



## Hart's Mill Happenings SEPTEMBER, 2019

### UP FRONT

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Our next **work day** takes place on **Sunday, September 1, from 9-1**. Come on down!

Want to know what's happening with the village and then some? The Planning, Design, & Development Circle will host a **FIRST SATURDAY on September 7, 3-6 pm at Hart's Nest**. PDD has been hard at work for a long time and we want to offer everyone a crisp overview of the state of our work and the concrete visualizations of the village that are emerging. All are welcome! RSVP to [Anthony](#) ASAP.

The **LAST SATURDAY event on September 28, 3-6pm, at Hart's Nest** features **Evangeline Weiss!** We were uplifted and inspired by her presentation in March (read about it on our [blog](#)), and she's agreed to return to bring **innovative practices to address conflict** in ways that help everyone in a situation be fully spoken and live into values that celebrate collective liberation and individual authenticity. RSVP to [Maria](#) for this special opportunity.



**Save the date!** On **Saturday, October 26** in the late afternoon/early evening, the Membership & Marketing Circle is coordinating Hart's Mill's **First**

**Annual Harvest Festival** on our land! Activities may include: pumpkin carving, hay rides, juggling, live music, a haunted trail (with scary creatures like the Wicked Witch of the Waste!), and plenty of seasonal food and drink. Plan to come and invite friends who

### HART'S MILL SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



*Over-the-top okra (photo by Margret Mueller) Cardinal flower above*

### GET INVOLVED—VISIT OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

**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!***

would like to see our land and have some fun! And you're also encouraged to **join in the planning or help us out on the day of the event.** Contact Marilyn: [marilyngrubbs@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngrubbs@gmail.com).

Our next **Governance and Cooperative Skills training** is happening on **Friday, October 25**, from 6:30-9:00 and **Saturday, October 26**, from 9:00-1:00. This training is a must for all new members and it is crucial to the way we accomplish everything we do at Hart's Mill. Contact Hope for information and to RSVP: [hopematrix@fastmail.com](mailto:hopematrix@fastmail.com)

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

**Land Stewardship Circle:** LSC did not meet in August (yes, that's a highlight!). There was a successful trail-upkeep workday which you can read about on our [blog](#). We continue to battle nibbling forays from a resident groundhog. The WWW (wood-wide web) work resumes in the fall; this month it happens simultaneously with the Sept. 1st workday. Questions? Contact Margret at [earthbound52@gmail.com](mailto:earthbound52@gmail.com). On Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>, round two of our **community farming initiative** began when teams came out to the land to plant their fall crops. We had been anxiously awaiting drier soil, and happily Wednesday morning was cool and perfect for farming. The two newly-configured teams sowed radishes, beets, carrots, Swiss chard, senposai, and more, and had a great time doing it!



**Planning, Design, & Development Circle:** Currently we are deep in the midst of kitchen design for the Common House, reconfiguring the overall residential design and Living Options portfolios, and trying to get a handle on optimum community size.

## WORK DAY ON THE LAND

Sunday, September 1, 9:00am-1:00pm on the Hart's Mill Land, potluck lunch to follow

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

*We'll gather promptly at 9:00 am at the Cedar Pavilion to organize the day's work. There's a tour at 11:00.*

*The tasks are:*

- Cedar Pavilion maintenance/repair/upgrade
- Wood Wide Web forest thinning
- Farm Fence repair/upgrade and clearing around the pump house

*Bring your friends and some food to share! After lunch, join us for a Land Stewardship Circle meeting.*

## LAND STEWARDSHIP CIRCLE

Sunday, September 1, 2-4:30pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane (following the work day)

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

## PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Sunday, September 1, 8:00-9:30, via Zoom

*Observers are welcome.*

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

## MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 6:30-9:00pm

Amy's home in Durham

**RSVP Marilyn:** [marilyngrubbs@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngrubbs@gmail.com)

*We welcome visitors to observe—please let us know in advance and plan to arrive a few minutes early.*

## FIRST SATURDAY

### with Planning, Design, & Development

September 7, 3:00-6:00pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

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

*This session will look at the whole range of HM design and planning activities, from the residential architecture and the Living Options portfolio to the Common House, the current site engineering and soils testing in the Far Field, unit mix (how many of which types of residences we build), building materials, and*

Regular PDD meetings coming up are Sunday, September 1, 7-9 on Zoom; Sunday September 15, a dinner meeting at Anthony's; and a late September Zoom meeting yet to be scheduled. And remember to come to the FIRST SATURDAY on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact [Anthony](#) if you'd like to participate in PDD in any way!

