



Hart's Mill Happenings

April, 2019

Heads up!

There's a CHANGE in our governance offerings: The April 5-6 Governance Training has been tabled for now, and the Advanced Cooperative Leadership Training for all members is postponed until the Last Saturday in June, when we will have elected our new leaders. **Mark your calendars for June 29**—it's going to be very rich!

In the know...

- We have just gone **live** with a new set of pages for the hartsmill.org website under the main menu heading, [Village Design](#). All aspects of ongoing design work are detailed there, with multiple illustrations as well.
- April's **SUN Magazine** is themed "Equality". There is an excellent interview with Dorothy Roberts about race, titled **Not so Black and White**. Copies available at Weaver St. Market, or [Margret](#) will loan you her copy.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Governance & Training hosted an absolutely smashing Last Saturday event with **Evangeline Weiss**. An activist and community builder for over 30 years, Evangeline shared simple and powerful ways to **engage many more people and build bigger teams** for the meaningful work that we are doing at Hart's Mill. You'll be seeing the results of this experience in our approach to upcoming events. Be on the lookout for a blog post with details soon--[subscribe](#) now!

Tractor needed: our search for a replacement second-hand tractor continues. Our dream-come-true will have mid-30's or more horsepower, 4WD,



Farming swings into gear

HART'S MILL APRIL CALENDAR

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

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING CIRCLE

Thursday, April 4, 6:30-9:00pm
Durham

RSVP Marilyn: marilyngrubbs@gmail.com

LAND STEWARDSHIP CIRCLE

Sunday, April 7, 2-4:30pm
Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Jeffrey: seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com

front-loader, diesel engine, cost no more than \$10,000-\$12,000, not have a ton of hours, and be within 100 miles. **Contact anyone on Land Stewardship** if you have a lead.

Planning, Design, and Development (PDD) continues to organize and energize architectural and engineering design work with the goal of complete schematic design for all aspects of the village by late Spring. We're close! Architectural work with Jonathan Lucas is now focused on the **Common House**, with concept sketches soon forthcoming. We have first-draft schematic designs under revision for the 3rd prototype residence, the 2-story FlexHouse. The leading edge of engineering work is soil testing for the needed **Wastewater Improvement Permit** from the County, which will begin as soon as soils dry out enough to permit equipment in the Far Field. We are also working intently on determining an **optimal Unit Mix**, with the goal of reaching a provisional decision at GC's April meeting.

Land Stewardship: The Community Farming Initiative has taken off! This long-awaited community involvement on the farm has begun with two teams of members growing select crops, guided by our farmers, Jeffry and Margret. See Margret's [blog post](#) of March 24 for all the fun details.

Financial and Legal: Tax time! Our 2018 LLC tax form has been submitted and **LLC Member individual K-1 forms** are out. Immense thanks to Katy for overseeing so competently this annual ritual!! April appears to be a month when we will open (or continue) **conversations with several experts** regarding organizing and paying for our eventual housing cooperative and meeting our anticipated expenses relating to a full array of predevelopment activities.

Membership & Marketing: The Marketing Working Group hosted a gathering at Oasis led by Anthony on village design. The Circle is setting fresh priorities, welcoming new members, and is revising the membership process.

GET INVOLVED BY VISITING OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS

Your contributions advance this culture-shifting work!

MONTHLY OASIS OFFERING

Monday, April 8, 7-8:30pm

Oasis at Carr Mill, Carrboro

Contact Marilyn Grubbs: marilyngrubbs@gmail.com

Topic TBA—it's sure to be intriguing! Come on down for "coffee" and conversation, and bring your friends.

FINANCIAL & LEGAL CIRCLE

Thursday, April 11, 6:30-9:00pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Paul: voss@hawkweed.net

JUICY CONVERSATIONS

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 & 11:15 (one hour each)

Tuesday, April 30, 4:00 & 5:15 (one hour each)

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Maria: mariasilviapini@gmail.com

*What are these 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.*

LAND STEWARDSHIP WORKDAY

Saturday, April 13, 1-5pm

Hart's Mill Land

RSVP Jeffry: seeingstarsfarm@gmail.com

Projects TBD. The workdays are weather-dependent, so be alert for last-minute cancellations or changes.

