

## Historic Rivers Chapter -VMN

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

For the December General Membership Meeting of the Historic Rivers Chapter - VMN, we held our End of the Year Holiday Party at Legacy Hall, 4301 New Town Avenue, Williamsburg, VA. Doors opened at 6:00 pm. Guests arrived and were welcomed at the door and given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets.

Tables in the Hall were arranged for the potluck buffet at one end and round tables for dining filled the room. The tables were beautifully decorated by Deb Woodward, Janet Curtis and Sherry Brubaker with faux candles and Christmas greenery provided by Deb Woodward. Each table had bird pictures at every seat provided by Shirley Devan. Guests provided their own dinnerware.

President Shirley Devan called the gathering together at 6:30 pm, explaining the agenda for the evening. Shirley welcomed everyone and gave special thanks to Sherry Brubaker and her helpers for their outstanding work in preparing the event and making it all possible. Guests were called to the potluck buffet by Cohort, beginning with Cohort 1, and photographs were taken of each group. Members from all 9 Cohorts were represented.

Throughout the evening guests were entertained by a great Flickr slide show compliments of Shirley and a treasure box construction activity provided by Sherry with excellent help from Helen and Sarah, daughters of Stephanie and Christopher Schmuck.

After dinner we enjoyed a game of "Find Someone Who..." The goal is to move about the party, asking questions of everyone there to find out who matches the clues. There were several winners who were able to successfully match every clue. They were invited to choose a prize from the prize table.

After the game, the raffle winners were chosen. The feature prizes were a stunning framed photograph by Inge Curtis and a copy of Doug Tallamy's book The Living Landscape. Following the raffle drawing, Shirley asked everyone to find the bird picture placed at each setting. She called out one bird for each table and the holder of that bird received the table centerpiece to take home.

As the party ended a number of guests stayed to help with the clean up which made for fast work. Shirley thanked everyone who had worked hard to help, and everyone for bringing such delicious food to share.

69 guests were in attendance and all expenses were covered. The raffle proceeds were \$138.00, and after all expenses there was a net of \$45.00.

The party ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barnhart, Co-recording Secretary

