

# THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Spiderwort  
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)



May 2008

## May Picnic & Field Trip Saturday May 10, 2008 at 11:00 AM

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### There Will Be No May Meeting, Instead We Will Have a Picnic and Field Trip at the James River Park

*NOTE: Our next meeting will be in September*

Meet at the 43rd street entrance to the James River Park, off Riverside Drive, see directions below. Bring a lunch, and if you want, something to share. Picnic tables are available. After eating we will walk along the Buttermilk trail. For more information contact Ernest Wilson at 502-6346 or Daune Poklis at 690-7878.

From I-95 take the Maury Street exit (exit 73). This exit is just after or before you cross the river depending on the direction that you are driving. At Maury Street light, which is at end of exit, turn left. Continue on Maury Street until Cowardin Avenue. Cowardin is U.S. 1/301. Turn right on Cowardin. Continue on Cowardin until Semmes Avenue. Turn left on Semmes. Continue on Semmes. It will become Forest Hills Avenue and you will pass Forest Hills Park on right. Turn right on 42nd Street. This is the second street beyond Forest Hills Park. Continue on 42nd Street until it ends at Riverside Drive. Turn left on Riverside Drive. Continue on Riverside until you reach 42nd Street parking lot on right. Turn into parking lot. We will meet at top of stairs.

Alternatively for those not using I-95: From northside go to Boulevard. Follow it and cross Boulevard Bridge (Nickel Bridge). Make first left after coming off bridge and follow Evelyn Byrd Drive one block to Riverside Drive. Evelyn Byrd terminates here. Turn right on Riverside Drive. Continue on Riverside Drive and make first left into 42nd Street parking lot. The parking lot is some distance from the bridge, at least one mile. We will meet at top of stairs.

From southside go to Westover Hills Boulevard. Continue past Forest Hills Avenue but where road narrows stay to right and continue on Riverside Drive. Do not cross bridge. Continue on Riverside until you reach 42nd Street parking lot on left. This will be the first left turn possible. The parking lot is some distance from Boulevard, at least one mile.

Note: the 42nd Street parking lot is closed during week but should be open on the day of picnic. If it is closed please park on Riverside Drive near parking lot entrance.

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## 2008 Event Calendar

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| May 3  | <b>Field trip to Forest Hill Park.</b> Meet at 10:00 in the James River Park Headquarters parking lot (off Riverside drive, opposite Hillcrest Road). For more information contact Ernest Wilson at 502-6346 or Daune Poklis at 690-7878. |
| May 10 | <b>Picnic and Tree/Plant ID Field trip--</b> James River Park, 42nd St. entrance. Eat then walk along the Buttermilk trail.   |
| May 24 | Pocahontas at LGBG children's garden: Good Green fun (#2) - Making clay pots with plant decorations/tools.  |

### *Note From Pat Brody, Membership Chair*

Copies of the Membership Roster have been mailed to members who had not picked them up at a meeting. If you do not have a roster and want one please contact me at 266-3070 or owpa03v@aol.com



# Field trip to Ferndale Park on April 19, 2008



Ernest Wilson led us on a great field trip! We saw:

1. Yellow jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
2. Eastern bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
3. Yellowroot (*Xanthorhiza simplicissima*)
4. Trumpet or coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
5. Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)
6. Violet woodsorrel (*Oxalis violacea*)

7. Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*)
8. Golden alexanders or golden zizia (*Zizia aurea*)
9. Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*) These were a darker blue than most - see the web page version of the newsletter for color photos.

And many other interesting plants. After the walk we adjourned to

a local Italian restaurant where we had an excellent lunch.

## Chapter Officer Nomination Notice for This Fall's Elections

The nominating committee has nominated the following for Pocahontas officer positions for the 2008-09 year:

President - Daune Poklis

Vice president - Ernest Wilson

Secretary - Judy Sheldon

Treasurer - Richard Moss

For comments or suggestions for other nominees, please contact Daune Poklis:

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### From John Hummer: A Tour of His Wetlands System on June 14, 2008

It's best to get here before Noon as the tour starts no later than 12:30 PM. The tour takes about 1-2 hrs., and there will be refreshments served. It would be helpful if some of you bring a cold plate dish.....I will try and have more plants for sale this year. The cost will be fairly minimal since I'm not making a living selling plants. For those of you who have not been here before, the natural wetland system here is probably one of the best you will ever see anywhere, since I have worked for years to create a Eco-system that is as diversified as one can possibly see. I don't think any other locale of this type ecology, harbors the number of species native to the S.E. coastal plain, that one will find here! I've worked tirelessly over many years. to create, with nature's help, what I consider to be a miniature "Eden" I am very proud of the results from the grand effort I have made towards making this a very "special" place. And it is free for everyone to see, appreciate and enjoy!! I hope you can come to see it!

I'm a short drive from I-95 (Ex.104), approx. 3 mi. Go towards Bowling Green on Rt 207, 1 mi past the McDonald's. Turn right at Rt 684 (Dry Bridge Rd.), go approx 1.7 mi, turn right again at Old. C.C. Rd. (Rt 690) go a short 2/10th mi. My place is on the right, Park on Old C.C. Rd. (Right side coming in, if possible). Any questions call 804-448-5258. Add. 23500 Old C C Rd., Ruther Glen, Va. 22546. I am 30 mi N. of Richmond, and 30 mi S. of Fredericksburg.

John Hummer

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