



# Potowmack Chapter Virginia Native Plant Society



## Native Plant Interactions Above and Below Ground: The Relationships Between Plants, Fungi, Bacteria and Insects *A Talk by Charles Smith*



Newly emerged periodical cicada on Beebalm, by Charles Smith

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Green Spring Gardens  
4603 Green Spring Road  
Alexandria, VA 22312

*VNPS programs are free and open to the public.  
No reservations are necessary for lectures.*

Please join us for a talk by Charles Smith, to kick off our lecture series again this year. The interactions and relationships in plant communities form the visible framework of our living world. What we often don't see are the many other organisms interacting with plants, such as insect larvae, lesser known pollinators and bacterial and fungal allies. These relationships are interconnected and we are only beginning to understand them.

Charles is a native of Arlington, VA, and a naturalist and ecologist with 24 years of experience working primarily in natural resource management, including over 16 years with Fairfax County Park Authority and five years with Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. He is currently branch chief of Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division, focusing on stream and natural area restoration. Charles is a US Army veteran; board member of Virginia Native Plant Society, Prince William Wildflower Society and Prince William Conservation Alliance; and member of Friends of the Potomac River Refuges. He is a popular VNPS speaker and has served as an instructor for three chapters of the Virginia Master Naturalists.



Butterfly pollinating Torrey's Mountain-mint, by Charles Smith



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