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Our July 21 meeting will feature “Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home,” a film by Catherine Zimmerman made as part of The Meadow Project.

The Meadow Project’s mission is to educate and raise awareness about sustainable, native, healthy, easy, and affordable land care practices that support wildlife and human life. With that mission, it has recently completed production on “Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home,” a 90-minute environmental education documentary focused on showing how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local ecosystems.



Catherine Zimmerman and her video camera, in a photo from the Project’s website at themeadowproject.com

The film features renowned entomologist **Dr. Douglas Tallamy**, whose research, books, and lectures on the use of non-native plants in landscaping sound the alarm about habitat and species loss. Tallamy provides the narrative thread that challenges the notion that humans are here and nature is someplace else. “It doesn’t have to, and shouldn’t be that way.” Inspiring stories of community commitment to conservation landscaping illustrate Tallamy’s vision by showing how humans and nature can co-exist with mutual benefits. The message: All of us have the power to support habitat for wildlife and bring natural beauty to our patch of the earth. The goal: Build a new army of habitat heroes!

The meeting begins at **6:45 pm** at the **Newport News Main St. Library**, 110 Main St, Newport News. **See you there!**

From the President

Summer is here at last. We have had some beautiful days and I so enjoyed them sitting in the shade in my yard enjoying it all. With the great amounts of rain, the plants grew to whopping tall sizes and all around I see many birds and hear their varied songs. Butterflies are all around. It is fun to watch them fly, gracefully land, and enjoy the nectar. My yard looks more organized than usual but keeps the jungle look that I like. I have really paid attention to the idea of using short and tall groundcovers for plants, and there are very few weeds



I can see. Besides I just look and enjoy but don't walk into many areas of tall plants so I won't worry about chiggers. Maybe it is due to the cold April, but I have not been as bothered by ticks this year. Wow, is that worth celebrating! I have planted Wild Bergamot and Lyre-leaf Sage since it does not need cold stratification and now they are growing; this way we will have some for next year's sale. For the 2017 Plant Sale, I have already potted probably 300 plants which grew last winter in my garden. It does mean I have to do a lot of watering in this heat to keep them alive and healthy.

We have also begun to enjoy (or suffer) high heat; at times I am indoors in the cool air conditioning working on the Hampton Roads Native Plant Guide. After our March energetic voting on and eliminating plants for the guide, we had a pause in April. Since this guide will serve both the John Clayton Chapter and the South Hampton Roads Chapter, plants were chosen which are native in most of our areas. In May, we met to decide on the organization of the guide. Now is the time to actually write what will be included in the Hampton Roads Native Plant Guide. Plants are divided into sections. Each one of the sections will have a general introduction with importance and use of the particular plants in the garden. This will be followed by the highlighted plants: there is a photograph, a description of the plant, its cultivation needs, and what faunal associations it has. I have finished the sections of Vines, Perennials (Forbs), Ferns, Grasses, Groundcover, and Trees. It was useful to have Helen's book for the Grasses, previous guides, and the use of the Digital Atlas of Virginia as well as the Lady Bird Johnson Native Plant Data Base. I remember when it was funded never dreaming that it would help me so much many years later. I am also grateful to those who already printed their area's native plant guides to inspire me and help with descriptions. Unfortunately, of the many in our group working on this project few have stepped up to write about the highlighted plants; I want to be sure we will be able to use the grant before it expires in autumn. I am looking forward to seeing customers with a guide in hand coming to get plants.

It was a disappointment to me that our June retreat was not able to happen due to your busy schedules. It would have been so nice to meet at Joan Etchberger's home to discuss ways to attract more members and expand our chapter. I hope that we will be able to meet in the fall and come up with ideas. If any of you have ideas that you would like to express, let Joan Etchberger (jetchberger@cox.net) or Cortney Langley

(clangley@plantrescue.org) know. We would love to hear from you and have you join our retreat this fall.

If we didn't have enough weeds to deal with, there is a new thug spreading in Virginia: **Wavyleaf Basket Grass**.

