



*THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE
VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY*

October 2016



**Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM,
Thursday October 6, 2016
at the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
in the Lab**

The room is available at 6:30, come early to socialize

**Our speaker, Joan Maloofe will present
*Old Growth: Learning From The Forest***

Joan Maloofe is the Founder and Executive Director of the Old-Growth Forest Network. She was a student of plant and environmental science and ecology, and is now a Professor Emeritus at Salisbury University in Maryland. She founded the Old-Growth Forest Network to preserve, protect and promote the country's few remaining stands of old-growth forest. She travels widely throughout the region speaking to diverse groups about the values and virtues of these old forests and grandfather trees, which she clearly loves.

Her book "Teaching the Trees: Lessons from the Forest" won an honorable mention from the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment. Copies of her most recent book, "Among the Ancients: Adventures in the Eastern Old-Growth Forests" will be available at the meeting

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### **Chapter Meetings:**

November 3rd – Andrea Ash discussing vegetation changes on the James River.

### **Chapter Events:**

**Note: Signing-up for a field trip should be no later than 8 P.M. the day before the event.**

#### **October 8 Native Plant Walk n' Talk n' Picnic**

Join two chapters of the Virginia Native Plant Society for an exploration of Wahrani Nature Trails. Robert Wright, a VNPS member and vocational ecologist from Richmond, will lead the hike searching ravines, bottoms, slopes, and stream banks to document the high diversity of vegetation in this New Kent County Park. Bring a bag lunch for a picnic at the Wahrani shelter after the walk.

Anyone with an interest in our native landscape is welcome, from novice to expert. The outing is free. Meet at the park at 10:30 a.m. From Interstate 64 take exit 220 (toward West Point) and travel approximately 4 miles east to the Trails entrance on the right.

Bring sturdy boots/shoes, your lunch, water, camera, electronics, favorite ID guides, note pad, bug spray and lots of enthusiasm. Some areas will have soft wet soils. Questions? Contact trip leader, Robert Wright at robertwright\_1@hotmail.com or 571-228 8144 .

**October 15 John Hummer (Hummer's Wetland Ecology)** is hosting a fall open house tour of his stunning wetlands on Saturday, October 15th in Caroline County. The tour begins at noon and will last approximately one hour. It is well worth the ride up I-95!

The outing is free but participants **MUST** register with John at john4nature@gmail.com. His address is 23500 Old

CC Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546.

Other details of note: \*John has dogs \*John will provide cold bottled water, and \*FEET COULD GET WET! )

From our host:

WHAT YOU WILL SEE....ALL SPECIES OF SARRACENIA THAT GROW IN N.A. INCLUDING MANY NATURAL HYBRIDS N INTEGRADES. PERHAPS THE LARGEST STAND N NATURALIZED POPULATION OF THE PINE BARRENS GENTIAN (GENTIANA AUTUMNALIS) ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER SPS. ALSO NATURALIZED. MAYBE SOME FALL COLOR TOO. IT'S A TIME WHEN MOST SARRACENIA SPS. (PITCHER PLANTS) ARE AT THEIR PEAK LEAF PRODUCTION. MANY OTHER WETLANDS SPS. ABOUND.....LOBELIAS, LIATRISES, n BOG ASTERS, TO NAME A FEW, THAT WILL BE IN FLOWER.

**October 22 Field Trip on Saturday, to preview The Quarry Gardens at Schulyer!** Please email Leslie Allanson at [leleorr4@gmail.com](mailto:leleorr4@gmail.com) or call her at 804-248-1578 to register; registration limited to first 25 people to sign up. See: <http://quarrygardensatschulyer.org/> for more information. about the Quarry.

## President's Message

Hello everyone, Hope this finds you well and enjoying all Virginia has to offer in the fall. I have enjoyed it thus far...been to the mountains to the Annual meeting and to the State Fair, representing your chapter and spreading our message. The annual meeting had wonderful guest speakers and awesome field trips. This past Sunday, Peg and Don Mohar, Caroline Meehan, and Christie Bondurant joined me at the fair to man an educational booth. We really had a good foot traffic and may have drummed up some new members. Below are a few pictures of both events. We do have an opportunity for a meet and greeter at our meetings. Responsibilities include smiling, handing out name tags, having folks sign in and general niceties...any takers? See me at the next meeting. Please check out our upcoming field trips, share with family and friends, and come see some fall beauty.

The wildflower show is finished!

It will be on our Henrico County cable channels, Comcast 17 and Verizon 39, next week.

The schedule will be:

M, W, F, and Sunday on all of the even hours.

The show will only air in Henrico County.

### 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.

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**Chapter Website**

[pocahontaschapter-vnps.org](http://pocahontaschapter-vnps.org)

We will also stream the program on our website and it will be on demand on Comcast sometime by the end of the first week. We will have DVD copies available for free early next week. Please let me know how many you would like. All I need is your mailing address.

Please feel free to let the rest of your chapter know the show if completed and that DVDs will be available.

Again, thanks so much for all of your help with this project. I'd like to know what you think of the show after you watch it.

Some Photos are below from the Annual Meeting:

Leslie Allanson





1. and 2. More photos from the VNPS Annual Meeting.

Below: Photos from the field trip to R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks.

3. *Agalinis purpurea*, purple false foxglove or purple gerardia.

4. One of the many tick trefoils blooming in the Meadow.



5. *Commelina virginica*, Virginia Dayflower along the trail at the park.

6. Snail on a mushroom in my front yard in Chester.

7. This box turtle came for lunch. They like cat food.





**8.** A colorful fungus growing in my neighbor's yard near an oak tree in Chester. This is the third year it has appeared.



**9.** Interesting roots from a sycamore tree in R. Garland Dodd Park



**10.** On a trip to Clarksville, VA, I found this Grape Fern along with lots of others in a small park at Buffalo Lithia Springs. This was the largest. Water from the springs was supposed to cure almost everything, Unfortunately, it didn't, and the springs eventually went out of business and the buildings torn down except one spring house. The water was cold but tasted rather mineraly.

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