



*Burnished Oak*

## DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR & November News

### NOVEMBER NEWS

[Click here](#) to find our Circles page, and subscribe to the *Hart's Mill* blog to keep up with the latest news!

PLEASE VISIT OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS—your contributions advance this culture-shifting work! Contact our leaders:

- **Membership & Marketing:** [Joe Cole](#), [Marilyn Grubbs](#)
- **Financial & Legal:** [Katy Ansardi](#)
- **Land Stewardship:** [Jeffry Goodrum](#), [Margret Mueller](#)
- **Planning, Design, and Development:** [Anthony Weston](#), [Katy Ansardi](#)
- **Governance & Training:** [Maria Silvia](#), [Hope Horton](#)
  
- **THIRD THURSDAY is morphing into the ★Mill Mingle★!** The Membership & Marketing Circle is responding to feedback that a social event on a Thursday night is not feasible for many members, especially families with children. Now, any member can propose a social event at a convenient time that could be...anything! Bowling, movie night, nature walks, fun fairs, cooking parties, whatever—limited only by your imagination. **Got an idea for a social event?** Contact M&M leaders (see above). We can't wait to play along!
- **LAND STEWARDSHIP**—Mark your Calendars for a presentation of the exciting **NEXT STEPS in Hart's Mill's farming endeavor!** Our January Last Saturday event will be a gathering hosted by Land Stewardship Functional Circle, called "**Engaging our Agrarian Mission: A Community Farming Initiative.**" It's time for YOU to become part of the farm! Join us to learn about growing suitable vegetable crops that will benefit both member participants and HM as a whole. Intrigued? **See you on January 26th!** Details to follow in the January calendar.
- **THE WOOD WIDE WEB** is here, spearheaded by Randy Dodd. Over the next two years we will be working approximately monthly from fall to spring implementing our Forest Stewardship Plan by thinning several of our forest stands, managing our invasive trees,

and generally appreciating and learning about Hart's Mill's wooded areas. Come out on December 8 from 1-5 and be a part of it!

- **MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING** members, Marilyn Grubbs and Richard Pinneau attended the annual Emerson Waldorf School holiday fair on Saturday November 3, always a fun and festive event! We had a table of information about Hart's Mill, including photos, maps of the land, and the latest drafts of our housing plans. This fair draws a crowd of like-minded people, and we had many inspiring discussions as well as exchanging contact information with those who had particular interest in our vision. We also added to the monarch butterfly population - OK, just paper ones, but the children had a great time coloring and cutting and then flying them around.
- **GOVERNANCE & TRAINING** coordinated the first of two weekend sessions on **Regenerative Development** with Leah Gibbons, a Ph.D. candidate at Arizona State University. Leah presented a compelling explanation and framework about this field and led us into exploring how Hart's Mill can begin to relate to and apply these principles in our work. **Interested in learning more?** Read this detailed [blog post](#). **If you'd like to participate in the next session, December 22-23**, contact Hope at [hopematrix@fastmail.com](mailto:hopematrix@fastmail.com) for details.
- **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL** continues to have in-depth conversations with financial institutions and individuals to formulate strategies for how we can organize and fund this visionary endeavor.
- **PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT** has continued developing architecture plans, requesting a third prototype from Jonathan Lucas for a 2-story home. We are also proceeding with plans to further prepare our site for development, looking at proceeding with necessary (and expensive!) soils testing for the wastewater field. Anthony and Amy return from Chile in mid-December, and we'll be very happy to have them back!

## DECEMBER, 2018 CALENDAR

***Note:** All events are open to everyone unless noted otherwise, and Zoom teleconferencing is also available for Circle meetings—but **RSVP is necessary!***

