

Become a Tree Steward

Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards announces a Tree Steward Training Course February 25 – May 14, 2008

What is a Tree Steward? Tree Stewards are trained volunteers who care for landscape and city street trees and teach others about urban forests in their communities through educational programs, tree plantings and maintenance assistance. Upon completion of this 42 hour course, which includes a detailed tree steward manual and helpful resource materials, plus an additional 40 hours of required volunteer service with area tree steward projects, you become a certified a tree steward volunteer. Maintenance of tree steward certification is contingent upon a minimum commitment of 20 hours of tree steward volunteer service per year.

Class Details

14 Consecutive Mondays

9 am to 12 Noon

Cost: \$50 - Class limit: 30

Orientation: Jan. 22 (10 am)

Registration Deadline: Feb. 15

Location:

Virginia Department of Forestry

900 Natural Resources Drive

Fontaine Research Park

Charlottesville, Virginia



Tree Steward Volunteer Projects: Increase public awareness of trees, conduct tree inventories, select and identify trees, plant new trees in parks and public areas, educate community residents on tree care and urban forestry, and involve others in caring for community trees.

Funding, donation of printed materials and cooperative support for this educational offering has been made possible by the following not-for-profit sponsors and associations:

Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards

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Albemarle/Charlottesville Office (www.ext.vt.edu)**

Trees Virginia (www.treesvirginia.org)

**Piedmont Master Gardeners Association
(www.piedmontmastergardeners.org)**

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Class Topics: Arboriculture; Roots and Soils; Tree Biology; Tree Selection, Planting and Care; Utility Lines and Construction; Tree Disorders and Diagnosis; Pruning; Invasives; Riparian Buffers; Forest Corridors; Big and Remarkable Trees; Tree Inventories. Many classes will also include outdoor demonstration components and “hands-on” training experience. Other sessions will also include walking tours around UVA campus’ viewing its unique trees, a forest walk thorough Monticello woodlands and a private visit to Montpelier’s Old Growth Forest.

Class Presenters: Experts in all aspects of tree care and urban forestry from both public and private sectors have graciously donated their services for this tree steward course. The professional affiliations represented by these class presenters and educational site visits include:

- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Tech University
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Offices
- Blue Ridge Community College
- Tree Stewards of Greater Lynchburg
- Greenways and Utility Foresters from Albemarle County and Appalachian Power
- Thomas Jefferson Center for Historical Plants
- Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
- Montpelier Home of James Madison
- Professional Firms for Landscape Architecture and Arboriculture



Your help is needed... so please register now to *Become a Tree Steward*

Registration: Complete the information requested below, make a \$50 check payable to “VCE-Albemarle” and send to: Virginia Cooperative Extension, 460 Stagecoach Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

Registration postmark deadline is February 15, 2008 - Class limited to 30 paid participants.

Note: Any course registrations received after course enrollment is filled, these registrants will be notified by telephone and their checks will be returned by mail.

For more information, if needed, please call either Lottie Dudley or Cathy Betts at 434-872-4580.

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