



Deerlake Diary

President's Message

Phil Davis

Dates

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." Mark Twain

Sunday
April 17,
2024
9 AM
**Cherokee
Ancestors
by Keith
Parker**

Friday
April 19,
2024
5:00 to
7:00 PM
**T.G.I.F
Clubhouse**

Hello Neighbors,

What a beautiful time of year as Spring is in the air, the daffodils are in full bloom, and the trees are in bud all around us. (Beautiful that is, unless you are allergic to tree-pollen!) We are certainly blessed to live in these wonderful mountains and in our lovely Village.

Approximately 45 residents attended the DVCA First Quarter meeting on 3/21/24 either in person or by Zoom. If you were unable to attend, you may review the summary report on the DVCA website under the menu tab "Annual & Quarterly Reports." Many thanks to our hardworking committee members and chairs for all accomplishments so far this year.

Our Treasurer, Brenda Bryan, has prepared the following financial report confirmed by Gould Killian CPA Group, P.A. DVCA has a balance as of 2/29/2024 in the amount of \$ 303,585.46 held in various bank accounts. Our total operating expenses for this month were \$5,613.96. The total year to date is \$51,264.65 which is 40.81% of our yearly budget. The Contingency Account did not have any expenses. From our Reserve accounts, there was \$11,282.24 expensed: \$5,526.61 to Lowes for the front door and \$1,255.63 for the ballroom window, reimbursed to Brenda Bryan. Also, expensed to Sticks N Stones in the amount of \$4,500 for removal of 7 cherry trees in the Meadows. The total for the year is \$18,552.44. Assessments: 222 have been paid, 1 is unpaid and there are 3 delinquent fees due.

Ongoing Clubhouse Activities

Days	Activity	Time
Every Monday	Poker Game	7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Pool Aerobics (Pool Season Only)	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Winter Movement Class	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Every Tuesday	Sit & Stitch	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Every Thursday	Bocce	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Every Thursday	Men's Coffee	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Every Friday	Mah Jongg	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
First Monday	Environmental Awareness	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
First Tuesday	Bible Study	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Third Friday	T.G.I.F.	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Fourth Thursday	Deerlake Book Club	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

(President's Message, continued)

One of the primary responsibilities of the organization is to fund, maintain, repair and improve the common elements of our community. To that end, the Maintenance Committee and its chair, Brenda Bryan, have made outstanding progress with replacement and repairs to the clubhouse windows and doors, replacement of roofs and several painting projects. They have also removed 7 of the diseased and dying cherry trees in our beloved Meadows Park. Replacement of those trees with more hardy WNC native trees will occur later according to the new master landscaping plan. Many thanks go out to those hard-working Maintenance Committee members for their recent efforts.

Phil Davis

Deerlake Committee Updates

Community Activities, Carol Weinhofer

Cherokee Ancestors: On April 17 at 2:00 PM, we welcome Keith Parker who will speak on our Cherokee ancestors here in Transylvania County. Dr. Parker is an author, historian, pastoral counselor, and Jungian analyst! He has received awards from the NC Society of historians for three of his books on local history. They are *Seven Cherokee Myths*, *Sons of Mercy and Justice*, and *To Stand on Solid Ground*. This should be a fascinating talk.

May Sock-Hop: Looking forward to May, the committee has been planning a SOCK HOP on Saturday, May 25 at 6:00 PM. Jim Grecni is putting together a play list of tunes. Do you have a favorite song from the 50's, 60's, or 70's that is great to dance to? Perhaps a love song that you and your spouse deemed "our song"? If you wish to play a part in the song selections, email your favorites to me and I will relay them to Jim.

Community Relations, Brent Dormann

No concerns were brought to the Community Relations Committee this month.

Emergency Preparedness, Joanne Boucher

Gil Garner and John Bunday have been approved by the Board to be members.

