

# SHENANDOAH NATURALISTS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE SHENANDOAH CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA MASTER NATURALISTS PROGRAM

## FROM THE EDITORS

BY LORI POTTER



As winter settles over Virginia, our natural world enters a season of quiet resilience. The bare branches that might seem lifeless are actually resting, conserving energy for spring's renewal. Cardinals brighten snowy landscapes, while deer browse on twigs and evergreen leaves. Beneath the leaf litter, countless organisms slow their metabolic processes, waiting patiently for warmer days.

Some of my favorite winter moments are being outside in the quiet forest blanketed by snow, breaking trail and observing the different animal prints and their pathways. As I write this, a winter storm is approaching our region. I hope everyone has stayed warm and safe. Maybe you also got the chance to observe how our wild neighbors weathered the storm.

Thank you to Katie, Neal and Valerie from the newsletter committee and all the content contributors to this Winter edition.

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BY KATIE ENDERS

On these cold winter days, it can be easy to feel stuck or discouraged by the seeming lack of change—but nature knows better. There's always something happening. One of my fondest memories is of kayaking down Cedar Creek near Middletown one cold winter morning. We took special care not to tip, and in places we had to break the ice with our paddles, but the river led us on an amazing trip under rime-coated branches and through water still filled with life, just waiting for temperatures to rise.

As William Stafford wrote in his poem, "Ask Me":

*"We know*

*the current is there, hidden; and there  
are comings and goings from miles away  
that hold the stillness exactly before us.  
What the river says, that is what I say."*



I hope you will find in this newsletter some of the many "comings and goings" of the Shenandoah Chapter's Master Naturalists during these quiet winter months, and find it informative and encouraging. If you are inspired to share your own knowledge and experience with the rest of the chapter members, please write to us at [loriprima@gmail.com](mailto:loriprima@gmail.com) and [kt3nders@gmail.com](mailto:kt3nders@gmail.com).



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JULIE PIÑEIRO

*"Winter's an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting,  
and autumn a mosaic of them all." ~ Stanley Horowitz*

Dear Shenandoah Members,

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Julie Piñeiro, the newly elected President of our Chapter. When I'm not teaching children about the natural world, I love to hike and watch birds. This time of year, the birds I see the most match their landscape: gray juncos and titmice, black and white chickadees and woodpeckers, ebony crows and buff-brown doves. Goldfinches, cardinals, purple finches, and blue jays provide relief from the stark wintertime palette and evoke thoughts of the springtime colors to come. Thank goodness for the rhythm of the seasons, flowing from one to the next with blurred edges, gently reminding us that nothing in nature or in life is static. Change is required for renewal and growth.

As with the seasons, our Chapter's Board underwent an anticipated transition in January, as President **Rebecca Harriett** and Treasurer **Sue Bailey** stepped down, having served with tremendous diligence and competence for two years. We thank them for the countless hours they invested in maintaining our Chapter as a vibrant organization. The Board enthusiastically welcomed **Jenn Flitton Adams** and **Cindy Glatkowski**, incoming Vice President and Treasurer respectively, and we got to work drafting goals and a budget for the coming year. Soon we'll greet our next cohort of Virginia Master Naturalist candidates as the Basic Training Class gets underway in March. Their passions, life experiences, and areas of expertise will infuse our Chapter with energy and transform it with new ideas.

### A Warm Welcome on a Cold Day to the Incoming Class of 2026 A REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

With this issue of the *Shenandoah Naturalists*, we welcome the Class of 2026 to the Shenandoah Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists! After a rigorous application process, 25 outstanding applicants were selected to start the Basic Training Course in March. According to Alice Straker, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, those chosen represent a wide range of interests and backgrounds. On **Sunday, February 15**, the new class will have an opportunity to meet other VMN members at Sky Meadows State Park by joining in "Winterized! A Walk for a Cold Mid-Winter Day" led by Laure Wallace and Kristin Zimet. (See Better Impact for details.) Organizers offer to fill mugs (bring your own!) with hot cider and to help participants "rethink winter--from big tree to tiny insect." This is just the start to the many opportunities provided through the Shenandoah Chapter's VMN Program. We're delighted you can join us!