Do not be fooled by its pretty appearance; it is a menace. Wavyleaf basketgrass was first discovered in Maryland in 1996 in Patapsco Valley State Park, near Baltimore. It has since spread through Maryland and Virginia, showing many of the qualities of a successful and damaging invasive species. In some areas this shade-tolerant grass completely carpets the forest floor, leaving little room for native species. Its perennial life style enables it to emerge year after year through thick leaf litter, colonizing vast areas of forest inaccessible to annual invasive grasses like stiltgrass. Its insidious dispersal method of offering dozens of goo-covered seeds atop a spikey inflorescence

ensures that it hitches a ride on nearly anything mobile that brushes past: people, dogs, deer, and definitely, small mammals and birds. Nothing eats it. If you see it, remove it and let the Virginia Native Plant Society know it has arrived down here. If you wish to learn more, see the article in the Virginia Native Plant Society Webpage <http://vnps.org/wavyleaf-basketgrass-help-stop-now/> and see the photo of the poor dog covered with its seeds.

Don't forget to stop and enjoy the flowers blooming now!

Lucile Kossodo

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Camilla Buchanan, Catherine Flanagan, and Alicia, Joseph, & Sammael Garcia**, all of Williamsburg; **Sharon Burton & Byran Barmore** of Hampton; **Sally Young** of Newport News; and **Maeve Charlesworth** of Urbanna.

Recent plant walks—

A walk in wet woods on May 21

The forecast was not promising for the weekend, so I called Pat Rathke for advice. A JCCW Master Gardener, she saw no problem with a little rain, so I decided not to cancel.

It was pouring rain when I met a small group of plant walkers at the Lightfoot Post Office on May 21 at 8:30 am. Pat Rathke and Pat Hultberg and their husbands drove themselves to Richmond, since they had other plans after our visit to Eden Woods. Since Sylvia Sterling grew up in Richmond, she volunteered to drive me and Susan Holler all the way to southwestern Richmond, in North Chesterfield, Bon Air. Never stopped raining.

We met **Norie Burnet** at her lovely home, and were joined by Shirley Ferguson and Eunice Hyer, who live in Richmond. Inside it was dry, and Norie gave us the history



A photograph of Wavyleaf Basket Grass (*Oplismenus undulatifolius*) from the National Gardening Association's website.

of her gardening experience. She is a charming speaker, and told us that when she bought the property over 30 years ago, she tried to grow grass, but one of her sons encouraged her to give up and let the mosses grow. And they have done so—all the pathways are mossy, bordered by trees, shrubs, and perennials in artistic arrangements.

The rain stopped, at least to a light drizzle, and with raincoats and boots Norie led us through her garden, stopping to point out a favorite group of plants or to identify a moss. It is indeed an “eden,” which is the name Norie gave the garden as she worked on it section by section, turning a jungle into groups of plants lined with neat mossy pathways, some with stepping stones.

Norie cautioned us that a moss garden requires just as much work as any other garden. She had just used a blower to clear away leaves and debris from some of the paths. And there are always pine cones and magnolia leaves, which she told us should never be planted near mosses, because the leaves are so large and profuse. Some of the little spring wildflowers that grow up through the mosses are allowed to remain, some are removed.

Much information is available about Norie and her gardens, since she has been featured in numerous publications and talk shows. Along with the photos she mailed to me was one of her cards, “Moss and Shade Gardening, Slide Lectures and Garden Tours.” At 86, she said she does all the maintenance in her garden, treating herself to a glass of wine after several hours of especially hard gardening. And she shows no signs of slowing down—inspiration for us all! **Helen Hamilton**

June 11's Campus tree walk

I joined the Virginia Native Plant Society just days before going to my first event, which was the William and Mary Tree Walk. To register for the event, I had the pleasure of talking to **Beth Chambers**, the guide for the walk. She was welcoming, personable, and added to my enthusiasm for wanting to take part. I was concerned that with an arthritic knee, I may not be able to keep up. As the people gathered at the steps of Phi Beta Kappa Hall, I found we had a gregarious, helpful group and would be going at an easy pace. I brought my camera and was able to take a few shots and still keep up with the lecture and the walk.



