

Blue Ridge Wildflower Society

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Welcome New Members

Robin Knapmeyer of Roanoke

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Letter from the President

By Lou Greiner

Hello to all wildflower lovers!

Wring out your raincoats, dump your boots, and get ready for a busy fall.

There is a lot planned with walks, talks and work days.

Our club will soon begin a butterfly garden at the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs site, where we meet.

A donation of many plants and other expenses has helped us move on this now, rather than in the spring.

It has been decided, because of site restrictions and inspiration from members, the emphasis will be on a wet meadow with native plants that are needed for monarch and other butterflies.

We will create a Monarch Waystation to nurture larva and provide nectar when the butterflies migrate.

The goal is to have this low-maintenance garden ready each fall and apply

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President's Letter:

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for certification from the group Monarch Watch.

We want your help. Soon we will be sending out more information about how and when you can volunteer.

This is a great way to put our knowledge of native plants to use and to show others how they attract not just butterflies and moths, but also birds and other wildlife.

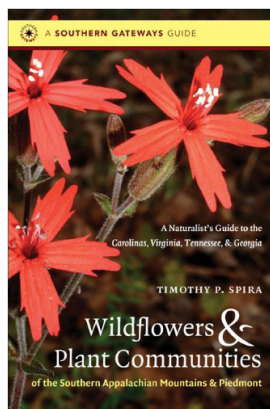
Hopefully others will learn from this example and go more native with their plantings.

For more information, go online to:
www.MonarchWatch.org/ws

Let's keep growing!

Another event you may be interested in

Naturalist Timothy Spira, author of "Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains & Piedmont," will give a presentation Oct. 11 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke. The program is being sponsored by the Roanoke Group of the Sierra Club.



Friday, Oct. 11

Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Leader: Dan Crawford

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Meet: Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke,
2015 Grandin Road SW
Roanoke, Va.

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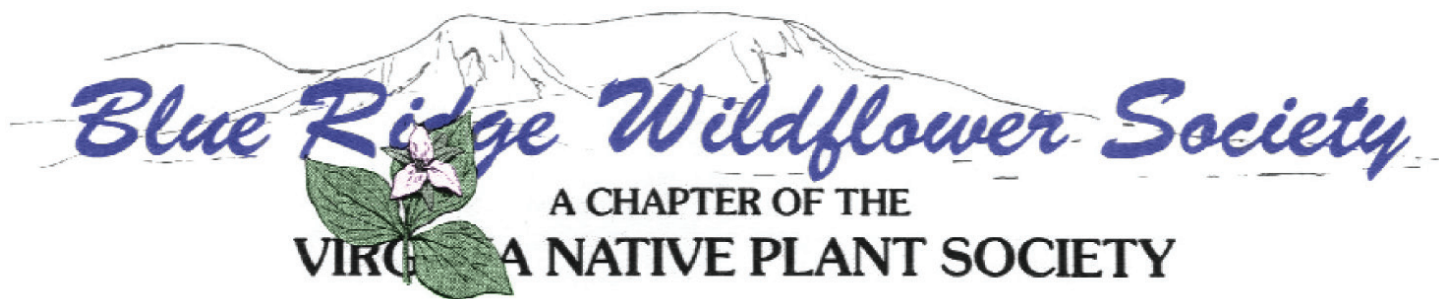
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Fall 2013

Calendar of Events

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Sunday, Sept. 8

Time: 1 p.m. to dinner

Leader: Butch Kelly

Contact: 384-7429

Meet: Orange Market at
Va. 419 and Va. 311.

Monday, Sept. 23

Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Leader: Lou Greiner

Contact: 774-3975

Meet: Roanoke Council of Garden
Clubs, 3640 Colonial Ave

Sunday, Oct. 13

Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Leader: Lou Greiner

Contact: 774-3975

Meet: Roanoke County main
library, 6303 Merriman Road

Monday, Oct. 28

Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Leader: Lou Greiner

Contact: 774-3975

Meet: Roanoke Council of Garden
Clubs, 3640 Colonial Ave

Monday, Nov. 25

Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Leader: Lou Greiner

Contact: 774-3975

Meet: Roanoke Council of Garden
Clubs, 3640 Colonial Ave

Field trip: "Craig County and Paint Bank"

This trip is always full of flora diversity. We should see many summer flowers and early fall blooms as well. The trip will include a wade through a wetland. There will be a motorcade with short walks along the way. Bring water, bug repellent, and sturdy boots. We will be in open and shaded areas. The trip will end with supper at the Swing-
ing Bridge Restaurant.

Meeting: "Wildflower and Nature Photography"

Stephanie Klein-Davis, an artist with 25 years of photojournalism experience, will give a presentation on how to better capture the images we see on walks and in our own back yards. Bring your own camera for the Q and A after the presentation.

Field Trip: "Wetland Walk at the South Roanoke Library"

There is a newly built board walk behind the library. Come join us to see the wetland plants without getting your feet wet. New places always bring us surprises.

Meeting: "Wildfire and Its Effects on Local Flora"

Are wildfires good or bad for the environment? How do they affect our plants? Join USFS ecologist Steve Croy for an interesting and thought-provoking subject. You may be surprised at what you find out.

Meeting: "Shared Memories and Seed Exchange"

Everyone has a chance to participate at this meeting. Bring labeled bags with seeds to exchange. If you have prints, 35mm slides, or digital photos to show to the group then bring them, too. For digital photos please put them on a disc or thumb drive. We will provide the projectors. Please limit your photos to 8-10 of your very best. They can be scenics, wildlife or flowers.

We want your ideas and your involvement

By Butch Kelly

We have more than 100 members in our wildflower society, and we want to hear your ideas about the club.

Where would you like to see a field trip?

What subject would you like to learn about from a speaker at one of our monthly meetings?

Would you like to volunteer to lead a walk or give a presentation?

Maybe you have suggestions for the way some things could be done better.

We, also, need folks to give offsite programs to other groups and school children. We are planning on getting together a series of digital slides that can be used

by anyone.

In the fall of 2014 we will elect new officers. If you would like to serve, let someone on the present board know. Do you have ideas on how to improve our plant sale or our picnic?

In November we will have our annual seed exchange and sharing of photos. Please participate.

We have many knowledgeable and talented folks in our group. Please be active and share those ideas, wishes, and thoughts by calling, emailing or talking with any member of the board of officers.

Remember, it's your seeds of ideas that produce the rich fruits of our club.

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