## REMEMBERING RODINIA

BY SCOTT BARBOZA



*Dr. Scott Barboza at Sky Meadows State Park, 11/2025  
Photo by Neal Straker*

Recently, Park Interpreters, VMN members, and the public took part in a geology excursion at Sky Meadows State Park, exploring the story of the ancient supercontinent Rodinia through the park's rocks and vistas. Dr. Scott Barboza and Laure Wallace, both Shenandoah Chapter Virginia Master Naturalists, created and led the program for about 30 people interested in natural history. The event was held twice—first for VMN members, then for the public—with support from the Park Interpretive Rangers. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather, stunning scenery, and the opportunity to learn together about Virginia's natural history.

Scott and Laure started with a short talk in the carriage barn, then led hands-on activities and discussions at various rock outcrops along a 1.5-mile walk. Each participant received a field guide and hand lens, and learned about the local geology from posters and rock samples at different stops. The session covered plate tectonics and rock identification, showing how the park's geology tells the story of Rodinia's formation and breakup. At the base of the path, the group looked at rocks shaped by the ancient Grenville Mountains. As they climbed, they explored the Great Unconformity, a 500-million-year

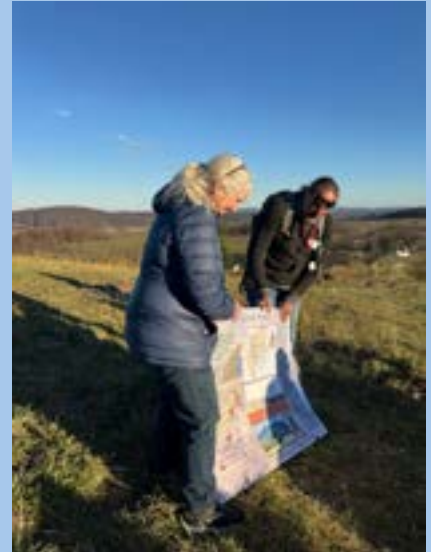


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gap in the rock record. At the top, they studied basalts that mark Rodinia's breakup and the opening of the Iapetus Ocean nearly 700 million years ago. Explorations like these help people see the vast history recorded in Northern Virginia's rocks, as well as the changes in life, atmosphere, and landscapes over time.

The program was very well received by everyone who attended. The participants said they found the program inspiring and hope to see more events like it. Several Park Interpretive Rangers also had positive feedback and asked that the program become a regular event at Sky Meadows State Park. After the presentation, Rangers at Shenandoah River State Park asked Scott, Laure, and VMN Sara Dydak to develop a similar geology program and to help design a geology display for their Visitor Center. Scott, Laure, and Sara's vision is to build high-quality educational products to teach natural history directly to the public and to inspire and equip the park interpretive staff to improve the quality of geology education programs at state parks.



*Laure Wallace and Dr. Barboza  
Photo by Neal Straker*



## MEET THE CLASS OF 2025 REPRESENTATIVE Lisa Frances LaCivita

The class representative position is to offer representation on the Chapter's Board of Directors, so new members can have a voice in the administration of the Chapter and get to know who does what in the Chapter's leadership. It is also a way for new members to learn more about the Chapter's projects & how it operates under the state-approved by-laws & Chapter Operation Handbook. It provides another bridge and communication tool between new members coming in and the current membership. The position was started three years ago with Rosemary Wallinger (2023), Evelyn Joran-Thiel (2024), and now Lisa is the third class rep.

### **Q: Could you tell us a little about yourself?**

**A:** I am semi-retired from a career primarily in education. Currently, I work part-time at the Bowman Library in Stephens City. I like to read, work in my yard and garden, and walk daily. I am a big fan of (and volunteer with) the Barns of Rose Hill in Berryville, and I support musicians by attending live performances.

### **Q: Why did you become a Master Naturalist and what interests you the most?**

**A:** As an ecologist, it all interests me. I developed and currently teach a Birding 101 class that's offered at the Bowman Library, so I guess that says something. I do not consider myself a bird "expert," but rather a bird "enthusiast." I enjoy being in nature—I've participated in Christmas Bird Counts, the C&O Canal Mid-Winter Bird Count, along with plant, pollinator and bird surveys for Virginia Working Landscapes; I also conduct observations for a FrogWatch site. I see great value in citizen science, and I appreciate the many ways that VMN encourages these efforts. The opportunity to explore and support our state, local, and national parks was additional inspiration. I value contributing to projects and like being part of a community of like-minded people who share my love of the natural world.