Helen and Norie



The group stops for a photo in Norie's garden.



Pictured (but not necessarily in this order) are participants Jim Cole, Cathy Flanagan, Charles & Barb Ewing, Jean Balutauski, Lisa Nickel, Sue Muteh, Dave Lauthers, Dorothy Whitfield, Rick Berquist, Karen Berquist, Jean Johnston, Steve Johnston, Adrienne Frank, Gary Driscole, and leader Beth Chambers.

Although the weather was hot, the walk took us through pleasant, shady surroundings and some fascinating specimens, both native and cultivated. Of particular interest were “championship” specimens—ones that qualified due to criteria such as height, spread, or age. The metasequoia, or Dawn Redwood, was a real stand-out for me. Discovered in the 1940s, it is known as a living fossil (it was thought to be extinct). Although related to the giant redwoods of California, this species is deciduous. Another fascinating species to me was *Cryptomeria*, or Japanese Temple Cedar—although it appears somewhat similar to the redwoods it is not closely related. On the topic of cedars, I learned that the native Eastern Red Cedar is not a true cedar but is in the Juniper family. Along the way we learned a number of different tips for identifying trees that were very helpful. The magnolias were in bloom and Beth told us that it was well worth taking the time to get close and smell their delightful fragrance. I had never done it, and it is a very pleasant fresh smelling perfume. We saw both the *Magnolia grandiflora* and *Magnolia virginiana*, noting the difference in leaf and form. Passing by the Physics Department, we saw species of *Malus* (apple) that, appropriately, were said to be from cuttings traceable back to Isaac Newton’s family garden! Our walk took us by the lovely scenic Crim Dell Bridge and the Wildflower Refuge. Best seen in April, the Wildflower Refuge is one place I plan to return to visit. What is wonderful to know is that we are welcome to visit the gardens on our own anytime—preferably a weekend when no major events are being held. I will be sure to do it.

Catherine Flanagan

June 18's Williamsburg Farmer's Market

I joined **Sara** and **Ray Nugent** and **Kathi Mestayer** at the Chapter's booth on a beautiful Saturday morning, sunny but not hot, and we extolled the virtues of native plants to everyone who stopped by.



Ray sets up our tent.



Louise and Kathi entertain each other between visitors.

Cynthia Long (a.k.a. The Seed Queen) contributed a basketful of Soldier Mallow seed packets we could offer to visitors, and they went quickly!

One visitor asked if we could help her identify a flowering plant she had recently noticed on her property, showing us photos on her cell-phone. We did not recognize it, but after she



Sara holds up the nearly emptied basket of Cynthia's packets of seeds.

Photos: Sara Nugent



The "mystery" plant. Its white flowers have yellow stamens and each leaf is thinly rimmed with deep red.

emailed me this photo, I passed it along to Helen Hamilton. The news from Helen was not good—"O that is the nasty chameleon plant...*Houttuynia cordata*," a native of Asia, invasive and very difficult to eradicate. I think our questioner is determined to try.

Louise Menges

Come help in Stonehouse Habitat's Garden!

Come out and lend a hand at the Stonehouse Habitat garden on **Sunday, July 24th** and **Saturday, August 13th**. We'll be working from 9 am to 10:30 am, doing all the usual garden tasks: transplanting, mulching, weeding and pruning. The August 13th work day is especially important so we can get the garden in shape for the new school year. Everyone is welcome! Stonehouse Elementary School is at 3651 Rochambeau Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Please bring your own water if necessary and remember, there are no bathroom facilities!

Phillip Merritt

Upcoming walks—

➤ **Saturday, July 16, 10:00 am: Herbarium and greenhouse tour**

Beth Chambers, Curator of the herbarium at the College of William and Mary, will lead a tour through the herbarium, explaining the work of a curator and the importance of these records of plant specimens. Sheets of plants will be out for examination, with some microscopic views as well. Beth will also take the group through the new greenhouse at the Integrated Science Center if work on it is complete.

