



Chicory Lane

Symposium

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Comments & Feedback Sheet

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ChicoryLane Symposium Comments & Feedback

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What did you like about the event?

- Variety of walks, talks, opportunities
- mixing of environmentally aware communities
- kind, welcoming atmosphere.

What would you change?

I would have signed up earlier.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I really enjoyed Doug Tallamy's Friday evening talk. I learned so much. Thank you for bringing him. Putting this event on took loads of effort - congratulations on the success!

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Kelly Anderson

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What did you like about the event?

The bug walk speakers were fantastic. Very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. I do not have a particular interest in bugs, but their enthusiasm was contagious.

What would you change?

40 min allotment for shrub walk. It was a popular walk and people had a lot of questions and the speakers (particularly Doug) did not have time to finish the loop.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Everything! Great event. Thank you!

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↑
on your list
already

What did you like about the event?

Doug W + Doug T were so great to be around
and I learned so much today.

Seeing this property finally is

snack were FREE!
VERY kind
+ unexpected.

What would you change?

Somehow

Allow more people, maybe 2 days?



I know people
who were disappointed
how it filled.

↑
I know that's
asking a lot.

But more may have fit in @ Fri talk + that was awesome

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I saw birds I've not seen before
+ saw orioles for the longest amt. of time ever.

Doug Tallery has so much to offer and does
it in a perfectly concise + engaging way.

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→ You gave me a wonderful experience.
Thank you !!

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What did you like about the event?

variety of tours - (insects
plants
trees
birds)

What would you change?

nothing!

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

many more native plants to identify
better bird ID.

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What did you like about the event?

Everything!

Tents + snacks for lunch were a surprise + great addition.

What would you change?

add a few tents for shade stations out and about. I was fine, but there were people that had a hard time.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I loved seeing your native perennials in the woods! This was the best part for me.

Thank you for sharing!

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What did you like about the event?

I enjoyed the knowledge and the enthusiasm of the presenters.
Very well run. I would definitely come again

What would you change?

Make it longer. ~~and~~

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I loved the information on the ecological benefits. ~~and how~~
~~it all is part of the greater~~

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What did you like about the event?

Small groups with speakers gave more chances for questions. Speakers & attendees come from a wide variety of backgrounds and dialogue was conversational and great discussions.

What would you change?

I would have/should have brought a pen or small notepad. Chicory Lane did a great job of having areas set up to gather!

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Walnuts won't fully kill the understory - it's the nuts/shells that are the issue. Ash populations are slowly coming back - so yes plant ash trees.

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What did you like about the event?

The walks were all amazing. Loved the enthusiasm of all the speakers. I appreciated the small groups.

What would you change?

Most things were kept on time, but there were a few times we waited an extended period of time for the next speaker during a walk.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I need to work on my shrub and tree ID.

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Adam Kosinski

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What did you like about the event?

Wonderful to meet so many conservation/nature minded people.
I enjoyed Doug Tallamy's walk, the macroinvertebrates, and the spring ephemerals. I loved the emphasis on how to incorporate native plants into your house. Nice to have salty snacks in the heat.
Lauren was kind in her emails ☺.

What would you change?

Not much honestly, was lovely.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Lots about insects, and shrubs! Galls. which shrubs are most valuable for insects and food webs.

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What did you like about the event?

The presenters were great, and the variety of plants
wonderful.

What would you change?

Not much.

Great to have another walk late summer.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Too many to list. Loved the plant walks,
but learned much from the bird & insect people.
The enthusiasm was lovely.

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What did you like about the event?

*ALL THE EXPERT INFORMATION AND SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE.
PLUS THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT*

What would you change?

IT WAS A PERFECT DAY! THANK YOU!

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

THE PROGRESSION OF PLANTS OVER THE YEARS

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What did you like about the event?

Meeting lots of people/networking
Doug Tallamy
Lots of ideas about natives

What would you change?

Nothing

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Lots about ~~oaks~~ oaks...
More on invasives

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What did you like about the event?

Friendly people, great time
loved the Tallamy talks!

What would you change?

I loved it all!

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Native plants for shade
I wish I could have gone on my walks

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What did you like about the event?

Seeing all the beautiful native plants

What would you change?

Nothing

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

What a wild Geranium looks like.

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What did you like about the event?

The opportunities to ask questions, meet like-minded folks, I appreciated the dialogue with a kindness of Lauren prior to the event. I felt so welcomed! My daughter read the Doug Tallamy Young reader edition book this year and was very excited to meet the author. Amazing you hosted him!

What would you change?

Nothing It was so well orchestrated. I was very impressed.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

About growth habits & options best for my yard, including how to cut & keep certain trees/shrubs so they will work in my landscape that is only 0.8 acres.

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What did you like about the event?

Beautiful Place, great walks

What would you change?

I don't think I would.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

Interesting[^] about Bugs! So many interesting Bugs in
things

the Ponds!

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What did you like about the event?

I enjoyed everything I participated in.
Each of the presenters were knowledgeable & enthusiastic.
The logistics were well thought out

What would you change?

More time with each presenter.... so maybe?
fewer sites to get to? That sounds unfortunate
though as there is so much to see & learn!

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I knew the least about the soil insects that
Valeria presented & thoroughly enjoyed that.
Main take away - slow down stop, look, listen, wait

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What did you like about the event?

Very well organized event. The group leaders were knowledgeable about their topics and the walks were relaxed and interactive. The group sites were perfect - small enough to hear the speaker and easy to mingle with the other participants.

What would you change?

Honestly, I can't think of a single thing.

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

I learned about owl nests and saw a nest being built. I learned that barn swallows take baths in the pond. I saw spotted water hemlock for the first time. Seeing the green herons + pileated woodpecker was a thrill!

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What did you like about the event?

Support of experts to better understand natural habitats!

What would you change?

Nothing!

What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

History of the property!

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What did you like about the event?

the place! The informative and delightful walks!
The lovely people! And Day Tallony! And such
enthusiastic and knowledgeable grad students!

What would you change?

Sat. was a long day. But I don't know how you'd change that.



What new things did you learn and/or find most interesting?

So many things.
And learned about
ChicoryLane! ♡

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