### **Q: As the class of 2025 representative, what are your ideas for keeping first year-VMN members informed and engaged?**

**A:** I think the Chapter already keeps us well informed with emails, Better Impact, and this newsletter. When I accepted the position last May, there was no written description of this position, so it has been a bit of a learning curve. We are planning a 2025 class reunion in February at Seven Bends State Park and Muse Vineyards—it will be fun to catch up in person. Since not everyone can join us then, I would like to meet again in March or April, and I have two field trip ideas to propose to the class.

### **Q: Who is one of your favorite naturalists that we should know about?**

**A:** Lena Clemmons Artz (August 3, 1891 – June 2, 1976) was a botanist and teacher who studied the flora of Virginia, especially shale barrens and other mountain ecosystems. She was born in Shenandoah County and worked in our area. Dr. Andrea Weeks from George Mason University gave a presentation on her at a Virginia Native Plant Conference, which is how I learned about her. I think Dr. Weeks got interested in her because of specimens in the GMU herbarium that Lena Artz had collected. There is no book written about her (yet), but I find her life and contributions notable.

**Register Here**



**Birding 101 - Registration Required**

**March 9, 16, 23, 30**

**6:30 pm -7:30 pm**

**Bowman Library**

**871 Tasker Rd.**

**Stephens City VA 22655**



*Lisa Frances LaCivita, January 2026  
Photo taken by Lori Potter*

## **ALMOST A DECADE ON THE SENSORY EXPLORERS' TRAIL AT SKY MEADOWS STATE PARK**

*BY LAURE WALLACE*



*Vernal Pool Deck Completed, Photo by Laure Wallace*

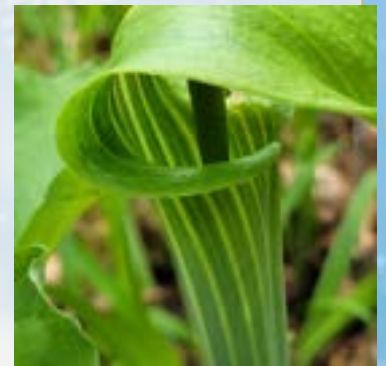
It's been nine jam-packed, fulfilling years since the idea of the Sensory Explorers' Trail (SET) was born. We began with a vision of an interpretive trail open to the blind and visually impaired, but we soon realized that we had a wonderful chance to interpret nature for every visitor in a way that awakens all the senses.

The first two years were all about going from vision to execution—researching how to make the trail accessible, writing about the science we wanted to share, creating everything from signage to hands-on displays to an audio tour, raising money (of course), and building a dynamite team to make it all come to life,

including six months of vigorous labor! Every step was challenging, broadening, and brimming with the joy of camaraderie. Fifty chapter members participated in making this dream a reality. Finally, in August of 2019, we opened the trail—just six months before the restrictions of COVID hit. While this slowed us a little, it did not quell our enthusiasm. It just meant we had more time to focus on our VMN walk series.

Our SET walks showcase the expertise of talented chapter members. This past summer alone, we offered 17 guided walks. Each year we continue to refine and expand our walk offerings, and we are always looking for new walk leaders to share their passions—which could be you!

And the fun does not stop there—yes, pulling out invasives really is fun, and it makes a big difference. In the spring, woodland Jack-in-the-pulpit now bloom in profusion, and blue lobelia thrive by the vernal pools. Yearly invasive pulls attract a lot of community support, including scout troops and an amazing team from Micron Technology with as many as 30 volunteers. On their



*Jack-in-the-pulpit,  
Photo by Laure Wallace*



*Blue Lobelia, Photo by Laure Wallace*

invasive pull two years ago, Micron not only gifted us with 20 native trees but also planted them for us!

We're always dreaming about ways to do even more in the 76 acres we call the Outdoor Lab, which was designated for our use in the first-ever Memorandum of Agreement between a Virginia state park and a VMN Chapter. That historic agreement created a special place for us to conduct citizen science and environmental education activities. So come join our team on SET programs, in the pollinator plots, and on workdays, or design your very own project or program. We welcome you to join us in this grand adventure!