Lake Management, Jim Furniss

Members: Jack Baldrige, Sim Cozart, Phil Davis, Jim Douglas, Khoi Lee, Alan McMurtry, Butch Willoughby
2024 First Quarter Summary

The Lake Committee conducts monthly dam inspection to **ensure** that the condition of the dam is closely monitored. To date the dam and lake remain in good condition.

The water sampling area has been improved with the extension of the 3 existing pipes. This improvement makes taking the water samples more efficient. The water sample results from James & James Environmental Management are in and the report states that "all the results are within compliance per EPA standards. These EPA standards

include what is safe for human and animal consumption, as well as the heightened parameters for trout ponds".

Phil Davis and I met with Brian Shamblin, the Environmental Specialist of NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources, to conduct the annual dam inspection. Brian said that the dam is in very good shape and complimented the recent drainage improvements at the toe of the dam.

We will stock more weed eating carp to the lake for weed control. The carp are an environmentally friendly method of weed control.

The committee welcomes our newest member, Sim Cozart.

Landscape Review, Barbara Osgood-Cox

So, you want to plant native plants --- now what?
by Barbara Osgood-Cox

The Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) asked if I would share some of my thoughts on implementing a landscape plan that was composed primarily of native plants. We moved into our new home in February of 2023 and basically started with a blank slate. Our lot needed extensive site work so, by the time the hardscape and driveway were finished, it was early summer before we could start planting which was not ideal.

There has been a lot of information about the benefits of native plants, but not a lot on implementing. My goal is just to share some of the things we learned and challenges we faced along the way.

1. **What plants to choose:** The first thing to figure out is what native plants to choose. Just because they are native, it does not mean they will thrive in every location. The best decision we made was hiring a landscape architecture firm that specializes in native plants to design our plan. (Because we were working with a blank slate, there were lots of plants - 7 different varieties of trees, 12 varieties of shrubs, and 27 different perennials and grasses for a total of around 900 plants.) We added a few non-native species resulting in a yard that is approximately 90% native. Hiring

an outside professional might not be needed for a smaller project. Even with professional help we learned that the deer did not get the memo that our plants were “deer resistant”, and some plants just did not like us. (Milkweed seems to grow prolifically for everyone else – not us!) One of the best resources to find the right plant is the North Carolina Extension Gardner Plant Toolbox where you can filter for native plants and a variety of characteristics such as light, water needs, size and even color. Check it out at: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/findaplant/>

2. Now you know what native plants you want—where can you find them? This was one of the most frustrating parts of our project. We decided to purchase and install all the plants ourselves. We quickly learned that because we were starting in June, most of the trees and many of the plants were either no longer in stock, or were stragglers that were left over. Some of the late bloomers were not available until later in the summer. Sometimes, we bought the stragglers which we later regretted and wished we had waited. During the search phase, we looked far and wide and learned a lot about the local nurseries that I have listed below. If you are looking for a specific plant, save yourself some time and call ahead. Let me say that neither I nor the Landscape Review Committee are recommending any specific vendors. I purchased plants at all of them and am simply noting my observations. I have organized the list by distance from our Deerlake home.

- **Lowes, Brevard:** Big box stores will have a variety of common plants, of which, some are native. Lowes is the closest. It is advisable to know exactly what you are looking for as it is unlikely you will find knowledgeable staff to guide you. Lowes has a good return policy.
- **Colonial Acres Nursery, Brevard:** Knowledgeable staff. Large nursery that specializes in native plants grown onsite. Website lists the plants they carry, but not all are in stock at a given time. Fair prices and most plants are in good shape, but not all. They do not carry grasses, but have a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and perennials.
- **New Leaf Garden Market, Pisgah Forest:** Carries a wide variety of both native and non-native plants. Native plants are grouped together. Helpful staff. New Leaf has grasses as well as a small number of trees plus annuals and perennials. They do not list availability on their website.
- **Ballantyre Station, Pisgah Forest:** Carries both native and non-native plants. Smaller than others but the plants are decent quality. Carries only a few ornamental trees such as Japanese Maple.
- **Raymond’s Garden Center and Landscaping, Hendersonville:** Very knowledgeable and helpful staff - home of the Shady Ladies who do gardening talks all across the area. Excellent quality plants - annuals, perennials and grasses, most grown onsite. A good selection of native plants. A few small/medium trees.
- **B.B. Barnes, Asheville:** Excellent quality plants. Knowledgeable, helpful staff. Extensive plant list- both native

