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## **Learn How to Paint Rocks at the Chapman DeMary Trail with Artist Marion Esposito**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., September 15, 2020** — The Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Purcellville Arts Council will co-host a rock painting workshop at the Chapman DeMary Trail on Sunday, September 27. Local artist Marion Esposito, who painted the rocks for the Purcellville Rocks scavenger hunt, will lead two 1-hour workshops to teach participants how to paint rocks. Supplies will be provided. Each of the two workshops will be limited to six families and reservations are required. The first will start at 1 p.m. and the second will start at 2:30 p.m. [Reserve a table for your family online](#). Please remember to wear a face covering and maintain social distance from other participants. If you feel sick, please stay home.

This activity is a continuation of the monthly nature walks which, from March through August, had been canceled due to COVID-19. These walks and activities will now resume, however, to comply with the current guidelines, the monthly activities will be held in smaller groups with two sessions each time, and reservations will be required in advance.

The weekend of this activity is also the last weekend of the Purcellville Rocks scavenger hunt. By September 28, a total of 20 painted rocks will have been hidden in various parks, trails, and places in Purcellville. Since August 15, clues and photos for each rock have been posted on the [Purcellville Parks and Recreation Facebook page](#) on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. To participate, check the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Facebook page or visit the [Purcellville Rocks page](#) of the Town website.

The Chapman DeMary Trail is a 10-acre area considered to be the last stand of old-growth forest in the Town of Purcellville. It runs along the South Fork Catoctin Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The area is open to the public for environmental recreation, exploration, and education. The Town of Purcellville holds the conservation easement for this privately-owned property. The entrance and parking for the Chapman DeMary Trail is behind the building at 205 East Hirst Road in Purcellville.

The Discover Nature's Secrets guided nature walks and activities are held the last Sunday of each month and hosted by the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Learn more on the Monthly Nature Walks page in the Events and Activities section of the Town of Purcellville's website at [www.PurcellvilleVa.gov](http://www.PurcellvilleVa.gov).

### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated

community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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