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**START A NATURE JOURNAL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
AT THE CHAPMAN DEMARY TRAIL**

PURCELLVILLE, Va., November 16, 2022 — Come to the Chapman DeMary Trail at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 to start your own nature journal. The Purcellville Arts Council is co-hosting this nature activity with the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In addition to supplying the notebooks and colored pencils, members of the Purcellville Arts Council will share tips about how to start a nature journal and how to sketch some items found in nature. Those who already received journaling supplies at the October nature walk or during Hail to the Trail are encouraged to attend this and future nature walks to get a sticker in their journals. Those with six or more stickers from the monthly nature walks through November 2023 will get a prize. Bringing the journal to each nature walk encourages participants to observe, write, draw, and capture the seasonal changes at the Chapman DeMary Trail. [Register online to attend!](#)

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.

Learn more and register online on the Monthly Nature Walks page in the Events and Activities section of the Town of Purcellville's website at 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 approximately 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Innovation Award for Environmental Sustainability and in years past, the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for innovation and green initiatives. The Town most recently received the Tree City USA Award for the 14th consecutive year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and was 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.

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