Meet at the front of **Phi Beta Kappa Hall**, 601 Jamestown Road.

Contact Beth at 757-221-2213 to register and for more information.

➤ **Saturday, July 23, 9:00–11:00 am:**

A cool ravine bottom in Freedom Park with Donna Ware

Park near **Go Ape**. If it has rained recently, wear shoes you don't mind getting a little muddy. Bulbous Bittercress (in fruit), Great Blue Lobelia, Butternut (growing beside Black Walnut), Log Fern, and Skunk Cabbage will be among the plants we will see.

For information and to register,

contact Donna at 757-565-0657 or dmeware@verizon.net.

➤ **Saturday, August 13, 10:00 am:**

Flowers of late summer in Newport News Park

Peninsula Master Naturalist **Susie Yager** will lead a walk through this lakeside woodland. Meet at **Newport News Park's Ranger Station, Constitution Way**. From Jefferson Ave, turn onto Constitution Way; drive 0.4 mile—the Ranger Station will be on the left (GPS coordinates 37.180092, -76.545788). There is plenty of parking at nearby picnic shelters. Strawberry Bush and Beautyberry should be in fruit and numerous late summer flowers in bloom, including Swamp Loosestrife, Purple False Foxglove and Showy Bur-Marigold. If we're lucky we'll catch delicate Butterfly Pea in bloom, too. The round-trip walk will be about 2 miles. The Ranger Station has restrooms.

Contact Susie Yager to register at soozigus@cox.net.

➤ Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am: Ferns in bloom

Meet **Helen Hamilton** at the **Freedom Park Interpretive Center** for a walk to see native ferns with their “flowers.” Helen is nearing completion of a second local field guide, *Ferns and Mosses of Virginia’s Coastal Plain*, with color photographs of other small green plants as well.

Contact Helen at 757-564-4494 or helen48@cox.net for more information about the walk.

Plant Profile

Yellow Trumpet Honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens ‘John Clayton’

Sometime in the early 1990s Sylvia Sterling (charter member and longtime Membership Chair of our chapter) spied an unusual vine growing up a tree. She was traveling a back road near the Abingdon Episcopal Church on Route 17 in White Marsh, Virginia, and saw yellow flowers all over the top of a dogwood tree. She did not stop to look closely since she was driving to Williamsburg to meet Donna Ware for a plant walk. This unusual dogwood tree did not leave her mind during Donna’s plant walk, and on the way back home she stopped and saw the dogwood tree was covered with what looked like coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), but bright yellow in color. Sylvia collected a segment, then turned around and went back to Williamsburg to give the plant to Donna and Stewart for identification. Donna confirmed the species and judged this vine was a variant, or mutant, that had lost its red pigment.

Subsequently, Sylvia contacted a friend whose father, the warden at Abdingdon Church, was in charge of the grounds, and got permission to dig a few roots. George McLellan and Sylvia grew the vine from the root segments. George and Sylvia were on the board of the John Clayton Chapter when Sylvia found the plant, and he recalls that the board members decided to name the new discovery *Lonicera sempervirens* ‘John Clayton’ in honor of the colonial botanist.

George gave rooted plants to Bob McCartney of Woodlanders Nursery and to other nurseries for propagation and distribution in the nursery trade. Since Bob is a Virginia native and held a position at Colonial Williamsburg in landscaping and plant propagation, the board members trusted him to ensure the ‘John Clayton’ name would remain attached to this plant. George also gave rooted plants to Pam Harper in Seaford, where Tony Avens of Plants Delight Nursery saw the plant in Pam’s garden and took cuttings.

