



THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

November, 2019



**Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM,
Thursday November 7, 2019
at the Kelly Education Center of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
in the Lab**

**The room is available at 6:30, come early to socialize
Our speaker David Garst's topic will be "Whitetail Deer Like Your Yard!"**

Why do deer like YOUR yard? Why do they prefer your flowers & shrubs to your neighbor's? Why do we have so many deer in Virginia? Here's your chance to learn the answers to these and other questions. Come hear David explain the biology of our native whitetail deer and describe efforts to manage this resource to satisfy multiple interests.

David earned his Masters in Wildlife Management from Virginia Tech and has moved to the eastern region from southwest Virginia. In addition to his wildlife expertise, David is an entertaining storyteller. Come join us for an entertaining evening learning about deer and plants.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Native Plant Art Exhibits October 1 - December 22**

Thanks to the Pocahontas Chapter and other donors, the Plants of the James River Project is holding two juried, botanical art exhibits featuring native plants called "Ancarrow's List: Native Plants at the River's Edge" at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens (LGBG) and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). The exhibit at LGBG, 1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond VA, will be from Oct. 1 to 30, 2019, with an opening reception and presentation on Ancarrow and our art on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 5-7 in the Lora M. Robins Library. The exhibit at VCU will be held Nov. 4 to Dec. 22, on the first floor of the Branch Cabell Library, 902 Park Avenue, Richmond VA, with a reception and presentation on Sunday, Nov. 10, 3-5PM. Both are free and open to the public. We will be posting more information (directions, parking) on our Facebook page, Plants of the James River Project, as we get nearer to the exhibits. We are extending an invitation to Chapter members to attend the receptions and see the exhibits!

NOTE: We are members of the Enrichmond Foundation: <https://enrichmond.org/partners/plants-of-the-james-river-project/>

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## **President's Message**

Hi everyone,

Hope this finds you well and that you have been out and about enjoying all that fall has to offer. Below are 3 of my favorite pictures from this season. The blue of the gentians always amazes me and the poison ivy was "on fire" against the blue sky. My son Jonathan took me canoeing in New Kent and I just love reflections on the water. I hope you enjoy these photos and that you will send us 3 of your favorite pictures of natives or natural habitat. We would like to put together a slideshow to have in our back pocket for a program. So, pick out 3 photos, tell us



little bit about each and send them to Catharine, cath.tucker@gmail.com  
As a reminder, we will not be having a December meeting. If anyone is  
interested in organizing a Holiday luncheon, please feel free and let me  
know leleorr4@gmail.com.

Be blessed

Leslie



1. Gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*) 2. Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) on a pine tree. 3. Reflections in a pond.

## More Fall Photos from a walk in my yard and woods

Richard Moss

1. I planted a paw-paw tree (*Asimina triloba*) about 20 years ago. It spread. The original is in the lower left near the cat, all the yellow leaved plants in the background are paw-paws. 2. A close up of the leaf

### The Pocahontas Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

serves the counties of Amelia, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George and the cities of Ashland, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Richmond. It meets the first Thursday of September through April at 7:00 PM in the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, unless otherwise stated.

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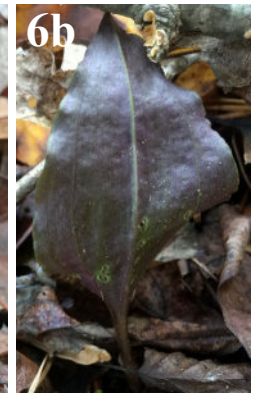


3. Strawberry bush (*Euonymus americanus*) with fruit. The leaves turn pale pink to white in the fall



4. A view of the woods in back of the house (the cat likes to walk with me).

5. The cranefly orchids (*Tipularia discolor*) have come out. 6a and 6b. This one has a darker leaf and the underside is less purple than most.



10. Christmas Ferns growing on a bank (*Polystichum acrostichoides*).

7. Cinnamon fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*)

8. Crayfish chimney. Crayfish are freshwater crustaceans related to and resembling small lobsters. They live at the bottom of burrows dug in wet soil. The chimney is the excavated dirt.

9. Prince's pine (*Lycopodium obscurum*).

## Crabtree Falls Trip

On October 24, I took a walk up Crabtree Falls in Nelson county, VA and took the following pictures. *Richard Moss*



1. One section of the falls. The water volume going over the falls was very low this year.

2. Ferns on a bank next to the trail

3. Witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) in bloom along the trail.



## Crabtree Falls Continued

4. False Solomons Seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*)

5. Indian cucumber root (*Medeola virginiana*)

6. Not sure what this is, but it looked interesting.



7. False solomans seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*) with fruit.

8. One of the club moss's. This was growing next to the parking lot.

9. Partridge berry (*Mitchella repens*). There was lots of this along the trail.

## A Fight with Chinese Wisteria

When I moved to where I live now, there was a wisteria bush growing in the back yard. It behaved itself for years until a storm knocked a tree on it. Then it decided to invade the woods back of the house. I chopped it off the trees in the woods. Now it has gotten sneaky and is sending roots just under the surface of ground in the back yard with a little plant appearing about every 3-4 feet. To the right is a photo of one of those pulled up roots. It is 25 feet long and I didn't get all of it.

