

THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Spiderwort
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)



December 2011

December Christmas Party

Saturday December 3, 2011 at 2:00 PM

at Richard Moss's house, 12565 Brook Lane Chester, VA

Bring some food to share!

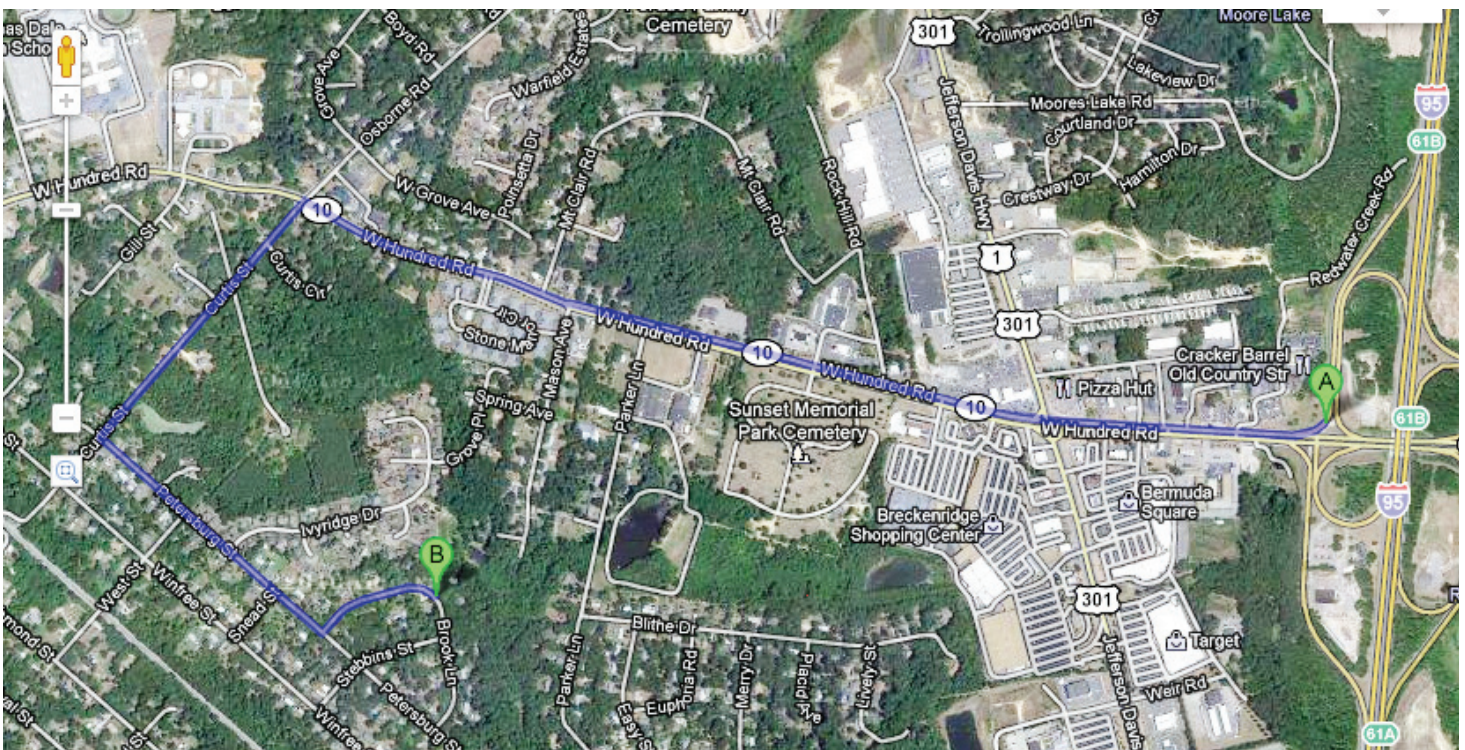
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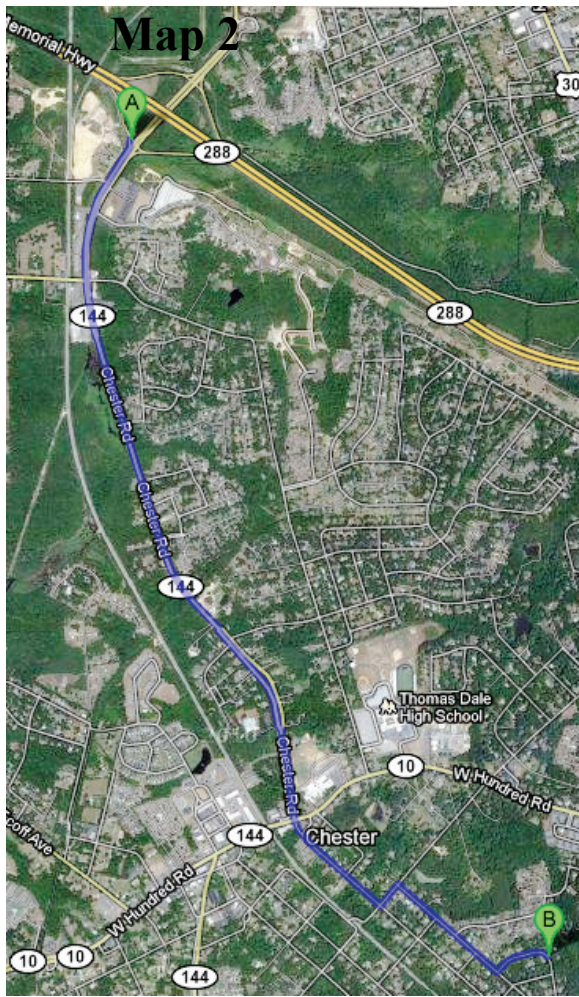
From North or South Take I95 to Exit 61B, Hundred Road, Chester (about 14 mi south of Richmond). From the exit turn right (west) on to Hundred Road. At the third traffic light turn left on to Curtis St. (about 1.4 mi.). Go about 0.4 miles and turn left on to Petersburg St. Note: If you cross a railroad, you have gone too far, turn around. Go about 0.4 miles on Petersburg St. and turn left on to Brook Lane (Brook lane is the second street on the left). Richard's house is the 6th house on the left at the top of a small hill. See Map 1 below.

