



Rockfish Valley Foundation

Learning from the Land of the Rockfish Valley!

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2024 FALL NEWSLETTER



ART SHOW IN THE BARN RAISES FUNDS!

- RVF is thrilled to benefit from Art Show In the Barn this October 12-14th! Art Show In The Barn celebrates Virginia's own art and artists, in painting, sculpture, glassblowing, and so much more! 30% of art sale proceeds will go to benefit RVF and the Natural History Center. Art in the Barn will be held at the historic Rodes Farm Barn at 826 Rodes Farm Drive, Nellysford, VA, 22958. Hours will run from 10am-5pm, admission is free for all ages. Want to learn more about Art In The Barn? Check out: <https://artshowinthebarn.com/>



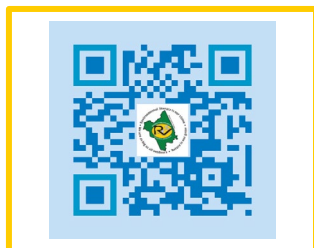
Rodes Farm Barn
Betsy Moore

W&M OPENS ENLIT WITH WALK TALK!

- RVF is proud to introduce our latest collaboration with William & Mary's Geology Department. Led by Department Chair Professor Charles "Chuck" Bailey and students, W&M has constructed a network of six outdoor modules, available via trailside QR code, educating visitors on the natural history at work in the Rockfish Valley. This system weaves across RVF's scenic trail loops, integrating seamlessly with our ENLIT program. Professor Bailey will lead a walk-and-talk lecture on RVF trails to further discuss the fascinating geological history of the Rockfish Valley, December 14th (rain date of the 15th) at 2pm. We look forward to seeing more of Chuck on our trails! For more information on our ENLIT program, see [here](#).



Prof. Chuck Bailey and ENLIT site!

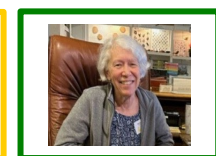
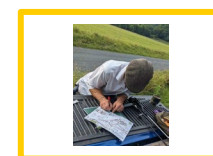
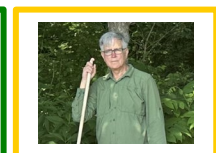


FUND DRIVE PUSHES FOR 400 DONORS!

- RVF aspires to do its utmost in protecting the land, air, waters, and living history of the Rockfish Valley. In pursuit of this mission, RVF seeks to grow its donor base from 250 champion donors, to 400, expanding our donations to nearly \$130,000. These funds will benefit critical RVF programs and operations, such as ENLIT, our outdoor classroom, new staffing initiatives, and more. Be a friend of the valley! Donate to our fund drive today.

RVF RECOGNIZES SUPER VOLUNTEERS!

- RVF extends its heartfelt thanks and acknowledgement to some of 2024's Super Volunteers: David Hodgson, Pete deLisle, Monica Newby, and Travis Armstrong for their efforts in sustaining critical foundation efforts like our lending library, our Finance & Marketing Committees, our Parks & Trails Team, and our Natural History Center! RVF recognizes Super Volunteers as community volunteers who demonstrate outstanding excellence in attitude, in diversity of responsibilities, and commitment to the natural beauty of the Rockfish Valley. Your efforts all help this Foundation thrive!

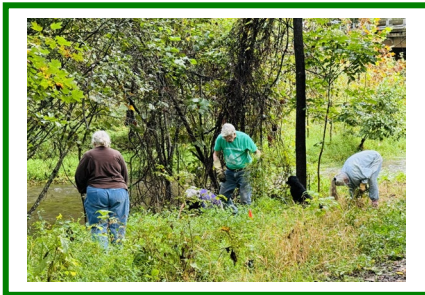
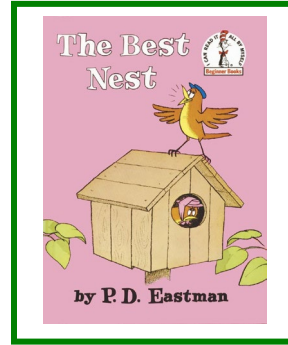


Clockwise From Top Left: David Hodgson, Pete deLisle, Monica Newby, Travis Armstrong

[THANK-YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT! DONATE HERE!](#)

NEW STORYWALKS TO RVF TRAILS!

- Two new books will debut this September on RVF trails: *Dirt*, by Steve “The Dirtmeister” Tomcek and illustrated by Nancy Woodman, will educate visitors to our Camille Trail about the myriad plants and animals who make their home in the soil all around us. *The Best Nest*, by P.D. Eastman, will tell passersby on our Spruce Creek Park loop the story of Mr. and Mrs. Bird and their hunt for a new home. RVF extends its thanks to the Nelson County Memorial Library for its tireless help and support of our trailside Storywalk experiences. In particular, we extend our most heartfelt congratulations to NCML’s newest head librarian and branch manager, Yulita Ellis!



VMN volunteers on the job!

MASTER NATURALISTS GET TO WORK!

- RVF is privileged to once more receive the expert assistance of our local chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists in the care and preservation of our trail network! On September 19th, a volunteer work party of Virginia Master Naturalists took to the trails to combat the spread of invasive plant species like Japanese stiltgrass, mugwort, and Oriental tree-of-heaven. VMN’s hard work helps keep the Rockfish Valley naturally beautiful!



Proposed Outdoor Classroom Site

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM LAUNCHING SOON!

- Rockfish Valley Foundation is committed to a mission of educating residents and visitors alike on the beauty of Nelson’s land, air, waters, and living history. In pursuing this remarkable mission, RVF is seeking to construct an outdoor classroom for educational programs and events this autumn. This classroom will consist of a covered 16x30’ wooden stage, flanked by native tree plantings selected by Virginia Master Naturalists, and located along our Camille Trail Loop. Discussions with state and federal offices on the authorization of this project are currently underway. We look forward to seeing this project come together before the New Year!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

- Have you ever wanted to learn what awesome natural forces are at work, right in your own flower garden? Have you ever wanted to know what animals live and thrive on the trails we all walk? Have you ever wanted to keep the Rockfish Valley looking beautiful, but struggled to find the right place to volunteer your time and efforts? Look no further: Rockfish Valley Foundation is looking for new volunteers! Learn about the incredible natural beauty and resources of our valley today as an RVF Volunteer!



Apply Today!

THANK-YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

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