Coming in May: Multi-day work camp over Memorial Day weekend. Stay tuned for details!

PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Sunday, April 14, 7-9:00pm

Via Zoom Teleconferencing

RSVP Anthony: Weston@elon.edu

Contact our leaders:

- **Membership & Marketing:** [Rita Bennett-Chew](#), [Marilyn Grubbs](#)
- **Financial & Legal:** [Paul Voss](#)
- **Land Stewardship:** [Jeffry 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

Jaki Shelton Green, NC Poet Laureate "Finding Ourselves in the Story of Race"

Sunday, April 7, [Chapel in the Pines](#)

Ms. Green will read from her recent work and engage with the audience in a dialogue about race, faith, loss, and hope, concluding with a dinner in our fellowship hall. This event is free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided for visitors under the age of 4. Donations will be collected to support the artist. For more information visit [citppc.org](#)

Organizing Against Racism Groundwater Event

Saturday, April 13, 9am-12pm, Duke United Methodist Church, Durham

We HIGHLY RECOMMEND this three-hour "Groundwater Approach to Racial Equity" workshop, where trainers from the Racial Equity Institute (REI) use data and stories from a variety of sources to demonstrate the **ongoing and pervasive impact of race**. This research-based presentation focuses on the following six points that are essential to understanding the realities of systemic racism as a predictor of outcomes in all institutions:

1. Racial inequity looks the same across systems.
2. Socio-economic difference does not explain the racial inequity.
3. Systems contribute significantly to disparities.
4. The systems-level disparities cannot be explained by a few 'bad apples' or ill-intentioned gatekeepers.
5. Poor outcomes are concentrated in certain

GOVERNANCE & TRAINING CIRCLE

Tuesday, April 16, 4-6pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Maria: Mariasilviapini@gmail.com

MARKETING WORKING GROUP

Thursday, April 18, 7-9pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Marilyn: marilyngrubbs@gmail.com

THE ★MILL MINGLE★ NATURE WALK

Saturday, April 20, 3-5pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Hope: hopematrix@fastmail.com

Spring is upon us and the land is LIVELY! Come and enjoy a leisurely exploration of some precious places. Bring the children! All are welcome, and RSVP is essential.

GENERAL CIRCLE

Thursday, April 25

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

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Hope: hopematrix@fastmail.com

Observers are welcome, in person or via Zoom, if you RSVP

WOOD WIDE WEB WORKDAY

Saturday, April 27, 10-2pm

Hart's Mill Land

RSVP Margret: earthbound52@gmail.com

Please join Randy to continue thinning trees and eradicating invasive species. The workdays are weather-dependent, so be alert for last-minute cancellations or changes. Bring a lunch and stay around for our Last Saturday gathering from 3-6!

LAST SATURDAY with PLANNING, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

All About Village Design

Saturday, April 27, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

geographic communities; usually poor communities and communities of color.

6. An analysis that includes race often draws starkly different conclusions than one that does not.

Cost: Sliding scale \$5-30 (childcare and light refreshments provided)

For more information contact: Veronica Terry, msvterry.oar@gmail.com 919-685-2955

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.

Compassionate Connection (aka Non-Violent Communication)

Wednesday April 24, 7- 8:30 pm, Unity Center of Peace, 8800 Seawell School Road, Chapel Hill, RSVP marilyngrubbs@gmail.com or lkrosa@aol.com



Fiddlehead fern unfurling

Hart's Nest, Mebane

Childcare provided upon request

RSVP Anthony: weston@elon.edu.

PDD will look at the Residence Designs and the Living Options within them, as well as Common House and overall Village Layout. The full-scale village plan with models will be laid out for all to view. This session will be primarily informational, but as always we are looking for feedback of all sorts as well. Best preparation for attendees would be a careful exploration of the new [Village Design](#) pages on the website. In fact, please spend some time there whether you come to Last Saturday or not... if you squint you can almost see yourself living there!

PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Sunday, April 28, 7-9pm

Via Zoom Teleconferencing

RSVP Anthony: Weston@elon.edu

JUICY CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday,

April 30, 4:00 & 5:15 (one hour each)

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See April 13th listing for description.



Dazzling magenta whirlybird fruits of the Red Maple tree

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