



2014-2015 Events

New River Chapter Virginia Native Plant Society

From the President...

As my second term as president of the New River chapter draws to a close, I wish to thank the many board members, speakers, field trip leaders and other volunteers who have made this chapter a success. I look forward to exciting possibilities for us at the local and state levels as we transition to new leadership.

-David Darnell

Nominations

The candidates to lead our chapter, to be elected at the October 14 meeting are:

President: Mary Rhoades
Vice Pres.: Beth Lancaster
Treasurer: Carl Hansen
Secretary: David Jenkins

Other nominations for any of these offices will be welcomed.

Call For Photos

We would like to make a display board of our mountain flora to put out at chapter meetings and other events. If you have 4x6 or 5x7 prints of local wildflowers, shrubs, or trees that you could share, please bring them to one of our Fall meetings. Also needed are photos of our plants being used in a garden or landscape setting.

Meetings

Except where noted, we meet at 7 pm in the Virginia Tech Greenhouse Classroom, located on the campus in the red-brick building just west of the traffic circle on Washington Street. Parking is available on the

street or next to the green houses.

Tuesday, September 9: *Enhancing biodiversity where we live—what's soil got to do with it?* A broad discussion of how soils in urban and suburban settings affect plant biodiversity and strategies we can use to manage native, exotic, and invasive plants in these landscapes, Susan Day.

Tuesday, October 14: *Annual business meeting.* All members are encouraged to attend to elect new officers and discuss upcoming VNPS projects. Program TBA.

Tuesday, November 18: (note regular 2nd Tues. meeting day changed because of Veteran's Day holiday). Regular meeting. Program TBA.

Tuesday, December 9: *Annual Holiday Party and slide show.* Bring a tasty treat and enjoy an evening of socializing and viewing interesting slides from your fellow VNPS members. Digital or 35mm film slides welcome. Presentations should be limited to about 10 or 15 minutes so that everybody can have a chance.

Tuesday, February 10, 2015: *Invasive Plants,* members of the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science will talk about the status of invasive plants in our area, and report on some of their current research.

February 2015: Showing of Doug Tallamy's "Bringing Nature Home" at Radford Public Library. Carl Hansen will give a brief presentation highlighting his own native plant garden.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015: *Gardening with native plants,* Suzie Leslie, Master Naturalist and Master

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Gardener. Advance orders for plants from Enchanter's Garden will be taken (see next month's program).

Tuesday, April 14, 2015: Regular meeting. The new owners of Enchanter's Garden native plant nursery in Hinton, WV, will be visiting and discussing the steps involved in bringing native plants into the nursery trade. They will be bringing a variety of native plants to sell.

Field Trips, Picnics

Sunday, September 21: *Fall picnic in Wong Park*. Join us for a potluck supper at the height of the fall wildflower season in Blacksburg's Wong Park, located at 303 Wilson Ave. Gather at 4 PM for a walk through the park to identify native plants that we might feature on an interpretive kiosk we have been authorized to put up. Plan on eating around

5:30 PM. Refrigerator, microwave and bathrooms available in the Bennett House.

Saturday, September 27: *Wetlands Walk*. This hike, led by David Darnell and sponsored by the Town of Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Department, will visit Mann's Bog and possibly other spruce bogs in the Mountain Lake area. A nominal fee for transportation is charged, call 961-1135 to sign up or register through the Town's website, www.blacksburg.gov. Gather at the Blacksburg Recreation Center at 9 AM.

Email Addresses

If you would like to receive e-mail notifications from our chapter about meetings, field trips and other events, please make sure we have your current preferred e-mail address. Notify Beth Lancaster at (blancast@vt.edu) if you have not been receiving such notices or if there is a different address we should use.

Become a Member

The New River Chapter is a member of the Virginia Native Plant Society. The Society is a nonprofit organization of individuals who share an interest in Virginia's native plants and habitats. The Society and its chapters seek to further the appreciation and conservation of this priceless heritage. To join, visit our web page at vnps.org. For information about our chapter, contact David Darnell, 731-7431, gary_david@verizon.net, 1607 Grove Ave., Radford.

The numbers in red on the front of this letter indicate the date your membership expires. Please help our chapter by renewing promptly either by mail or online via vnps.org.

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