



SHERWOOD FOREST FRIENDS

Annual Report 2022



We Achieved All Our Goals for 2022:

- Change our renewal date for everyone to April 22 annually (Earth Day)
- Increase our membership (18 new members in 2022)
- Present the Summer Series (we had over 350 attendees & excellent reviews)
- Award a scholarship
- Accept lots and donations to conserve land when it becomes available
- Launch a revamped website
- Increase our donations through Amazon Smiles (not a significant increase)



General accomplishments in 2022:

- 1 Facilitated the transfer of 3 lots to the SFHA
 - ✓ F11 and A39 by accepting donations and purchasing the lots
 - ✓ D18 by accepting the donation of the lot
- 2 Strengthened Community Partnerships
 - ✓ SFF created a partnership with the Outpost to offer the Blue Ghost Bubble, a specialty drink during the month of May to honor the return of SF's Blue Ghosts.
 - ✓ Co-sponsored events with the Cedar Mountain Community Center: The Village and the Turnpike
 - ✓ SFF members invited to David Yu's piano concert hosted by Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Brevard
 - ✓ Co-sponsored a Square Dance and Earth Day activities with Studio 276 in Cedar Mountain
 - ✓ SFF created a raffle basket with generous donations from 16 businesses in our area.
- 3 Strengthened relationships within Sherwood Forest
 - ✓ Many volunteers helped create and dedicate our second Swift Tower
 - ✓ Co-sponsored program on ecology with Nature Nuts
 - ✓ Worked with the Arboretum to select and plant appropriate trees on Earth Day
 - ✓ Co-sponsored nature walks with Nature Nuts
 - ✓ Co-sponsored memorial service for Greg Allikas with the Green Area Committee
 - ✓ Co-sponsored the opening of a new trail
- 4 Wrote and received two grants
 - ✓ Graphics software Canva
 - ✓ Wildlife Rehabilitators of NC grant in order to dedicate our second swift tower

5 Made donations

- ✓ \$2500 scholarship to Mountain School of Strings
- ✓ \$500 to Nature Nuts
- ✓ Purchased and donated 25 books to the Library at Robin Hood Center on the environment, ecology, health and wellbeing. We hope to have book clubs or discussion groups based on these books in 2023.
- ✓ Purchased and donated signed copies of The Village and the Turnpike and Wayfaring Stranger to the library at Robin Hood Center

6 Remain fiscally sound

- ✓ Membership is our main source of funds
- ✓ Donations *in memory* or *in honor of* people totaled over \$12,000 this year
- ✓ Stock was donated to our brokerage account



Goals for 2023:

- Continue with our 2 missions: conserve land and preserve the cultural history of our area
- Summer Series
- Award the Greg Allikas scholarship to a program which supports our mission
- Continue to support Nature Nuts with a grant for programming in the name of Bill and Shirl Thomas
- Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) as our membership renewal date for everyone.



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