and non-native. The largest collection of trees within a reasonable driving distance. Excellent website that shows the plants they have in stock. Offers free seminars during the season.

- **Linda’s Plants and Shrubs, Hendersonville:** Large nursery with a wide variety of annuals, plants, and shrubs. A good selection of sizable trees. They have native as well as non-native plants mixed together. Some of the sections are a little scruffy but overall good quality. It was a bit hard to get help.
- **Reems Creek Nursery, Weaverville:** Large nursery with quality plants and trees which is a long drive from Brevard. If you are looking for a specific plant and cannot find it closer, they have an excellent website listing plants which are in stock or arriving soon.
- **Painters Greenhouse, Old Fort:** Another long drive from Brevard but one of the biggest selections of plants. This is a huge, mainly outdoor nursery that opens in March and closes in late Fall. Most of the plants are grown onsite. Website lists plant availability, but best to call before you make the drive if you are looking for a specific plant.
- **Carolina Native Nursery, Burnsville:** If you are looking for a fun excursion, take the 64-mile trip to the Carolina Native Nursery. As the name implies, only native plants are sold here. In-stock plants are listed on their website and you can pre-order for curbside pick-up. Good prices for excellent plants. Burnsville is a quaint little town for lunch.
- **Izel Native Plants, <https://www.izelplants.com/>:** If you want to order plants from your sofa, try this on-line nursery. We were skeptical at first, but our landscape plan called for hundreds of plugs to plant native grasses and local retail nurseries do not sell these—only wholesalers who would not sell to us. The plants we ordered arrived in excellent shape. Izel also has a very good free newsletter and lots of educational information on their site – such as how to convert a lawn into a native garden. Even if you do not buy plants from them, it’s worth the time to check out.

3. Now that you have your plants – start digging: Pay attention to where they naturally grow (sun requirements, water needs) and plant with the mature size of the plant in mind. (Many times, we have made the mistake of putting young plants too close together, because we want them to look good right away, and then need to move them when they mature.) Even native plants need care to grow and thrive, especially that first year, so you may feel the pain in your water bill! For us, we are eagerly awaiting the growing season so we can see what survived the winter. Now, if we can just keep the deer from using our yard as their breakfast stop.

Newsletter / Diary, Joanne Boucher

Sincere apologies on the lateness of publication of the April 2024 diary. Due to a death in my family and my extended hospitalization, I am running few days late. Since this is so late, I did not employ the proof-reading services of Margo Williamson, so all editorial error are fully mine.

Pool, Penny Grecni

Believe it or not, pool season will be here in a few short weeks! We will publish the pool rules for the 2024 season in the May Diary. Please remember that it will be necessary to have a pool key and wristbands for entrance to the pool. These can be obtained from Margo Williamson after May 1st, 2024.

We usually open Memorial Weekend. Closer to early May, you will see the cover come off, cleaning and landscaping done, and furniture being put out. Until we have had our inspection, we cannot open. You will get official word when we get approval.

Before the pool is open, DO NOT ENTER. We are looking forward to a wonderful and safe pool season.

Around Our Community

Community Activity: Bocce Ball, Lou Shelley

From Penny Grecni: In our community, we have a small but dedicated group that loves to play Bocce on Thursday mornings, usually beginning in April through October. We would love to have more of you join us to play. The game is easy to learn. Since the mornings are still a little cool, we are thinking that Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 AM would be a good time to begin. We would love to see you on the Bocce court in the Picnic Grove at that time!

