



SFF has had a successful year, including meeting all the goals that we set last December:

- Exceeded our goal of 100 members with 144 on our rolls at this time;
- Brought back the popular Summer Series, in person, with masks indoors;
- Presented \$2500, the largest scholarship to date, to the Sustainable Communities class at Brevard College; and
- Continued our mission of conserving land, with lots R 22 (with 99.4% member support, representing only 1 abstention), and FR 2/13 (with 98.8% member support representing 1 no vote and 1 abstention).

Financially, SFF is stable:

- Created a brokerage account with two stock donations to our scholarship fund;
- Received about \$25.00 a quarter from Amazon Smiles;
- Received donations of money and in-kind materials to build the chimney swift tower;
- Received a \$500 grant to reimburse some of the costs of building the tower, or to pursue a third tower;
- Received donations in honor of and in memory of residents, families and friends;
- Ended 2021 with \$25,000 in our operating budget, made up of memberships and donations;
- Awarded a \$500 grant to Nature Nuts in support of their programming for the coming year;
- Engaged a CPA to prepare our taxes. As we have grown, tax preparation has become more complicated; and
- Awarded \$350 to John Rucker's Amazing Turtle Tracking program with dogs, and a grant of \$125 for a turtle tracking monitor as an increase in building homes has brought attention to the plight of the NC state reptile.

Organizationally, SFF is sound:

- Executed a Memorandum of Understanding between SFF and the SFHOA with regard to the role of each organization and its mission;
- Renewed our solicitation license for SFF for another year;
- Surveyed SFF members twice this year to guide the SFF Board in determining our future plans. **The**

**Survey One results:**

- ✓ 53.4% of members have lived here 3-15 years and 30% have lived here longer than 15 years.
- ✓ 47% of our members get their information from the SFF newsletter.
- ✓ The number one mission our members support is accepting land and adding to Sherwood Forest green space.
- ✓ 100% of our members have read our newsletter and 93% have voted yes to accept a lot.
- ✓ The Summer Series was recognized as the legacy program.

**Survey Two results: this survey specifically addressed the Summer Series in order to provide recommendations for next year's series.** Results included adding a variety of series topics, the possibility of adding a square dance or activity other than lecture/discussions All four 2021 sessions were highly rated and our speakers received excellent comments from attendees.

Programmatically, SFF offered varied options:

- Sponsored a Hike n' Bike to raise money for our scholarship;
- Offered three nature walks on Earth Day, including one for families and a program for young children;
- Hosted a drive-by program of music and fun and provided recipes for a new "Blue Ghost Cocktail" to celebrate the return of the Blue Ghosts;

- Constructed a second chimney swift tower near the original, with help from members and non-members;
- Participated in Transylvania County's *Leave It Better* campaign, picking up trash in DuPont Forest parking lots after four major holidays;
- Hosted a dinner in honor of Jim and Irene Granger. Present and past SFF board members attended. Jim was one of the original founders of SFF and the Grangers continue to support the organization;
- Attended a private open house for SFF members hosted by Royle Duff at the pottery studio of Judith Duff. Jim Granger donated one of Judith's pieces as a door prize;
- Co-sponsored a program on *The Village and the Turnpike*, a book by Doug Pace, Patricia Lee Stahl and former SFF Board Member, Charley Burden. SFF presented a copy to the Sherwood Forest library; and
- Donated copies of Laura Gardner's counting book, an accompanying activity sheet and a CD to interested families in Sherwood Forest with young children.

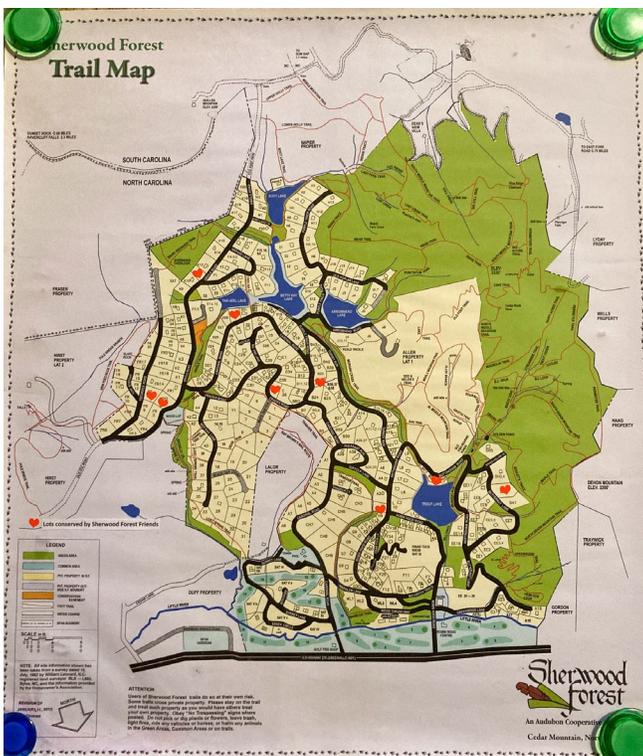
SFF's goals for 2022 include:



None of this would be possible without the support and generosity of everyone reading this letter! Together we have made a difference in our community. Thank you!

*Carol McCullough*

Carol McCullough, President; Kirk Friedland, Vice President; Libby Brown, Secretary; Linda McGehee, Treasurer; Caroline Chambers; Clint Owings; Diane Rago; Susan Wilkinson.



Lots with **RED** hearts represent lots donated to the Sherwood Forest HOA by Sherwood Forest Friends through 2021.