**ForestHer initiative:** What's that? Because of her interest in the Wood Wide Web initiative, Hope attended the first of six workshops offered by the Cooperative Extension Service focused on forest management for women (and a few men). [Click here](#) to read her blog post, and see below under Community Events for upcoming workshop dates.

### IN THE KNOW...

Amey recommends this National Equity Project article to continue our education as a community on racism. It's titled *Don't Talk about Implicit Bias Without talking about Structural Racism*. [Here's](#) a link.

**Communities Magazine's** September issue contains an article on cooperative governance co-written by Joe, Hope and Maria (G&T). [Click here](#) to download the issue, and consider subscribing to this excellent publication.



### 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

*the possibility of building the village in phases. There will be ample opportunity for questions and requests to follow up specific topics, too, and we'll end with an **instructive tour of the village site** out on the land itself (so, wear appropriate clothing/shoes for walking in the meadow). **Please join us for this session!** PDD has been hard at work for a long time in all of these areas, and we want to offer everyone a **fast-paced survey** of the state of our work and the concrete visualizations of the village that are emerging. All are welcome and childcare is available upon request. RSVP to [Anthony](#) is essential.*

### MONDAY at the OASIS

September 9, 7:00-8:30pm  
Oasis at Carr Mill, Carrboro

Richard Pinneau will lead the discussion

**How shall we lead our daily lives — so the world's a better place?** *Please join us, and invite a friend. All are welcome! For information, contact Marilyn Grubbs: [marilyngrubbs@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngrubbs@gmail.com)*

### FINANCIAL & LEGAL CIRCLE

Thursday, September 12, 6:30-9:00pm  
Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Paul: [voss@hawkweed.net](mailto:voss@hawkweed.net)

*Our Circle continues to invite anyone who wishes to become more deeply involved with Hart's Mill matters (especially those for whom exciting topics of finance & law make their hearts go pitter patter).*

### PLANNING, DESIGN, & DEVELOPMENT

**CIRCLE** Sunday, September 15, 6:00-8:30

Potluck dinner meeting

Anthony's home, Durham

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

*Observers are very welcome.*

### GOVERNANCE & TRAINING CIRCLE

Tuesday, September 17, 4-6pm

Hart's Nest, Mebane

RSVP Maria: [mariasilviapini@gmail.com](mailto:mariasilviapini@gmail.com)

*If you are interested in this Circle and this is not a good time for you, please contact Maria*

way to begin a shared conversation about racism and social/environmental justice at Hart's Mill. **They fill up fast!** [Check the OAR website \(OARalliance.org\)](http://OARalliance.org) for details and registration.

**Compassionate Connection (aka NonViolent Communication or NVC)**

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00-8:30pm, monthly training/practice group at Unity Center of Peace, 8800 Seawell School Road, Chapel Hill. No prior experience with NVC required; introductory information is offered every month. Facilitated by Marilyn Grubbs and Lila Rosa. RSVP to Marilyn Grubbs: Suggested donation of \$10. Questions: [marilyngrubbs@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngrubbs@gmail.com)

**A Conversation with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg,** September 23, 2019, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, the Lillian Parker Wallace Lecture, Meredith College, at Meymandi Concert Hall, Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Raleigh. Tickets may be available to the public by lottery on or after Monday, Sept. 16. For details on how to request public tickets, click [here](#).

**Reading from *The Last Straw: The Continuing Quest for Life without Disposable Plastic*,** by Bryant Holsenbeck, October 5, 2019, Saturday 2:00 pm, [McIntyre's Books](#), Fearington Village, Pittsboro, NC

**ForestHer Workshops** held from 10-3 in Pittsboro on November 7, March 12, May 14, and August 13. Contact [Debbie Roos](#), NC Cooperative Extension of Chatham County, for more information.



*Black Trumpet mushrooms (photo by Margret)*

**GENERAL CIRCLE**

Thursday, September 26  
6-ish potluck, 7:00-9:30pm meeting  
Hart's Nest, Mebane  
RSVP Hope: [hopematrix@fastmail.com](mailto:hopematrix@fastmail.com).

**LAST SATURDAY with EVANGELINE WEISS**  
**The Integra model for working with conflict Governance & Training**

Saturday, September 28, 3-6pm  
Hart's Nest, Mebane  
*Conflict can be discouraging and hard for relationships in all walks of life. Building meaning from disagreements can energize relationships and prevent conflict from being destructive. Join Evangeline of [Go Beyond Conflict](#) to explore a model for interpersonal conflict that gets at clear and specific steps for having conflicts that are productive. Not a lesson in compromise, Integra is a model that helps everyone in a situation be fully spoken and live into values that celebrate collective liberation and individual authenticity. (Read about her March Last Saturday presentation on building bigger teams on our [blog!](#))*