“Our” plant is now sold in many nurseries, and can be purchased from the Colonial Nursery. Here’s the description in the Woodlanders online catalog:



Common Name: Yellow Trumpet Honeysuckle

Our native Coral Honeysuckle is a semi-evergreen vine of restrained habit. Leaves are blue-green with some encircling the stem. Flowers normally bright red but this selection a clear yellow. It is a compact repeat bloomer selected by the Virginia Native Plant Society. Found on the grounds of historic seventeenth century Abingdon Church in Gloucester County, Virginia. Named for the colonial botanist Rev. John Clayton of Gloucester County, Lonicera sempervirens is a favorite vine for mailbox posts or small garden arbors.

Helen Hamilton

Plant Rescue update

As summer arrived, rescue work continued in Hampton near the National Institute of Aerospace. About 15 people came out on a sweltering Sunday in the middle of June to help. Many were new Peninsula Master Naturalists, but we also had a surprise boost of help from students with William & Mary's Student Environmental Action Council, or SEAC. As temperatures climbed to about 90 degrees, we started to worry that we had rescued too much to transport. You might remember, though, that SEAC is working on a multi-year restoration of William & Mary's iconic Crim Dell. The project involves removing the rather—*ahem*—robust invasive species and establishing natives appropriate to the site, and the rescue team has been donating quite a bit of plant material to the project. That Sunday, SEAC left the rescue with more than a dozen spicebushes for the project. The following weekend, we took another carload for the project and joined in removing invasives. Trust me when I tell you that those students are working incredibly hard and deserve all respect.

Speaking of respect, the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists deserve some for a restoration project it is doing at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge on the James River. The rescue team has donated materials for this project, which involves invasive removal and native plant installation on both lowland and upland



William & Mary SEAC member Jack Zhang



Students Allison Watts, Sharon Neal and Ben Davis, who learned about the rescue thanks to the Peninsula Master Naturalists



Two more W&M students at work



Our chapter's Meegan Wallace

parts of the refuge. If you've never heard of Presquile, check them out at www.fws.gov/refuge/presquile. It's a pretty unique place, only accessible by boat.

Finally, some news. **Lise Schioler** has graciously agreed to be the new contact for rescues on the lower Peninsula: Hampton, Newport News and lower York County. She can be reached at greenthumb4@cox.net. She has been such a wonderful supporter over the years and a great help in organizing rescues in that area. We are grateful for her help.

Have a great summer!

Cortney Langley

A stroll through Kathi's own nature preserve

In April, **Kathi Mestayer** invited me to see what was blooming on her property, where she encourages native plants and works assiduously to remove interlopers.

She has a lovely bed of moss covering much of her front yard, which she told me has to be mowed closely to discourage grasses and other non-mosses. The back yard is entirely wooded and is, thanks to her regular pulling of non-natives foolish enough to come up there, very much as nature would have it. A tall oak toppled several years ago (fortunately, away from the house) and is being slowly reabsorbed while providing surface and shelter for smaller plants and critters. There is an amazing variety of plant life growing in Kathi's yard; here are a few representatives.

Louise Menges



A view of Kathi's wooded back yard



Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens* L.)



