

THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

September 2005



Spiderwort
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)

September Meeting

Thursday September 1, 2005, 7:00 PM

at the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Fire At Zuni

Rebecca Wilson

Rebecca Wilson works for the Natural Heritage Division of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and is the Chesapeake Bay regional steward. She is also the prescribed fire leader for the eastern part of Virginia, the manager of 10 area reserves and is a graduate of Mary Washington College with a major in Environmental Science.

She will tell us about the use of proscribed fires to maintain fire adapted ecosystems, in particular the Zuni pine barrens which represents the northern limit for longleaf pines in Virginia.

Chapter News and Upcoming Events

October Speaker: Tom Fifer who will speak about bees and beekeeping. He will be bringing a live demonstration.

Fall Plant Sale at Lewis Ginter

Thursday, September 15, Friday, September 16 & Saturday, September 17, 2005

Thursday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Avid gardeners know fall is a great time for planting. The Fall Plant Sale features more than 40 vendors selling plants ranging from well-known favorites to rare exotics. Admission to the Plant Sale is free; regular Garden admission is required to visit the Garden. The Plant Sale is presented by Garden volunteers.

Botanical Art Workshop: Friday, Oct. 7 - Sunday, Oct. 9

Botanical illustrator Lara Call Gastinger will be conducting a weekend workshop in botanical art at Flower Camp in Buckingham County in October. Creator of illustrations for the Flora of Virginia, Lara will be teaching a form of watercolor painting that is more expressive than technical illustration but equally responsive to botanical detail. Her emphasis is on observing and depicting plants at all stages of their development and on helping participants observe more closely, sketch and paint more accurately. This workshop also includes opportunities for wildflower identification, informal instruction in basic botany, and guidance in plant collection processes. Participants learn dry brush techniques, color mixing, and how to apply gradual layers of color.

Tuition of \$275 (10% donated to The Flora of Virginia Project) includes instruction, five meals, two nights overnight accommodations, and the inspiration of the Piedmont countryside.

Flower Camp is a retreat center on the James River 30 miles southwest of Charlottesville near Howardsville, Virginia. It offers bunkhouse-style accommodations and delicious, family-style meals.

For more information or to register, contact Nancy Ross Hugo at 804-798-6364; nancy@flowercamp.org. Or visit www.flowercamp.org

Positions Open at VNPS: Message From VNPS President Sally Anderson

I'm writing to all of you as chapter presidents or representatives because I am feeling somewhat desperate about the situation for board nominations. I will try to summarize the positions open and would hope that each of you might have a suggestion for a person who could be asked to serve. Keep in mind that presidents and representative come to meetings anyway and could take on any of these jobs. Many of these are not so much work, but I can tell you it's too much for only a couple of us to keep doing. I really appreciate your consideration and suggestions. - Sally

Recording secretary - 8 meetings a year, minutes. I would consider a person who would do only the 4 board meetings.

1st and 2nd VP - these positions require 8 meetings a year, and have few specific obligations, relating to running meetings in the president's absence and signing checks, but are a chance to promote programs the candidate is interested in.

Treasurer - 8 meetings. While Rebecca has agreed to continue, we both feel that it would be good to have a person as backup who could take the position in the future.

Education - 4 meetings, set up annual workshop, review printed materials to be sure they reflect the society's mission and policies, oversee new educational publications

Fund raising - 4 meetings, otherwise like it sounds

Publicity - 4 meetings, develop media contacts to promote VNPS events and programs

Membership - 4 meetings, work with office staff (Karen) to develop and communicate with the membership

Publications - 4 meetings, oversee the production of the newsletter and keep track of the editor's contract, other publications can be pursued if the candidate is interested

Horticulture - 4 meetings, answer website and telephone questions about what to plant, review and update the nursery list

Director at Large (2) - Advisory type positions and the person can run their own projects if they are interested in doing so.

The Pocahontas Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

serves the counties of: Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, New Kent, Powhatan and the cities of Ashland, Hopewell, 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.

Chapter Officers

President	Kristi Orcutt
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Field Trip to the Appomattox River Park:

For our final meeting of the season last may we had a picnic and field trip at Appomattox River Park near Petersburg last May.



Following are some pictures from the field trip:

Left: Along the path next to the River. The Trail is under a power line and is mowed periodically, so the area is like an open meadow with plants getting full sun. The River is to the left in the picture.



Left: Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*) was in flower along the side of the trail leading down to the river.



Common cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex*)



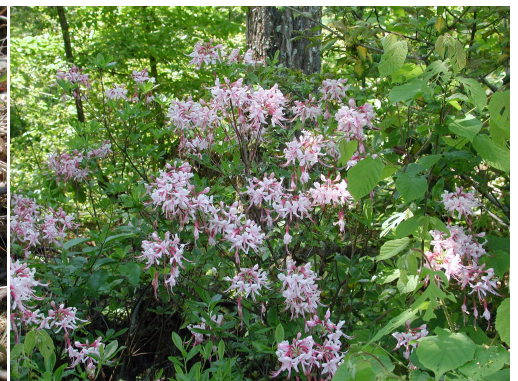
The River - The Rock wall along the far bank is a part of the Appomattox River Canal.



Eastern Bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*) was found in numerous areas along the trail.



Trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*) with seed pod.



Wild Pink azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*) in bloom. This one was at the edge of the woods near the trail



Violet Woodsorrel (*Oxalis violacea*)



Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) in a swampy area near the trail. The small white flower at the bottom of the picture is a Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)



Probably one of the ragworts, (*Packera* ?).

**Virginia Native Plant Society Membership Application
Pocahontas Chapter**

**Make Check payable to VNPS and Mail to:
Membership Chair, Blandy Experimental Farm, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Unit 2, Boyce, VA 22620**

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

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___ Individual	\$30.00	___ Sustaining	\$100.00
___ Family	\$40.00	___ Life	\$500.00
___ Student	\$15.00	___ Associate Groups	\$40.00
___ Patron	\$50.00	(Garden Clubs, etc.)	

**I wish to make an additional contribution to ___ VNPS or ___ The Pocahontas Chapter,
VNPS in the amount of:**

___ \$10 ___ \$20 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 Other _____

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