



Rockfish Valley Foundation

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Volunteer Newsletter

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OPPORTUNITY

WHO: Rockfish Valley Foundation

WHAT: Volunteer Work Day

WHERE: Spruce Creek Park

WHEN: Saturday, April 17th 2021. Two sessions: 9-12am and 1-4pm both led by Chris Gensic.

WHY: Vines must be removed and area cleaned up before April 30th when Native Plant Walk perennial planting takes place. You can volunteer for that as well. This week native plant beds were prepared and paw-paw and persimmon planted. The native plants that went in last fall are doing great. Another reason to help April 17th is that the Spruce Creek buffer project funded by Chesapeake Bay Restoration grant starts June 1st. You can volunteer for that as well. Tasks will be listed soon.

The native plant walk and Spruce Creek buffer are one of our important educational resources. You can work listening to the happy voices around you. You will know you are adding to their environmental education. Other times enjoy RVF resources and know that your volunteer tasks have collectively made it possible.



The vines have to go!

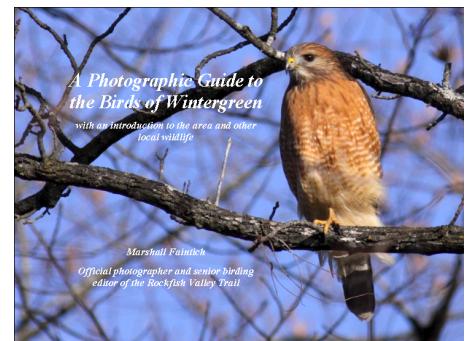


The beds are ready for perennial plants

SIGN UP: Send an email to Register@rockfishvalley.org with your name and when you can help. Let us know your interests, and we will let you know applicable tasks.

REWARD: A sneak-peek preview of the Natural History Center exhibit on April 17th will be available for all who volunteer. Invitation includes all those who are to be hosts of the center when it opens. Check it out!

REWARD #2: Copy of Birds of Wintergreen by Marshall Feintich, published at \$49.95, will be available to volunteers for \$25.00.



You could own this book for only \$25!

NEWS

Bruce Slater and Peter Agelasto III are co-chairs of the volunteer committee. Reach Bruce at volunteer@rockfishvalley.org. They are not new to the work - Bruce has been co-chair and developed the technology, and Peter coined the volunteer phrase “recruit, retain and reward”. They helped create the website volunteer portal with application and policy. RVF has grown and wants to have a newsletter to provide news and tasks requested of volunteers. This will be a team effort as RVF needs to publicize tasks and provide templates and tool kits to assist. We must review our volunteers lists, contacts and associated tasks being undertaken. RVF Volunteers make the organization tick. Super volunteers include trustees, trail maintenance crews, event chairs, program leaders, kiosk rack card suppliers, garden designers, the trail mowing upstream for 3 hours a week, and so on. Plucking dandelions can even help! There are additional opportunities with the geology committee, marketing committee, finance committee, trails, park and natural history center committees.

FOUR KNOWN TASKS TO FILL:

- Someone to change the fire sign based on DOF internet directions.
- A partner for Gene Hughes to burn the pile in the fenced area when permitted.
- Someone to use a tractor to move wood chips from Camille Trail Head to trail areas that hold water.
- Someone to check the 570 tree tubes for damage along the Rockfish by taking photos and marking.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS:

- Become RVF Volunteer through the website or email. RVF seeks to add one new volunteer per week for the rest of 2021.
- Come out and help RVF get perennials planted on Arbor Day, April 30th.
- Join the RVF watering team along Native Plant Walk. Life or death!
- Join the RVF children’s nature trail grass pulling team. It seems silly until you consider how nice it could look when properly weeded.



RVF is currently at about 250 donors over the past year, and has just over 1400 followers on Facebook. As always, we would greatly appreciate it if you added to those numbers!

Thank you and enjoy the spring,

Bruce Slater & Peter Agelasto III, co-chairs

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