

GOAT Noat for October 2018

- The Homewood GOAT logo will be unveiled at the October Meeting for Business. She (?) is a playful and feisty looking prancing goat who will be used for a number of purposes.
- “Inch-by-Inch: A Native Garden to Welcome Birds, Pollinators, and Seekers” is the title of the Meeting’s proposal to the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) to support installation of the side yard garden. The proposal will be submitted to CBT in early October. Installation has been postponed from fall 2018 to early spring 2019. We should hear from CBT by mid-November. In the meantime, GOAT is moving ahead with installation of two water-collecting cisterns adjacent to the building. Both of these components reduce storm water run off from the Meetinghouse and the property.
- As a P.S. to Homewood's garden, Bess Keller’s yard was certified recently as "bay-wise" by the University of Maryland Master Gardeners' program. The program is described here: <https://extension.umd.edu/baywise>. Bess has offered to talk to anyone in the meeting about the program. It's more extensive than the Audubon certification that Homewood will seek, but similar.
- GOAT will be asking Friends to complete a survey in October to help the team plan workshops and other events of interest for the Meeting as well as other local organizations. Look for the survey in mid October. We look forward to the Meeting’s input!
- Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and we were unable to have the Harmony Herd goats visit us on September 9th. No make up date has been set as the goats are very busy at this time of year. However, we do hope to have a goat-oriented event, perhaps a field trip, sometime during the school year. In the meantime, you might test and expand your knowledge of goats with [Facts about Goats - Florida A & M](#) published by Florida A and M's Cooperative Extension Program.
- GOAT is an open committee/team and welcomes interested members and attenders. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st at 9:15 AM in the Homewood Library.