VIRGINIA TREE STEWARDS

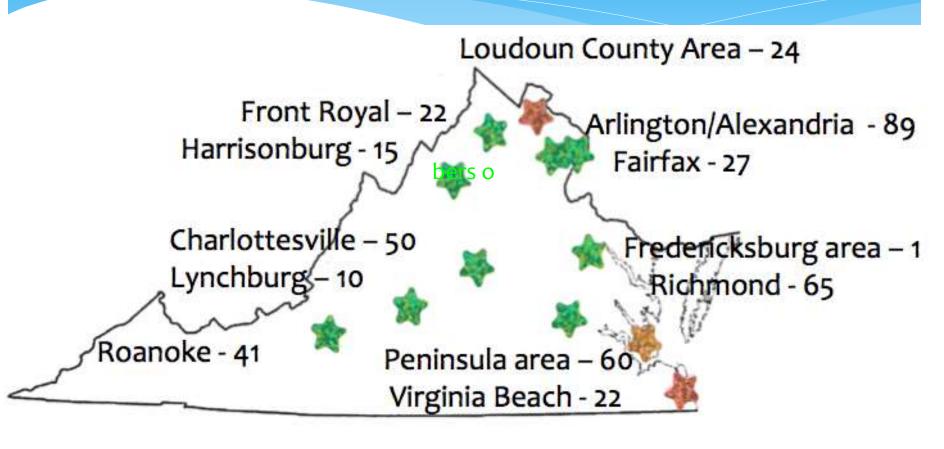
PASSION, ENERGY, COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY FOREST



By the Numbers

- * 11 Groups
 - * Often working in several localities
- * A 12th to hold first training course next spring
- * 436 active members (defined by each group)
- * More on rolls or having taken training course
- * 2 models
 - * Trees Virginia
 - * Extension Service Master Gardeners

Trees Virginia Model Master Gardener Model



By the Work Product

- * Hands-On (not Master Gardener Stewards)
- * Planting
- * Direct tree care pruning, mulching, watering
- * Public education
- * Schools
 - * Consumer advice
 - * Tree walks
 - Arbor Day celebrations
- * Other local-government services
 - * Inventories and/or site plans

Phone: E-Mail:

Date(s)	Project	Total Hours	Citizens Assisted	М	F
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	Meetings/Committees (Tree Steward meetings)				
	Virginia Beach Arbor Day Celebration				
	Fall Gardening Festival TS Activities				
	Jr. MG Summer Camp TS Activities				
	Intern Training TS Activities				
	"Tree Dormancy & Change" School Program				
	"The Meaning of Arbor Day" School Program				
	Tidewater Arboretum Maintenance				
	Francis Land House Tree Maintenance				
	Urban Round Table				
	Speakers Bureaus presentations (specify)				
	Tree Talks 2014				
	Continuing TS education (specify)				



Stewart's Tree Quiz

Stewart's Tree Quiz: Test Your Tree Knowledge



Click to select the best answer to each of the following 10 questions. After you have finished the quiz, you will get feedback on your answer and your Tree Knowledge Score.



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Native Trees Available for Arlington Yards

Posted on September 9, 2014 by TreeStewards

Choose the best native tree for your Arlington yard with the help of TreeStewards this fall. Arlington County's Natural Resources Division is providing a variety of native tree species and one would be perfect for your yard. Among the different species offered this year are Eastern redbud, Blackhaw viburnum, Staghorn Sumack, American Hophornbeam, Hackberry, and American Sycamore. The trees being distributed are generally termed "whips" in the nursery trade and are in two-gallon containers -



TreeStewards will be at the nursery to provide education

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Tree Stewards' Tree Nursery

MAY 16, 2014

by miatomaine



Robin Hanes writes: "The Tree Stewards'
wonderful Tree Nursery is nearby Jay
Gillenwater's Grandview Nursery. Manager
Lester Henderson and his sons (seen l. to
r., Chad, Joe and Matt), made frames to hold
the tall pots up, built potting tables, hauled
the soil into a walled mound and built a large
tent. We just missed yesterday's downpour at

our big potting event. Huge thanks goes to Jay for his generosity, this temperate location and to Lester's care all year long. They are the backbone of this project!

Christkindlmarkt - December

Yes Virginia, Santa does come to Front Royal. This annual two-day event (Fri and Sat) is a visit into the past and simpler times. Sip a cup of apple cider while you watch a good home town parade with the family. Then stroll through town and take in the Christmas decorations and music and don't forget to get your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Tree Stewards will be on hand to answer your questions about Christmas trees and you might even win one in the raffle. What a great way to start the season.

Free admission. Dress warmly.







Grate Project Protects Our Street Trees

Posted on July 20, 2014 by TreeStewards

By TreeSteward Richard Fontwengler

In March of this year teams of Tree Stewards fanned out along the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor to inspect street trees growing in planter pits with tree grates. Arlington County, short on resources to survey the condition of tree grates, requested help in identifying those trees that were having problems living within the often limited space provided by the grates.

Vincent Verweij, Arlington County Urban Forrester, saw this project as a "fantastic educational opportunity for Tree Stewards and a clear assist to the county's efforts to protect and maintain street trees". With the Tree Stewards doing the assessment Arlington could used its limited resources to remedy any problems found and reported by the teams.



City trees lead a hard life struggling with tree grates, strangles by light wires, and collecting cigarette butts

Clearance Pruning



How Do We Measure Results?

- Hours reported to Trees Virginia: 7,492
 - As of December 1, 2013
 - Value \$165,873
- Trees cared for/touched
- Education contacts
- Outreach activities and events

Volunteer Characteristics

- * Passionate about trees and usually the environment
- * Impassioned recruiters
- * Results-oriented
- * Eager to learn more
- * Often motivated by socializing with like thinkers
- Likely to prefer to work in own neighborhood
- * Sometimes operate alone outside group parameters
- Need a really good reason to come to a meeting
- Likely to deflect credit to group/team

WHAT MAKES IT WORK?

Credibility With Local Officials

- * Defined Roles
- * Training and Competence
- * Reliability
- * Communication
- * Empathy



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Richmond's Pruning Test

Name		
Task	Approved by	Date
Identify the branch collar.		
Explain what a flush cut is by showing where the cut would be made on a branch. Explain why is it not correct.		
Demonstrate a stub cut. Explain why is it not correct.		
Correct the stub cut.		
Correctly perform a 3-point cut and explain when and why this type of cut needs to be done. If there is not a branch to perform this on, describe the process to the instructor or demonstrate on a small branch.		
Correctly prune several branches back to a lateral bud or stem or back to the trunk. Explain why the branches you chose need to be pruned. (There is no specific number of branches that must be pruned. This item is signed off only when the new steward appears competent in basic pruning skills.)		
Find a tree with a codominant leader and explain what problems this may cause and how it can be corrected. Correctly prune if there is one within reach.		
Approximately how much of a tree (%) may be removed during pruning?	(1	
When is the best time to prune most trees?		

WHAT MAKES IT WORK?

Community Engagement

- * Publicity and marketing
- * Recognition of kindred souls
- * Collaboration
- * Partnerships
- * Flexibility
- * Shared credit

Become a RIP Ranger

REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS



Who are we?















Why Does It Work?

LOCAL RESPONSES TO LOCAL NFFDS

www.treesvirginia.org

