

Hart's Mill Happenings

February, 2019

INVITING "JUICY CONVERSATIONS"

*With so much to DO at Hart's Mill, it can be hard to find time/space to talk with each other about challenging issues. The Governance & Training Circle is making time for members to have Juicy Conversations. What are they about? Read more in the February 9 Calendar listing. **We're here to support you** with something—or someone—you are struggling with. Give us a shout!*

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

2019 is THE YEAR to pull all the pieces together for groundbreaking. At our January 13th Planning Party, ably handled by Allie Van, Maria, and Hope, each Circle presented their first-quarter Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) designed to make significant, coordinated progress towards this goal. Many thanks to all who came, contributed their own OKRs, and then stayed to party and dance! We're off to a blazing start—[click here](#) to read more.

The **Land Stewardship Circle** got a lot done—inside and outside:

- Presented an innovative and inspiring Last Saturday Community Farming Workshop. Two teams have already signed up to grow more crops for market! Keep your eye out for a blog post soon.
- Updated Domain/Aims/Priorities for 2019
- Carried out another bracing Wood Wide Web (WWW) session
- Had a great work day where many hands



Daring daff, blooming by the old oak trees

HART'S MILL FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Note: all events are open to everyone unless otherwise indicated, and Zoom teleconferencing & child care is available for most Circle meetings—RSVP is essential!

LAND STEWARDSHIP CIRCLE

Sunday, February 3, 2-4pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Jeffry: seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING CIRCLE

Thursday, February 7, 6:30-9:00pm

Location TBA

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contributed to more trail work despite the frigid temperatures!

The **Planning, Design, & Development Circle** is deep in the midst of integrative village planning. A summit is happening in early February in Asheville including our architect, site planner, and farm planner. Next, we'll turn to the question of unit mix. We are entering the schematic design process for a third residential prototype while also preparing to (re)enter the design process for the Common House. On the engineering side, drier weather will allow us to proceed with soil testing in the Far Field for our Waste Water System Improvement permit, clearing the way for more intensive engineering work by late Spring.

The **Financial & Legal Circle** tended to business:

- Completed draft LLC financial reports
- Approved expenditure of up to \$6,000 for a used tractor
- Final review of circle budget allocations
- Updated Domain/Aims/Priorities for 2019
- Contacted LLC members about monthly payments toward mortgage

The **Membership & Marketing Circle** launched several new initiatives:

- A **Marketing Working Group** to attract many more like-minded members to live and work together at Hart's Mill.
- A series of presentations/discussions at the **Oasis in Carr Mill Mall** on with a focus on Hart's Mill. The February 11th session concerns Housing Coops.
- The first **★MILL MINGLE★** brunch where members enjoyed delicious food and even better company. (We'll have another one in February, followed by a Pop-Up Spring Cleaning day at the Nest.)

Our second **REGENERATIVE DEVELOPMENT** workshop with researcher, Leah Gibbons, helped

JUICY CONVERSATIONS

Saturday, February 9, 3:00 & 4:00 (one hour each)

Friday, March 1, 4:00, 5:00

Saturday, March 9, 10:30, 11:30

Hart's Nest, Mebane

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*Is the urgent taking precedence over the important for you? If so, The Governance & Training Circle is making time for members to have juicy conversations. What are they about? **Small irritations** between us before they become thermonuclear conflicts... **Critical feedback** in a more private setting... **Eternal head-scratchers** (what you always wanted to know about Hart's Mill and never dared to ask)... You can come and talk with us—and our hope and desire is that you will **invite someone else** with whom you'd like to dialogue with our support. Intrigued? Come ready to speak and listen. Reserve your one-hour slot now.*

PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Sunday, February 10, 7-8:30pm

Via Zoom Teleconferencing

RSVP Anthony: Weston@elon.edu

THE SKINNY ON HOUSING COOPS

Monday, February 11, 7-8:30pm

The Oasis in Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro

Led by Paul Voss, hear about the rich history of housing coops and learn why they make sense in these times. Invite your friends!

For information, contact Marilyn Grubbs:

marilyngrubbs@gmail.com

FINANCIAL & LEGAL CIRCLE

Thursday, February 14, 6:30-9:00pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Paul: voss@hawkweed.net

participants to imagine how Hart's Mill can be even more innovative in the way we build, relate to water flows, and even structure our finances. Many thanks to Leah for helping us to refine and deepen our practices towards regeneration and sustainability.