Community Activity: Book Club, Chris McKowen

Spring forward and come join the book club in April. We will be reading Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 in the clubhouse. Books will be available in the clubhouse to check out. All are welcome to join the fun. Please contact Chris McKowen with any questions.

Community Activity: Environmental Awareness, Joellen Risacher

A Small Step Forward—Limited Recycling of Styrofoam
by Joellen Risacher

Most people are aware that Styrofoam is bad for the environment. According to the Children's Environmental Health Network (cehn.org), Styrofoam is a likely carcinogen when heated (think food service products—not good!) and breaks down into small components in the environment. It easily enters streams and rivers and is consumed by wildlife.

Even if it was not a harmful product, it also takes up space in landfills. Landfills are very expensive to create and require large increases in tax revenue. It is in all our best interests to try to preserve space in landfills.

Some of the items I order online come packaged with “peanuts” made from plants. These starchy bits break down easily when wet. However, most products are packaged with Styrofoam peanuts or the hard Styrofoam cut precisely to fit the product form.

Transylvania County Solid Waste (TCSW) has developed

the means to recycle some of the Styrofoam that it receives. Recently, TCSW has begun collecting clean Styrofoam at the Pisgah Forest Collection Center on Old Hendersonville Road. Ken Webb, Solid Waste Director, periodically arranges for rental of a Styrofoam Processor which compresses the Styrofoam into a “tube”. The output is marketable for use in building insulation.

There are a few stipulations on what can be used:

- Styrofoam must be clean, dry, and free of any tape or labels
- Big pieces are okay.
- No food containers allowed.
- No Styrofoam peanuts allowed.
- Material must be delivered to Pisgah Forest Collection Center at 1767 Old Hendersonville Highway, (828) 884-4849.
- Anything not accepted for recycling should be bagged for proper disposal.

PLEASE NOTE: Before you take your Styrofoam down to recycle, call first, as the center collects only until they reach capacity. Large banners are placed on the gates indicating that collection is available. There is a site attendant if you have any questions.

Editorial Submission: Gen Who? By Rich Schram

While we were eating our gruel on a recent morning, the TV announcer mentioned “Gen Z.” Mrs. Schram opined, “Gen Z, Gen X, who are they anyway?” Playing it smart, I said nothing. I’m a product of the Silent Generation, born between 1925 and 1945, and knew when to stay quiet. I didn’t want to admit my generational ignorance. I instead consulted various internet oracles for the straight scoop about generational names. Read on.

The Lost Generation – born 1883-1900

This was my dad’s generation – born in 1893. What he lost in the trenches in France in 1918, he replaced with stoicism, along with vitriolic hatred of rodents. He never saw a rat he did not want to stomp. Looking at societal influence of the war to end all wars and history reports, WWI and its outcome left many young adults disillusioned and cynical. Gertrude Stein, an American writer and poet,

was a collector of modern art works by Picasso, Matisse, Braque, and others. She is credited with supposedly once saying to Ernest Hemingway, “All of you young people who served in the war. You are all a lost generation.”

The Greatest Generation – born 1901-1924

For this group’s name, everyone credits TV journalist Tom Brokaw and his 1998 book *The Greatest Generation*, in which he saluted all who aided the allied forces’ victory in WWII. One might also ask if Brokaw was channeling retired four-star U.S. Army General James Van Fleet when he spoke to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services on March 4, 1953. Van Fleet said, “**The men of the Eighth Army are a magnificent lot, and I have always said the greatest generation of Americans we have ever produced.**” Whoever first said it, the phrase is now ubiquitous in American culture.

