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## 2023 Event Plan - draft

### Special permit for 150+ people

- 1) October Fall Harvest Festival – 600 people in 2022

### 5 large events up to 150 people:

- 1) Junior Board “Apres Ski” fundraiser party - March
- 2) Garden Tea on the lawn + Scholars Lecture - May
- 3) Annual Barnraiser picnic/party – October (maybe a square dance!)
- 4) Corbin District Return of the Artisan event
- 5) ???????

### Others to consider:

Concert featuring a cappella group, *Acabella* – May

Darien Alumni Art Show opening party

Darien Arts Center opening party (and show)

Large scholars lecture?

NC Newcomers event

(others last year included St. Lukes party and Acabella concert)

### 10 mid-size events between 30-70 people:

- 1) Mather Tavern night/lecture – February
- 2) Other Scholars Lecture TBD
- 3) Other Scholars Lecture TBD
- 4) Music at Mather concert on the lawn – June – e.g., On the Trail or like band.

- 5) A Visit from St. Nicholas (children will come to see Santa at various times).
- 6) Mather Games? Or Easter bunny?

Others 2022 included:

- FCC church party
- Rental for rehearsal dinner - November

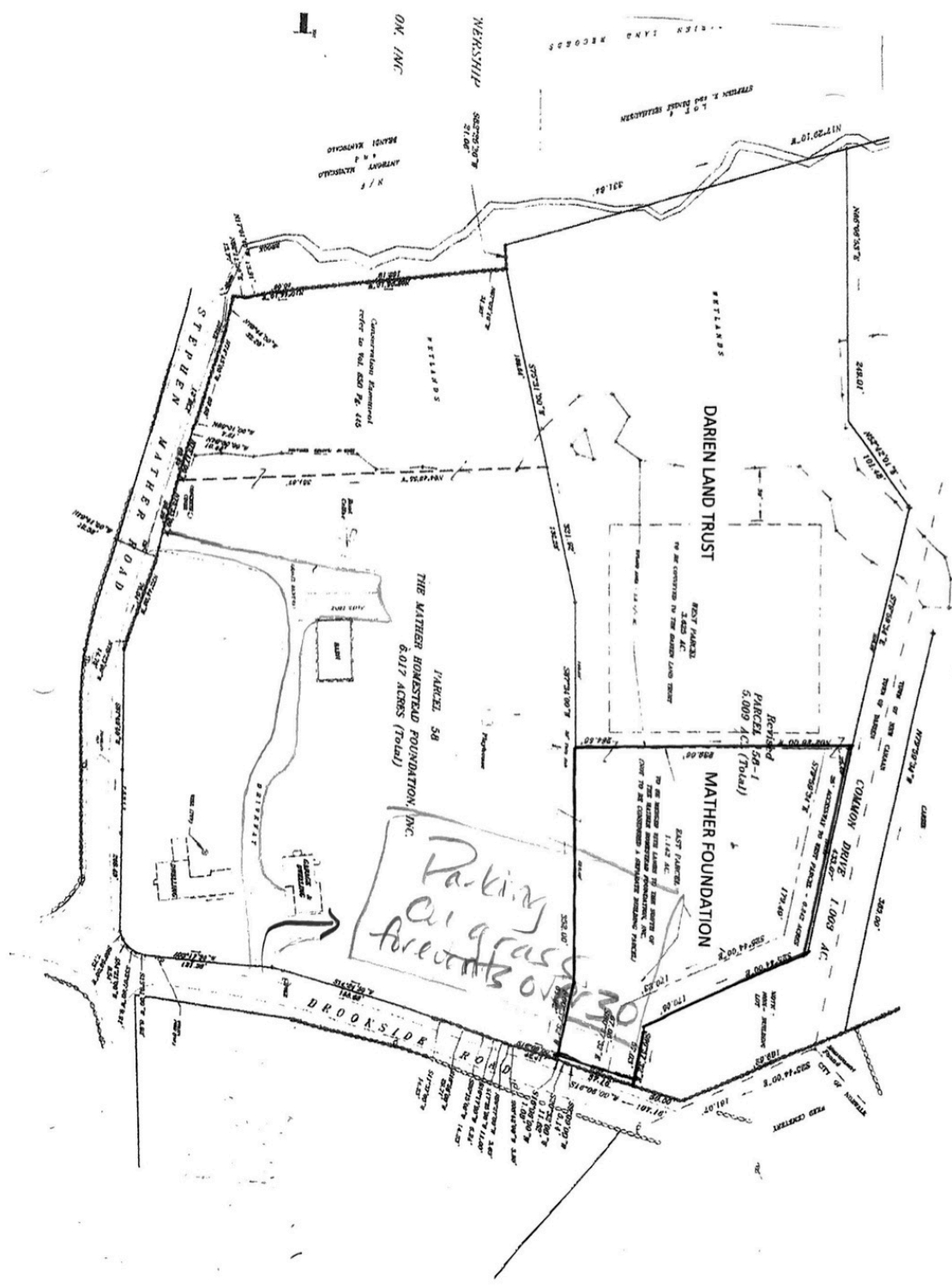
### **Small events less than 30 people – some hard to keep to 30 people**

- Tours, tour & tea
- Darien Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade History Tours (1 school bus on premises for 20 min visits on occasional weekday morning - May
- Scholars Lectures
- Literary Nights with Samantha (book club, poetry etc.)
- STM exhibit events
  - o Welcome groups such as DAR etc.
- Homesteading workshops
  - o Quilting
  - o Greenery
- Social/friend raising
  - o Rosé and Roses – only 25 came – could be more
  - o Leadership recognition party – this year only 30 came (STM opening) – could be more
- Music at Mather – some are on the small site
  - o Singer songwriter in barn in winter
  - o Con Fuoco
- Art at Mather
  - o Plein Air Weeks – June
  - o Artscapades – lecture on American Art
  - o Painting class with Lisa Thoren
- Kids events
  - o Night at the Museum
  - o Book clubs
  - o Junior Ranger
  - o Teen board meetings

- Intern program May/June
- Visits from Scouts. Scouts have visited to volunteer/beautify the property (10/2), for tours and for a campout.
- Yoga 3 x per week (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 9:30 am. No more than 10 per session

#### Rentals

- keep to under 30 – if we can do 1 x per month @ \$500 = \$6,000
  - Pink rhubarb kids workshops in June/July - ~10 kids per session 9 to 12. ~\$2,500
  - Meetings (Darien Foundation, Impact FC ...)
  - Small gatherings (birthday parties (no bouncy castles etc., dinners ...)
  - Jumpin Jams music classes. 8 classes per week during summer. 12 kids + caregivers – would be great to figure out how to do this. Could make upwards of \$500 per week.
  - Darien Alumni Art show June 11, 12 – no more than 30 people at any given time except opening party



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5.009 AC. (Total)

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