## Winter Tree Identification Workshop: Botany and Bloom Series



*BY PAUL GUAY AND NEAL STRAKER*

Despite the chilly breezes of late autumn and trees standing bare of leaves, participants in the Winter Tree Identification Workshop discovered that trees still offer many clues to their identity. Held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Sky Meadows State Park, the workshop was the third hike in the park's Botany and Bloom series and proved to be both educational and engaging.

Led by Shenandoah Chapter Virginia Master Naturalist Paul Guay, the program began at the park's Carriage Barn

with an informative 30-minute PowerPoint presentation. The introduction covered essential topics such as tree anatomy, bark characteristics, leaf scars, and other key features used to identify trees during the winter months. Participants also learned about symbiotic and parasitic relationships among trees, along with practical tips and tricks for winter tree identification.

Following the presentation, the group set out on an approximately two-mile guided hike along the park's beautifully wooded Snowden Loop Trail. Along the way, hikers put their newly learned skills into practice while engaging in lively discussions that extended beyond basic tree identification. Topics included the origin and meaning of botanical names, seed distribution strategies, and the historical, folkloric, medicinal, culinary, and industrial uses of trees.

Throughout the hike, participants explored Sky Meadows' diverse forests and gained a deeper appreciation for the subtle details that allow trees to be identified even in the absence of leaves. The workshop answered many common questions, including "What kind of tree is that?" and "How can you identify a tree in winter?" By day's end, hikers left with enhanced observation skills and a renewed connection to the winter landscape. As many agreed, it was truly a great day.

The Botany and Bloom series also includes other seasonal hikes, such as the Spring Ephemeral Hike on the Gap Run and North Ridge Trail, and the Summer Blooms Hike to the Piedmont Memorial Overlook and the native plant pollinator plot.

In addition to this series, Virginia Master Naturalist Paul Guay hosts or supports several other programs at Sky Meadows State Park, including the seasonal TREEmendous Hikes on the Sensory Explorers Trail, the Habitat Detectives Hike series, and Landscaping for Monarchs which is presented during the park's Monarch Day.

Naturalists interested in continuing their tree identification journey can also explore the Sky Meadows State Park's Snowden Trail Tree Identification Self-Guided Hike, developed by the park's Lead Interpretive Ranger and Virginia Master Naturalist Charles Price and Virginia Master Naturalist Paul Guay, with additional information about The Snowden Trail available through the [Virginia State Parks website](#).

## UPPER HAWKSBILL TRAIL: A SHORT, REWARDING TRAIL LEADING TO SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK'S HIGHEST PEAK

**Getting There:** Start from the Upper Hawksbill parking area at milepost 46.5 in the Central District

**Distance:** 2.1 mile out-and-back hike

**Difficulty:** Easy, mostly wide dirt path with rocks and roots

**Elevation Gain:** 520 feet

**Interesting Feature:** At the top, hikers are rewarded with spectacular 360-degree panoramic views from a stone observation platform, overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, Blue Ridge Mountains, and Virginia Piedmont.



Find a map and trail information at <https://www.nps.gov/thingstodo/upper-hawksbill-summit.htm>

## VERNAL POOLS PROJECT

BY JODI DAVIS

Now that we are well into winter, we're starting to think of frogs, salamanders, and newts—oh my!

In late winter/early spring, Master Naturalist volunteers will be heading out to our local seasonal wetlands to do surveys to see if the pools are hosting specific amphibian species.



If you are interested in becoming a Vernal Pool Monitor, please reach out and let me know because online training will be starting soon. This is a seasonal commitment, and will focus on the late winter/early spring time frame. Feel free also to reach out if you have more questions about the program.

Thank you,  
-Jodi Davis

Coordinator of the Vernal Pool Project for the Shenandoah Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists  
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## THE NATURALIST'S LIBRARY

### RECOMMENDATIONS BY LISA FRANCES LACIVITA

I especially enjoy books about the history of science. Who were the people who figured things out and how did that happen? One book I recommend is *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard (2021). Simard tells the story of her career as a scientist and forester beginning in the 1980s when forestry was a very male-dominated profession with few women working in it. Through her observations, Simard realized that the health and life of the soil impacted the success of forest regeneration. Her ideas were considered “wacky” at the time, but she developed and conducted experiments to prove her hypothesis. Now the notion that the mycorrhizal life in the soil is a crucial element to forest health has gone mainstream.

