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**START A NATURE JOURNAL AND ADOPT A TREE AT THE CHAPMAN DEMARY TRAIL  
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., January 13, 2023** — Come to the Chapman DeMary Trail at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 29 to start your own nature journal and adopt a tree! The Purcellville Arts Council and the Tree and Environment Sustainability are jointly hosting the first nature walk of 2023 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. Members of the Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee will lead a complimentary activity called Adopt a Tree. This joint activity will be repeated in July and November to encourage participants to observe changes throughout the year. [Register online to attend](#) and to ensure there are enough supplies for all.

Those who already received journaling supplies at the October 2022 nature walk or during the 2022 Hail to the Trail are encouraged to bring their journals and attend these monthly nature walks to get a sticker in their journals. Participants 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.

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](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 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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