



Rockfish Valley Foundation

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FALL NEWSLETTER

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Event: October 7 – 9 Painters in the Rockfish Valley

For Schedule, Directions & Map Join us for 2022 Plein Air Paint Out

Thirty accomplished regional painters will paint along trails and in the valley to capture the beauty of the streams, woodlands, pastures, and mountains that make Nelson County, VA such a place. Visitors will watch paintings being developed from sketches to finished works of art, while they also can take part in naturalist walk/talks about the ecology, agriculture, history, and unique character of the region. This free event will take place all day Friday, Saturday, & Sunday October 7, 8 & 9.



Sign up for Oct 8 Youth Painting Class

A free youth painting class will be available for ages 6 to 13. Prior registration before the event, email contact@rockfishvalley.org.

- Calling students aged 6 – 13
- Participate in a free painting class
- Saturday, Oct. 8th, from 10 – 12 pm
- To register, send an email to contact@rockfishvalley.org
- Limited to 24 students.



RVF Lending Library is a New Resource



The Nature Lending Library has many books, all about the Water, Rocks, Plants, and Animals of the area. The categories are simple, each book has a colored sticker on the spine. These tell you what category the book is in. This lending library is for anyone who lives near enough to visit the museum. Our books can be checked out for three weeks at a time. There are no renewals, but also no late fees! We just ask that you do return the book to us at the end of the lending period. If you are interested, just ask the current host to check out these books. **Give us your nature books!**

Connecting the Indoors with the Outdoors, Discovery iPad Program and the new Clubhouse and Wildflower Plot



One of our main goals has always been to connect the indoors with the outdoors. To do this, we now have the Discovery iPad program. We have several iPads that we lend out that are loaded with many wonderful nature apps. Explore the park while identifying new plants and animals. While you are out there, check out our new clubhouse next to the mud kitchen. The wildflower plot next to the pyramid can provide flowers as cooking supplies for all mud recipes. Back in the museum, we have the RVF Public Computer Station, which has resources such as the 1969 Camille newspaper insert and a knot tying app!

Community Access to 2000 Nelson County Life and Blue Ridge Life Articles thru RVF Project

We are all about history and culture. A major resource being created here at the Nelson Heritage Center (NHC) by Nathan Parrish is underway. A searchable index with 2000 articles from Blue Ridge Life and Nelson County Life will be accessible online. This project is in collaboration with the Nelson Public Library and Tommy & Yvette Stafford. Nathan Parrish, previously an RVF intern, now our NHC Curator, has been creating the index.

Thanks for all Your Support! Please Donate Here

RVF must now raise the funds for its 2023 budget. Donations support our vision of environmental literacy, the three facilities and connecting our community to its culture, history, and natural resources. The goal is to increase our 340 donors to 500 by August 31, 2023. We begin our 18th year with objectives to build capacity, refresh the Board of Trustees, add staff, and become sustainable. Please introduce yourself and join our efforts to spread environmental literacy and continue a wonderful outdoor experience for all.

- **How to Donate:** Please visit rockfishvalley.org/blog/donations to learn how to donate to RVF and support the 2022 operations budget.
- **Schedule Monthly PayPal Donations:** Visit our website through the link above to join those who have scheduled monthly PayPal donations to RVF.
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