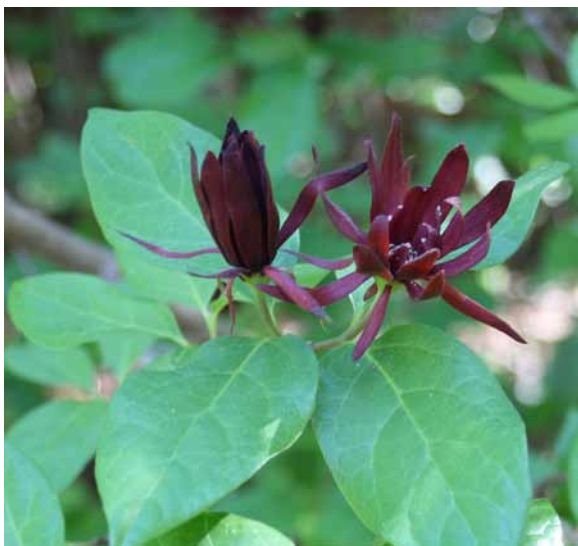
A patch of Golden Ragwort



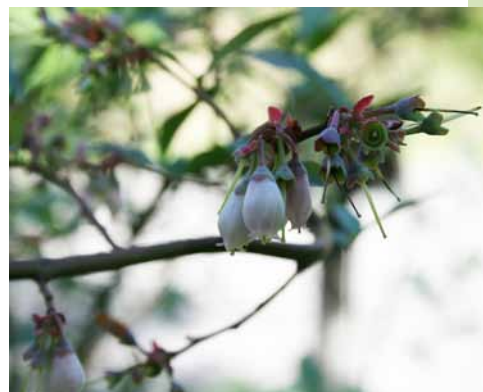
Iris cristata (Dwarf Crested Iris)



Papaw's flower



Calycanthus floridus (Sweetshrub)



A heath, probably a blueberry

A Legend passes

We lost **Mary Hyde Berg** on Thursday, June 2, in the morning. A few hours later her granddaughter Kathleen called Gus Hall with the news, mentioning congestive heart failure among other conditions.

Mary Hyde was a student at the College of William and Mary, working on a degree in biology after raising her three children with Sven Dan Berg, Foundry Master at Colonial Williamsburg. She had a biology class with Gus, and did a floristic study in the Claybank area. Working for a teaching certification, she taught classes at Lafayette High School, where I was her supervising teacher. Mary's career was in the Hampton school system, teaching biology with her unique perspective on all things growing. She continued studying and collecting plants throughout her life, donating over 1200 specimens to the herbarium "WILLI" at William and Mary.

Donna Ware was doing a plant survey in Gloucester and found Umbrella Magnolia growing close to Mary Hyde's family home in Gloucester. Donna said: "It is a rich ravine/swamp site with several mt./cp disjuncts, including *Aralia racemosa*, *Aralia nudicaulis*, and *Quercus muhlenbergii*, in addition to the *M. tripetala*." With her home site already a private nature preserve, Mary Hyde bought the adjacent property and others, and placed them all under a conservation easement.

Teta Kain remembers that Mary Hyde served on the board of directors of Friends of Dragon Run for many years and did plant identification on Big Island for the group.

Ellen Bombalski Smyth, who first met Mary at a Native Plant Society meeting, commented, "I have never known anyone quite like her. Her powers of persuasion convinced me in a matter of minutes of meeting her to serve as a committee chair on the board of the John Clayton Chapter. I have rarely found anyone with Mary's ability to combine technical facts, historical understanding, and common sense.

Conversations with her often gave me much to think about. Mary had a fabulous sense of humor. I wish someone had recorded her stories. Mary was a listener who heard beyond the words being said. Her advice was direct and usually right.

She was the kindest and most supportive friend one could ask for."

Nicky Staunton said her "spiciness added to VNPS endeavors and she surely supported the Flora of Virginia Project generously."

Many other friends describe Mary Hyde as "a fun person," "an independent thinker, unique and passionate about her causes," "a wealth of knowledge." Gus remembers his contacts with Mary Hyde always had the possibility of surprise because she thought originally,

without stereotypes. Her conversation was unpredictable and surprising, often with historical or literate references.

Missed and loved by all, Mary Hyde Berg.

Helen Hamilton

Mary Hyde Berg and the lessons of Summerfield Farm

Some weeks ago or was it months, I don't remember now, I felt the need, the prompting, to write to Mary to thank her for all that she had taught me, to thank her for the time that we had shared—for her friendship and to thank her for the lessons of Summerfield Farm.

A visit to Summerfield Farm, Mary's homestead in Gloucester County, was a journey; whether travelling from Richmond or Williamsburg one travelled the byways—the two-lane Virginia Rural Routes of 33, 14, and 17. Crossing the wide expanse of the York River to enter the Middle Peninsula you made your way down toward Gloucester on these winding roads through forests and agricultural land to finally arrive at the small two-storey farmhouse where Mary was raised and (I think) born. There she lived in her ancestral home where she kept a



Phillip Merritt

small herd of Nubian goats and where there perpetually seemed to be a litter of farm cats (always black) under the porch. It was like going back in time, on the porch in the corner a grinding stone left behind by the first people of the land, inside, black and white portraits of ancestors respectfully hung in the entry hall alongside massive pieces of dark, 19th Century furniture— passed down through the family whose photographs one had just passed. Perhaps it was more as though time was standing still and there one could touch a simpler, older, and perhaps wiser, way of life.