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2:00-4:00pm**

**Land Stewardship Circle**

**Hart's Nest, Mebane**

**RSVP Jeffry:** [seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com)

✧ Childcare available upon request ✧

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30-9:00pm**

**Membership & Marketing Circle**

**Hart's Nest, Mebane**

**RSVP Joe for address and details:** [drjoecole@gmail.com](mailto:drjoecole@gmail.com)

✧ Childcare available upon request ✧

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 5:30pm - 7:30-ish pm**

**The ★Mill Mingle★**

**Durham County Fare**, 1920 Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, NC 27707

<https://www.countyfauredurham.com/>

**\*\*\*Child-friendly event\*\*\***

*Amy and Krystal invite YOU to picture yourself with a couple of friends, enjoying each other's company. If you have small kids, they are running around playing with friends, in a fenced area. You have a beer/soda/cider/wine/water, in your hand. Or maybe you're eating some delicious food from one of the food trucks. Come hangout with us at the Durham Fare! **RSVP to Krystal & Amy** so that we look out for you! 919-328-0010 [leachsmith@gmail.com](mailto:leachsmith@gmail.com)*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1:00-5:00pm**

**Work Day on the Land, followed by a potluck around the fire!**

**RSVP Jeffrey:** seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com

**Tours at 1pm—RSVP Paul:** voss@hawkweed.net

☞ Childcare available upon request ☞

*We will launch our **Wood Wide Web** project, spearheaded by LSFC member Randy Dodd. Over the next two years we will be working approximately monthly from fall to spring implementing our Forest Stewardship Plan by thinning several of our forest stands, managing our invasive trees, and generally appreciating and learning about Hart's Mill's wooded areas. These **WWW** workdays will include social and non-work time; perhaps pot lucks/cookouts/campouts, hide-and-seek in the trees---who knows?! (Note that most of these WWW workdays will be separate from our general workdays, which will continue to happen every 5-6 weeks throughout the year.) Questions? Contact Margret: earthbound52@gmail.com*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:00-9:00pm**

**Planning, Design, and Development Circle**

**Via Zoom Teleconference—RSVP for link**

**RSVP Anthony:** Weston@elon.edu

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00-6:00pm**

**Governance and Training Circle**

**Hart's Nest, Mebane**

**RSVP Maria:** mariastawsky@gmail.com

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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30-9:00pm**

**Financial & Legal Circle**

**Hart's Nest, Mebane**

**RSVP Katy:** [katy@hartsmill.org](mailto:katy@hartsmill.org)

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

### General Circle Meeting

Hart's Nest, Mebane

Potluck: 6:00-ish

Meeting: 7:00-9:15 pm

**RSVP Hope**: [hopematrix@fastmail.com](mailto:hopematrix@fastmail.com)

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## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22-23, 9:00am-1:00pm both days

### Regenerative Development Session with Leah Gibbons

Hart's Nest, Mebane

**RSVP Hope**: [hopematrix@fastmail.com](mailto:hopematrix@fastmail.com)

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*Want to learn the latest on regenerative development? Interested in applying cutting edge solutions at Hart's Mill? Meet and work with Leah Gibbons, who is doing her doctoral work in regenerative sustainability at Arizona State University. Hart's Mill is one of the communities that she has chosen to participate in her research. Our session with Leah in November was rich and productive, and the December session is open others who feel moved to attend—but you'll need to spend some time prior to get up to speed. Please let Hope know if you'd like to get involved.*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 7:00-9:00pm (tentative)

### Planning, Design, and Development Circle

Via Zoom Teleconference—RSVP for link and status

**RSVP Anthony**: [Weston@elon.edu](mailto:Weston@elon.edu)

## LAST SATURDAYS will resume on January 26, 2019, 3-6pm.

**Mark your calendar** for the Land Stewardship presentation on **Engaging our Agrarian Mission: A Community Farming Initiative**.

## LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST TO EXPAND YOUR SOCIAL/CULTURAL HORIZONS

*You are encouraged to **submit events for next month's update** that align with Hart's Mill's vision, mission, and aims. Send them by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to Hope at [hopematrix@fastmail.com](mailto:hopematrix@fastmail.com).*

## **RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE TRAINING, sponsored by Organizing Against Racism (OAR)**

We strongly recommend these 2-day trainings as a way to begin a shared conversation about racism and social/environmental justice at Hart's Mill. [Click here to read Geri's post](#) about

attending Phase 1 on January 23rd. **They fill up fast!** Check the OAR website (OARalliance.org) for details and registration for these upcoming workshops and more:

- DECEMBER 4, Groundwater presentation, Hillsborough
- DECEMBER 6-7, Phase 1, Durham

**BEING OFFERED UNTIL DECEMBER 15th**

**[Restorative Retreats for ChangeMakers](#)**

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