



Are YOU Ready for SUMMER?
It will be here on JUNE 20!



Board Meeting Highlights - June 8, 2021

Well, the highlight this month was a "lowlight." We did not have a quorum present, so no actions could be taken. All items requiring a motion for discussion and vote will be on the July 13 Board agenda. Reports shared are listed below.

From Our Advisors...

Tara stated that the current Covid guidelines were updated on Friday, June 4. She asked that these be sent to all NNMNs, so be on the lookout. In a nutshell:

- no state restrictions on group size or physical distancing, indoors or outdoors;
- masks not required for fully vaccinated;
- masks strongly encouraged for unvaccinated in all settings;
- event checklist is not required, but its continued use is encouraged.

NEWS & NOTES
from the Board
JUNE
2021
shared by Camille

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Audrey reported that there has been no change in the bank account; nothing has come in or gone out in the past month. Nancy assured her that won't be the case much longer; the Outreach Committee is busily working on four different booths to take to markets and fairs!

Charlene is looking ahead and thinking about the Nominating Committee for our next election. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee should get in touch with her (charlene.talcott@gmail.com).

Nancy shared that the Outreach Committee took the booth to the Irvington Farmers Market on Saturday, June 5. It was very popular and the NNMN volunteers (Nancy, Betsy Gorn, Nancy Garvey, and Bobbie Burton) had over 50 attendees. Buz attended the event and said that the booth was beautifully done and represented NNMN quite well. The booth will be going to several more events in the next few months. **Please volunteer to help when the emails for volunteers appear!**

Camille stated that the BTC has a commitment from Dr. Shawn Dash to do the Entomology lecture for the cohort (Tuesday, September 14, via Zoom). This will be open to members as the September program. Dr. Dash is planning to join us for the field experience on Saturday, October 9. The BTC committee will be asking the Board to approve the total honorarium for both events of \$350.

Anne announced that 29 people are planning to attend the Chapter picnic on Sunday, June 13. Those who RSVP'ed will be treated to a boxed meal and a "tour" of the newly-completed Shoreline Restoration at Belle Isle.

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!



Virginia Master Naturalist Statewide Conference and Volunteer Training 2021

Proposals due June 14!

Overview

The Virginia Master Naturalist 2021 Statewide Conference and Volunteer Training is going virtual! This year's event will be held **October 1-3, 2021**. As with our in-person conferences, this event aims to provide high-quality continuing education for VMN volunteers and to promote networking amongst volunteers and program partners.

Call for Presenters

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program welcomes your proposals as contributions to be considered for our virtual agenda! Individuals wishing to present are invited to submit their proposal using our [online form](#) by **June 14, 2021**.

We are seeking concurrent session presenters. Presenters may choose from the following options:

- A pre-recorded session (20 to 60 minutes in length) that conference attendees can watch online at any time starting October 1;
- A pre-recorded session (20 to 60 minutes in length) that conference attendees can watch online at any time starting several days before the conference, followed by a live, 1-hour Q&A time with the presenter the afternoon of Saturday, October 2, 2021;
- A live presentation of 1 hour in length given via Zoom the afternoon of Saturday, October 2, 2021.

For more information, please read the full [Call for Presenters \(PDF\)](#).

MANY of you would make excellent presenters! Please consider submitting a proposal!

JULY PROGRAM MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 7:00 PM
"The Capital Naturalist"
Alonso Abugattas
Speaking on Herpetology

Information on viewing this program will be sent to Master Naturalists just prior to the event. Biographical details about this outstanding naturalist were in the May President's Page.



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BOOK REVIEW

Master Naturalists LOVE their field guides; after all, what would we do without them? But we also care deeply about the natural world, and we encourage ourselves and others to experience it and to truly understand, appreciate, respect, and protect it; in other words, to interpret it.

This very short text extols the wonders and virtues (and vices!) of those most extraordinary of winged creatures, hummingbirds. The author shadows and assists a hummingbird rehabilitator, Brenda Sherburn La Belle, of Fairfax, California. The author quickly realizes how demanding and difficult caring for these tiny living beings, as small as a peanut, is. They require continual care, and they are so tiny and fragile that even touching them is risky. The author calls them "bubbles" because of the nine air sacs in their bodies. Their miniscule bones are porous, and their legs are thinner than toothpicks. Their little feet are as flimsy as embroidery thread. It is difficult to imagine a more daunting task than that of the rehabilitator. And yet, for over a decade, Brenda patiently and lovingly tended to the orphaned and injured hummingbirds that were brought to her. Focusing on two orphaned hummingbird babies, the author crafts a narrative as delicate and lovely as the creatures she describes, leaving the reader with a renewed sense of awe and respect for the natural world and for those who strive to care for it.