GET INVOLVED BY VISITING OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS

—your contributions advance this culture-shifting work! Contact our leaders:

- **Membership & Marketing:** [Marilyn Grubbs](#)
- **Financial & Legal:** [Paul Voss](#)
- **Land Stewardship:** [Jeffrey Goodrum](#), [Margret Mueller](#)
- **Planning, Design, & Development:** [Anthony Weston](#), [Katy Ansardi](#)
- **Governance & Training:** [Maria Silvia](#), [Hope Horton](#)

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST TO EXPAND YOUR SOCIAL & CULTURAL HORIZONS

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. **They fill up fast!** [Check the OAR website \(OARalliance.org\)](#) for details and registration.*

Racial Equity Performance Series

[Chapel in the Pines](#), Chapel Hill

Sunday, Feb. 3, 4pm: *Unpacking Longview* with Elizabeth M. Melton

Sunday, Feb. 24, 4pm: *The Talk*, with Sonny Kelly

Compassionate Connection

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00-8:30 pm

THE ★MILL MINGLE★

Saturday, February 16, 10-12am

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Marilyn: marilyngrubbs@gmail.com

Warm up with good food and friendly company at a festive winter brunch at the Nest! This is a great way for members to get to know each other better and have fun together in a relaxed setting. The more the merrier—bring your family, friends, and favorite dish.

POP-UP SPRING CLEANING AT THE NEST

February 16, 12:30-4:30pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Jeffrey: seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com

Come to a sumptuous brunch if you like (see "Mill Mingle" above), and then join us to freshen the Nest with both indoor and outdoor tasks. This home is our current common meeting space, so please come out and contribute to its care! No need to stay all day. Details to follow.

WOOD WIDE WEB FOREST INITIATIVE

Sunday, February 17, 1-5pm

Hart's Mill Land, Mebane

RSVP Margret: earthbound52@gmail.com

Please join Randy and other of your fellow communitarians to continue thinning trees and eradicating invasive species.

PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Sunday, February 17, 6-8:30pm

Potluck dinner meeting

Amy/Anthony home in Durham

RSVP Anthony: Weston@elon.edu

GOVERNANCE & TRAINING CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 19, 4-6pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

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Unity Center of Peace, 8800 Seawell School Road,
Chapel Hill, 27516

RSVP Marilyn: marilyngrubbs@gmail.com

Hart's Mill member, Marilyn Grubbs, and Farrunnissa Rosa offer this education and practice session in the body of work developed by Marshall Rosenberg, originally called Non-violent Communication (NVC). \$10 suggested donation.

DOING OUR OWN WORK: An Anti-Racism Seminar for White People

Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South

Contact: RCWMS, 919-683-1236,

rcwmsnc@aol.com

Part 1: March 28-31, Durham, NC

Part 2: April 25-28, Durham, NC

7-9 pm Thurs. evening, 9-5 on Friday, 9-5 on

Saturday, and 1-5 Sunday afternoon

Participation in all sessions is required.

At this time in our nation, we are witnessing an alarming resurgence of white supremacy and state sanctioned violence. It is imperative that white people do the deep work required to claim and embody an anti-racist identity, understand the privilege they carry, and interrupt racism where they live, work, study, and volunteer. Doing Our Own Work helps white people move through places where they often get stuck, so that they can step up with courage, humility, and compassion to participate in movements led by people of color and help move other white people to greater anti-racist awareness and action. Enrollment is limited to 20 people to facilitate in-depth reflection, dialogue, and community.

Leader: Melanie Morrison

Cost: \$475. Scholarships available. Do not hesitate to ask.

MARKETING WORKING GROUP

Thursday, February 21, 7-9pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

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LAST SATURDAY with FINANCIAL & LEGAL

How am I going to own my home at Hart's Mill?

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Paul: yoss@hawkweed.net

*The F&L Circle will address this critical issue and provide and several related questions. We will focus exclusively on the details of our home ownership intentions, in particular on our plan to establish a **Limited Equity Housing Cooperative**. What is this again? How will it affect me? How does it work? What will it cost? Is it a condominium? Why do we need something I've never heard of? These are important questions, and **the answers will affect us all**. This will be the **last opportunity** for the community at large (all members of Hart's Mill) to wrestle with these questions and provide input. Don't miss this important gathering.*

PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Sunday, February 24, 7-8:30pm

Via Zoom Teleconferencing

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GENERAL CIRCLE

Thursday, February 28

6-ish potluck, 7-9:15pm meeting

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Hope: hopematrix@fastmail.com

JUICY CONVERSATIONS

Friday, March 1, 4:00, 5:00

Hart's Nest, Mebane

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