



# Rockfish Valley Foundation



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## **2024 WINTER NEWSLETTER**

### **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM LAUNCHES ENLIT!**

Some very exciting news: RVF's outdoor classroom has begun! This public learning space along the trails will enhance our ability to offer environmental education and community programs.

Celebrate with us at the "EnLit Launch" party on **May 2nd, 2025**, featuring interactive trail elements and educational activities. Mark your calendars for a day of learning and celebration – all programs are free!

A massive "Thank You!" to Francisco Barragan, Gordon Miller, and their team members for the hard work to make this happen! Watch our news for more photos and the details about generous Miller contribution in our **January newsletter**.



***Construction begins on RVF's new learning pavilion***

### **GEOLOGY WALK'N'TALK SUCCESS!**

We're excited to share the success of our recent Walk'N'Talk event with Dr. Chuck Bailey, former President of the Geological Society of America and William & Mary professor.

Chuck brought the Rockfish Valley's geological history to life, guiding attendees through trails and fostering an appreciation for the land we work to protect. Thank you to all who participated!

The event launched our public offering of **RVF's EnLit (Environmental Literacy) program**. Newly established QR-codes along our paths will lead curious learners to informative content designed to make outdoor education engaging for all.



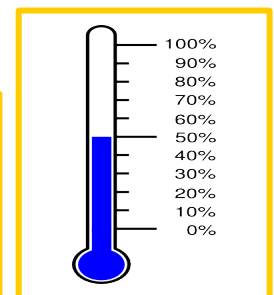
***Professor Chuck Bailey Lectures on Nelson's Geological Past***

### **YEAR-END FUND-DRIVE SHAPES RVF'S 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

This year brought unexpected challenges, including over \$12,000 in damages from Hurricane Helene.

Our year-end fundraiser is vital for 2025, RVF's 20th anniversary - your support matters more than ever.

Every contribution sustains our trails, programs, and conservation mission. This Giving Season, consider investing in our future to help serve, protect, and share the natural and cultural treasures of Rockfish Valley.



***Thanks to our community's support, we're halfway to our goal budget for 2025!***

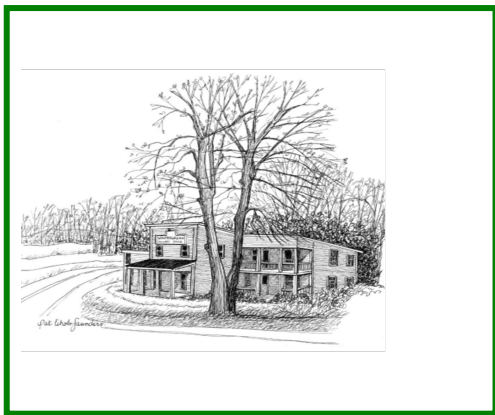
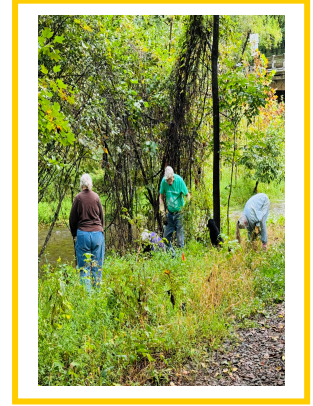
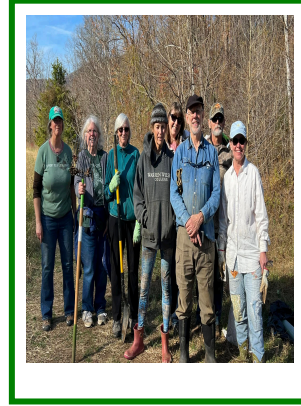
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## **EXPERTS AND VOLUNTEERS TRANSFORMING RVF!**

Virginia Master Naturalists are revitalizing our trails by replacing invasives with native plants, boosting eco-stability. Volunteers have supported field trips, the Natural History Center, and trail maintenance.

Thank you for your dedication—you're the heart of our mission! A special shout-out to Judy and Mary, who have spear-headed our native restoration project along the Rockfish Valley Trail System.

Master Gardeners offer January tips to keep your garden thriving, including pruning, pest-inspection, and planning. Find more tips at: [Master Gardeners of Nelson County](#).



## **JOIN RVF'S TOWNHALL 2025 MEETING**

Be part of shaping RVF's future! Join our **Townhall on February 10<sup>th</sup>** (schedule TBD) for updates on 2025 plans and new committee opportunities in Administration, Trails & Parks, Education, and Marketing. Quarterly committee meetings will support our mission.

**To RSVP** or receive updates regarding the Townhall Meeting's time and location, email [Contact@rockfishvalley.org](mailto:Contact@rockfishvalley.org). Let's build a sustainable future together!



## **FRESH UPDATES FOR SPRUCE CREEK PARK**

Our Spruce Creek Park entrance has been freshly repaved, thanks to **Bryant Paving**, with the asphalt for the job provided through generous donation by **S.L. Williamson**.

Bryant Paving also provided gravel to restore park pathways—what an amazing community effort!

## **NEW STORYWALK ON TRAILS, BOOKS AT NHC**

A **New Storywalk book** has arrived! **Oak Leaf** by John Sandford is on display in Spruce Creek Park, along our Children Nature's Walk! Thank you to volunteer David Roberts for his help in installation!



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