The Silent Generation – born 1925-1945

People born in this window of time were traditionalists — not the “*hell no, we won’t go*” rebels of the counterculture 1960s. These post-war citizens did not speak out against the government (or maybe HOA bylaws). They either fought during WWII or grew up during WWII. Products of the great depression and WWII, they endured. Many of us Deerlakers are of that of that era. We possess quiet persistence. In fact, neither bad weather nor goose poo stops us. The dogs must be walked. Nor will springtime pollen do us in — we carry tissues.

Baby Boomer Generation – born 1946-1964

This group grew up nationally optimistic and supported consumerism. (Explaining why some of us have so many shoes in our closets or vast-but-unneeded collections of men’s ties.) This gen’s name derives from the huge population “boom” following World War II. By extension, the boomers’ population spurt infers that America’s 12 million servicemembers came home very lonely at war’s end and were warmly welcomed. Boomers shivered through the Cold War, were awed by the moon landing, shuddered at MLK’s and JFK’s assassinations, and worried over the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement.

Generation X – born 1965-1980

If Investopedia.com (a website dedicated to sharing analysis about making money) is correct, the Gen X name derives from the 1991 novel *Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture* by Douglas Coupland. Gen X members, believed to possess like values, tastes, and habits, became a marketing target for business. X-ers endured the year-2000’s dotcom bust when tech stocks plummeted, 2008’s cheap-credit bad-mortgage financial crisis, and the follow-on global recession. X-ers are sometimes called the latch-key generation because both

parents worked. They allegedly are great at DIY tasks and are stubbornly independent and often cynical. Is this true? (Perhaps ask the spouses.)

Generation Y – born 1981-1996

Sociologists and analysts named those born in these years as Generation Y. (Y was the next letter in the alphabet.) Because Gen Y-ers would become adults at the turn of the century, the media chose to call them “Millennials.” Gen Y-ers are of an age to well remember 9/11 and to have grown up with technology. Correspondingly, they are said to be cautious with personal info and be savers. As a percentage, Pew Research says about 40% of Millennials have BS/BA degrees, 72% of Gen Y women are employed, and in 2018, only 46% of the total group are married — significantly fewer than comparably aged Silents (83%).

Generation Z – born 1997-2012

Often called “Zoomers,” Gen Z members are considered “digital natives” who were tech users since childhood. Some say they lag in some ways when compared with previous groups, e.g., lower pregnancy rates and less alcohol consumption. (Goodness, what do they do for fun?) Because 68.6 million Gen Z-ers constitute 40% of all U.S. consumers, Investopedia monitors any generational habits that may influence marketing, including Z-er’s political leanings, healthcare, higher education, financial security, and the environment. Interestingly, the American Psych Association says 37% of Gen Z-ers are seeking mental health treatment. Why? Perhaps because many are turning 26 years-old and losing their parents’ medical insurance. Stressful, eh?

Generation Alpha – born 2013-2025

The title of Bob Dylan’s song, “The Times They Are a-Changin’”, may symbolize Gen Alpha – a group of 51 million kids in the U.S. They are more diverse – only 48% White – than previous generations. With more than 2 billion young people globally, Investopedia calls it the largest common population group in human history. As this group nears voting age, politicians will stumble all over themselves to make a solid connection. Gen Alpha will be a major economic and political force. Need an example? Some “87% of 13-15-year-olds believe it is up to them to stop climate change.” Soon, some will be old enough to drive. I imagine auto manufacturers are already tuning their marketing engines, as will be other business-world CEOs. Still confused about the various generational categories? Me too. I think I will print and laminate the descriptions as a placemat beneath my oatmeal.

Sources: Investopedia, PewResearch.org, Britannica.com, U.S. Congress Legislative Hearings, Indeed.Com, MentalFloss.Com, McCrindle.Com, American Psych Association (apa.org), and others

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A hardcopy update list was included with the annual meeting report that was mailed via USPS to all residents. Updates since that distribution will appear in the February and March issues. A complete directory update will be mailed in the spring, probably in April.

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Mahjongg	Kathy Abbott
Men's Coffee	Dan Tyna
Poker	Don Herman
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