Epicurious, in conjunction with the Garden Club, will visit Polyface Farm. Contact Barbara Porter at ports1999@aol.com for information about this group or this event.
- Nature Foundation: The Wildflower Symposium will be held May 17-19.
- Wintergreen Music: Jo Ann reported that the Music Festival will be held July 7-August 4. New this year will be a Music Benefit honoring the Academy students past and present. The event will be held on July 21 at Valley Road Vineyards.
- Sporting Club: Activities include biking, kayaking/canoeing, archery, skeet shooting. Contact John Tani for information about this group.

There were no announcements.

The next meeting will be on June 14 at Chestnut Springs, hosted by Laurel Springs.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Hosting Schedule:

Laurel Springs (Judy Dewitt) – June

The Springs (Joyce Tate) – September

Blackrock (Sue Carlson/Martha Gray) – October

Devils Knob (Carolyn Felling/Sallie Singletary) – August, December

July – music students perform and all neighborhoods hosting lunch

November – pre-holiday luncheon

Birthdays:

Tam	Smith	5/4
Claudia	Chaten	5/5
Gloria	Barrett	5/6
Cathy	Cooper	5/7
Ann	Greenberg	5/13
Barbara	Rios	5/13
Janet	Varvel	5/14
Margaret	Adams	5/15
Nancy	Sundin	5/18
Lee	Klousia	5/26
Michele	Riedel	5/27
Mary	Klein	5/30
Mimi	Scott	5/30