

2021-22 PBC Yearbook Dedication

Emily Tyler



photo credit unknown

Each year, the PBC dedicates the yearbook to a member who has contributed to the success of the club in major ways. While it is never easy to narrow our focus to just one person, this year we chose to honor someone who has been an active member of the club for nearly 40 years.

This yearbook is the first one in over a decade without Emily Tyler as the chair of the Yearbook Committee. Each year Emily masterfully kept the yearbook dedication a surprise for all members, launching the reveal at the fall picnic. Emily, this year, the surprise is for you!

Emily Tyler was born in Charles City County, VA, a direct descendant of President John Tyler. She moved to Greensboro to work with the North Carolina health department in the 1980s, making her home in Browns Summit.

Emily made the PBC a big part of her life. Few, if any, members can match her level of involvement in the club. Over the years she held club offices, including president from 1987-1989 and 2001-2004, and chaired a variety of committees, pitching in wherever needed. She led several of PBC's popular field trips, including annual multi-day excursions to Huntington Beach/Murrells 'Inlet, SC, and to the Inner/Outer Banks of NC. Emily's field trips regularly had a great turnout and yielded great sightings. She reveled in the success and enjoyment experienced by her trip participants. She carefully planned every facet of the trips, including excellent dining in the evenings for the out-of-town trips.

As chair of the Yearbook Committee, Emily's organizational and editing skills ensured that the PBC members had a yearbook that not only listed upcoming activities, but captured the spirit and history of the club as well. She oversaw ongoing improvements that have made the yearbook what it is today.

Emily also chaired the Education Committee for many years. She proudly assembled the PBC display at area festivals and events, such as Earth Day at Price Park. It was a joy to watch her interact with young people at these events, helping them understand about bird nests and bird calls. She further shared her birding expertise in slide presentations for community organizations.



Emily was a consistent presence at PBC social activities, enjoying the camaraderie among club members. Her photographic contributions to the slide shows at the Holiday Dinners were always a treat. And her corn pudding won a "best dish" prize at one of the picnics.

With her long history in PBC and her many leadership roles in the club, Emily has been a respected voice as a board member. Her appreciation of the history and traditions of the club made for thoughtful contributions as new ideas were considered. Emily saw many changes in the club over the years as it entered the age of technology, and she made noble efforts to keep up with the times. Today, those close to her smile every time she attaches an emoji to texts she sends on her cell phone.

Emily has moved to be near her family in Richmond, VA. Her apartment is close to a beautiful wetland area, and she eagerly reports on birds that she sees. Although she is no longer in the Triad area, her impact on the club remains, and our members will continue to benefit from her dedication, energy, and enthusiasm on behalf of birds, birding, and the PBC.