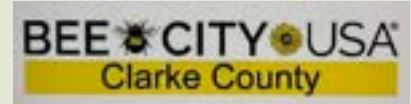
*The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben (2016), a German forester, and *The Power of Trees: How Ancient Forests Can Save Us If We Let Them* (2023) build on Simard’s research. Merlin Sheldrake’s *Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures* further explores this realm.

But the book that has recently blown my mind is *The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth* by Zoe Schlanger (2024). The research reported here is truly stunning. As if this magnificent earth weren’t already awesome enough, check out this current research on plants!



### THE CLARKE BEE TEAM

BY LORI DABINETT



In January of 2025, at a Clarke County master gardener meeting, Barbara Bosserman and myself asked why we were not part of BeeCityUSA. Winchester had recently earned the title and we felt that we should have the same important designation. The rest of the gardeners agreed.

For the next ten months, Barbara and I mobilized the county in support of the resolution. We talked to key stakeholders including supervisors, our congressman, Ben Cline, important conservationists at the Piedmont Environmental Council, and businesses across Clarke. We found that everyone, when they heard the details, could get behind the BeeCityUSA designation for Clarke.

The resolution applies to county lands, not private, and serves to educate the population about the plight of the pollinators and what each of us can do to reverse their decline. The Board of Supervisors adopted our resolution in October. In January, we became a program within Sustainability Matters.

**Listen to my presentation at our Shenandoah Chapter Meeting on Monday, February 9, to hear the details of what the Bee Team does and how we came to be. (See page 11)**

### The Blandy Book Club

The Blandy Book Club is open to anyone with an interest in learning more about the natural world.

Every 4th Thursday of the month January thru October, 1PM - 2PM; Blandy Library and Zoom

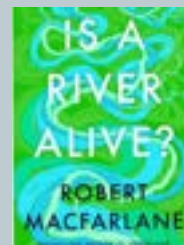
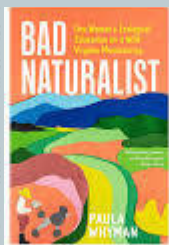
#### Books for 2026

**February** - *Bad Naturalist* by Paula Wyman

**March** - *Animals Make Us Human* by Temple Grandin

**April** - *Is A River Alive* by Robert McFarlane

**May** - *Buzz: The Nature & Necessity of Bees* by Thor Hanson



## STARTING THE SHENANDOAH NATURALIST'S BOOK CLUB BY LAURA FOGLER

After completing the Basic Training Course in 2022, I was searching for ways to continue to expand my knowledge about the natural world and connect with other, like-minded VMNers. After looking into the Blandy Book Club, I began thinking about starting a club in my own geographic area. There are quite a few of us here in Shenandoah County and Blandy is just too far away for most of us to travel to regularly. I reached out to Alex Newhart to find out if this was something the chapter would be ok with and was given the green light. Alex told me the particulars of how to log the education and volunteer hours as they apply to book club participation. The next step was reaching out to a few of the VMNers in my area and there was quite a bit of interest.

Our initial meeting was a planning session for six in February 2023. We decided to call ourselves, "Shenandoah Naturalist's Book Club". Since that time, our group has grown to 15 amazing women, which we decided was our limit. We take turns meeting in each other's homes and everyone brings a snack to share. We have a social time (of course) at the beginning, and then discuss our latest book selection, sharing what we liked, what we didn't like, things that surprised us, new knowledge that was exciting to learn, etc....

We have a simple process in that, before we end each meeting, we select the next book we want to read (focusing on topics related to naturalist interests) and discuss and choose the next meeting date. We do not hold to a rigid schedule but try to meet every 6-8 weeks, and we take a break over the holidays. Whoever suggests the book is responsible to lead the discussion at the next meeting. Those who lead can record volunteer hours and the other participants record education hours. I have remained the coordinator of the group.

That's it! This has been such an enriching and enjoyable experience, and I highly recommend that others who are interested explore ways to start your own clubs.

Are you interested in starting a book club?

Reach out to  
ShenandoahVMN@gmail.com



## Journal Corner

### Nature Journaling Prompts - Winter Ideas

1. After a snowstorm, get out and listen to the difference in how sounds carry when muffled by the snow. Describe what you hear.
2. Look for different animal prints scattered around the yard or trail. Record what you see.
3. Sketch a tree's branch, absent of its leaves.
4. Photograph a pine cone nestled in the snow pack.
5. Build a snowman and describe it as if to someone who has never seen snow.



# ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

Join us at the

## Shenandoah Chapter Winter Meeting

**When:** Monday, February 9  
6:00 -6:30 PM Social time; 6:30- 7:30 PM Business Meeting; 7:30-8:30 PM BeeCity presentation

**What:** Chapter meetings include both a business meeting and an educational (CE) portion. The business portion will include updates on current chapter activities and policies. The educational (CE) portion will feature Lori Dabinett, VMN class of 25' and Chair of Bee Team Clarke.

**Where:** Online (Zoom); Register on Better Impact

**Volunteer Hours are to be recorded as:**

1. For the business meeting: Chapter Administration – Chapter Business Meeting. In description box write "attended the winter chapter meeting".
2. For the presentation (CE) portion of the meeting: Continuing Education – Chapter Business Meeting. In the description box write "attended a program on BeeCity USA".

## FYI from the Volunteer Opportunities Committee

**Blue Ridge Wildlife Center's Winter Series** is offering online programs on issues such as birds and window strikes, cats and wildlife, vultures, wildlife safety, landscape equipment, and what really is a native plant. See Better Impact (BI) for more information and to register.

**Wednesday, Feb. 11** is the last day to sign up to take the training to be or return as a Blue Bird Trail technician. See BI for more information and how to register with Kaycee Lichliter.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17:** Clifton Institute is offering an online introduction to their educational program. Many members' favorite thing to do, as a VMN, is education. Check out this webinar to see if you would like to help. See details and sign up on BI.

Many new opportunities have been added to BI. While watching the snow fall, peruse the Opportunities Calendar and get going on earning your 40 / 8 recertification hours.

~Susan Galbraith, VOC Chair, VMN-SC

## 2026 Chapter Meetings

**Winter Chapter Meeting:** Monday, February 9, 6-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

**Summer Chapter Meeting:** Monday, June 8, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Blandy

**Annual Picnic:** Sunday, September 20 (time TBD) at Sky Meadows State Park (rain date of September 27)

**Chapter Annual Meeting:** Sunday, November 8, 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Blandy

**Board Meetings:** March 2, May 11, July 13 (if needed), August 31, October 19, and December 7

## Shenandoah Naturalists Newsletter Deadlines



Issue	Content Due
Spring	April 10th
Summer	July 10th
Fall	October 10th

Submit new content to  
[kt3nders@gmail.com](mailto:kt3nders@gmail.com) and [loriprima@gmail.com](mailto:loriprima@gmail.com)

## SHENANDOAH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**Chapter membership** is now at 131 members. In addition, we will have 24 new members in our 2026 training class which brings our membership up to 156. That is the highest our membership has been since before the pandemic.

**Initial Certifications:** The following members have completed the requirements for their initial certification as of December 2025:

Scott Barboza	Lori Dabinett	Alice Findler	Heather Roberts
Christine Bumgardner	Katie Enders	Dick Fonda	Neal Straker



**Milestone Recognition:** The following members have achieved their next volunteer milestone and will be receiving a service pin:

**250 service hours**

Dan Blymyer  
Richard Hayden  
Barb Stewart

**500 service hours**

Sue Bailey  
Carol Dennis  
Leslie Durham  
Lisa Hinson  
Loretta Micheals  
Julie Pineiro



Milestone pins and 2026 recertification pins will be available at our chapter meeting in June.

**Chapter Volunteer of the Year:** An update on the selection of our 2025 volunteer of the year will be made at the February chapter meeting.

**Re-enrollment update:** By now you should have completed the VMN re-enrollment process. Those people who have not will have their profile archived in Better Impact and access terminated by the state office. As of January 24th, seven of our members did not re-enroll. If you did not intend to leave the chapter, contact Alex Newhart.

### 2025 SHENANDOAH CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

Every December each VMN chapter submits a report to the state office summarizing its activities during the year and updating them on our new board of directors. Here are the 2025 numbers from our chapter:



Total number of chapter members: 157  
Number of chapter members that volunteered: 124  
Total number of Continuing Education hours: 1437  
Total number of Education/Outreach hours: 3125  
Total number of Citizen Science hours: 3920  
Total number of Stewardship hours: 3149  
Total number of Administrative hours: 2474

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**SCBI Partner Representative:** Erin Shirley