From the west you can use route 288, and get off on the Chester Road exit to Chester (To the right). Chester Road is the Exit after the Route 10 Exit to Chesterfield C.H. Follow Chester road to Route 10 (Hundred Road). continue straight across Hundred road and you will be on Winfree St. Follow Winfree to Curtis St., Turn left on to Curtis, go one block, then turn right on to Petersburg St.

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Minutes of the Pocahontas Chapter, VNPS, Meeting November 3, 2011.

The president, Ernest Wilson opened the meeting with announcements of field trips on November 5 to Appomattox River Park, the area near the dam, and November 12 to Forest Hills Park. He detailed meeting times and contact information.

The Christmas party will be at Richard Moss's house at 2:00 PM, December 3.

The address is 12565 Brook Lane, Chester, VA. Bring food to share. Please contact him if you plan to attend.

Daune Poklis displayed samples of the revised brochures from Natural Heritage: *Native Plants for Conservation, Restoration and Landscaping*. The individual chapters contributed to the publication costs. The brochures cover Riparian Forest Buffers, Grasslands, Mountain, Piedmont and Coastal regions. The same information is available at the Natural Heritage web site.

Jay Austin presented an update of the status of the Meadow area of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. The Garden is planning to re-do and approximately double the present Meadow area. The Pocahontas chapter will be involved with the designing, implementing and maintaining of the meadow project. John Hayden is heading up inventorying the meadow plants. To date there have been about 95 species identified and there is still the spring and early summer plants to do. Jay will be the intermediary between us and the Garden.

New Member Beth Hellmer was introduced and welcomed.

Ernest introduced Pocahontas Chapter Master Naturalists Marney Terrill and Joel Dexter. They presented an overview of the Master Naturalist program in general as well as specific information about their chapter's projects and interests. There are 700 certified Master Naturalists and 31 chapters across the state. The certification process involves taking the classes, passing a test, partnering in an approved project, volunteering a set number of hours and 8 hours of continuing education per year. The Pocahontas chapter projects include Chesterfield County water quality monitoring, and working with the Bluebird society to monitor and replace boxes. A question, answer and discussion period about the Master Naturalist program followed.

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.

Questions concerning membership can be addressed to our Membership Chair, Daune Poklis at (804) 741-7838 or daune@poklis.org.

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Ernest asked for an update on the progress of the planning for the Annual meeting. Catharine Tucker said that the plan is to have the meeting on a week end in September which would not conflict with 'race weekend' at a place with easy access for those from out of town and to field trip destinations. There is a working theme, potential speakers and some field trip ideas. She said there is LOTS OF PLANNING to be done and lots of jobs to be done. The committee will be calling on all the chapter members to help. Please be thinking about what areas might interest you.

The president and secretary announced that they would not be available to the Pocahontas Chapter in the future. Their past contributions were applauded.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daune Poklis, November 29, 2011

Chapter Elections

The nominating committee is seeking volunteers to nominate for the office of President and the office of Vice president. Daune Poklis has agreed to be nominated as Secretary, and Richard Moss has agreed to be nominated as Treasurer.

If you would be interested or know anyone who would be willing to serve, please contact either Daune Poklis at 741-7838, e-mail| daune@poklis.org, or Richard Moss at 748-2940, e-mail mossrd46@verizon.net

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