There was no television or computer, just a radio, stacks of newspapers, copies of *Scientific American*, and then inevitably the hand-written plant lists in botanical Latin—records of excursions into the wild places of Gloucester County. The kitchen was well-worn and practical, with a fridge often overfull with produce shared by neighbors or meat from a goat that she had butchered that week. Two woodstoves heated the house, giving the air that characteristic wood-smoke scent—a scent that was also impressed upon letters from Mary received after I left Virginia—something which transported me instantly back to this place in-between time. But what I remember most about all of it was that it was REAL, no pretense, no artifice, just honest and direct living connected to the past and dedicated to preserving the best for the future.

Mary had an intimate knowledge of land and country, having roamed the earth for much of my adult life. I was simultaneously amazed by and perhaps a little envious of this extraordinary person and her deep connection to place. She knew the land, its people, its history, its fauna and its flora, which is what brought us together in the first place. There, we would gather, a small group of us, to explore the nearby woodlands and marshes, searching for the small wonders that Nature had prepared for us—seeking out that which was in bloom, both the common and uncommon, in this living classroom. We became a tribe; those who belong to it know who you are.



But above all, Mary was generous and kind in spirit, generous with her knowledge—always willing to teach and lead anyone interested onto her land to learn about native plants and kind in reaching out to the individual, the odd one or the loner in a group, to bring them into the fold to learn about and share her passion for Nature. During my tenure with VNPS it was most often Mary who was there to organize and lead field trips. Her knowledge of native flora was extensive as was her knowledge of the land and she would lead us to the most extraordinary sites rich in biodiversity, some of which she, personally, purchased to save from development, preserving them forever under conservation easement.

Mary's passion, her advocacy for the protection of native flora, is well documented but I think that what I will remember her for most is for teaching me about what is important in life—the lessons of Summerfield Farm. She lived her convictions. Simple, honest, direct living—standing up for what is important, for what is right, things worth caring about—the land, its history, its people and the wild creatures both plant and animal with whom we share this world. Thank you, Mary, for what you have given us, for what you have taught us, for the time we shared together, for your friendship—for these things we will always remember you.

Michael Sawyer

June 11, 2016

Michael Sawyer, former First Vice President of VNPS and a President of the John Clayton Chapter, now lives in Far North Queensland, Australia, where he and his partner are establishing an organic farm utilizing experimental agroforestry techniques on a 20-acre property adjacent to the Daintree National Forest. There, they continue to work for the conservation of native flora and natural habitats. Michael also serves as Natural World Editor for the Amsterdam-based Satyagraha Foundation, www.satyagrahafoundation.org.

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There may be walks in the works which did not make this issue, so keep a lookout for announcements about additional walks and other events on our website at www.vnps.org/john-clayton and in the local newspapers.

Below is a membership renewal form. Please contact Membership Chair **Fred Blystone** at 757-229-4346 or at fredblystone@gmail.com with questions about your membership.

Membership Form for John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society

(Place checks in the boxes below next to your selections.)

I am a **new member** of the John Clayton Chapter **renewing member** of the John Clayton Chapter

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email*	Phone*	

I would like to receive my newsletters electronically at the email address above.

Membership dues

Individual (\$30) Family (\$40) Patron (\$50) Sustaining (\$100) Life (\$500)
 Student (\$15) Associate (\$40) —for groups who designate one person as delegate

I wish to make an additional contribution in the amount of \$ to John Clayton Chapter to VNPS

This is a gift membership; please include a card with my name as donor.

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I do not wish to be listed in a chapter directory.

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