

THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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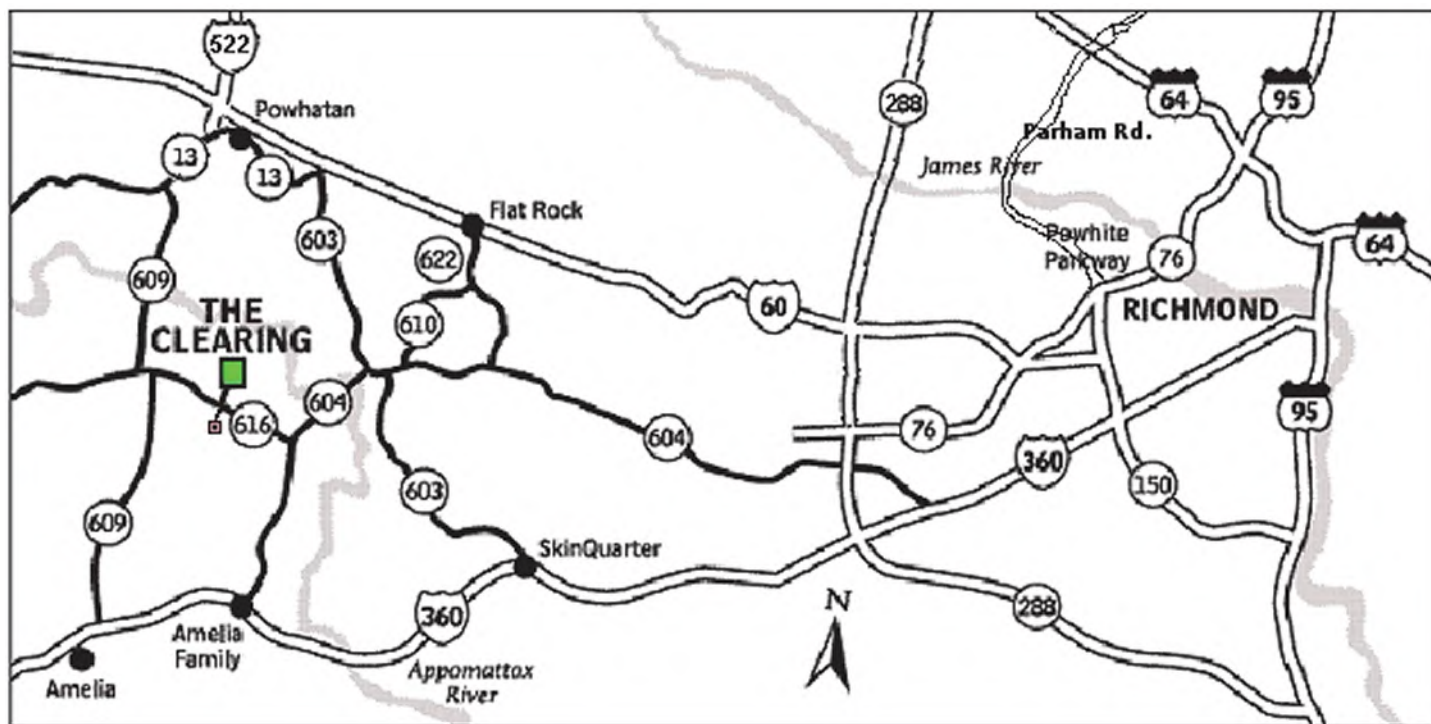
May 2014

Chapter Picnic 12:30 PM, Saturday May 3, 2014 at The Clearing in Amelia County Bring a dish to Share

We will eat, then walk. **Directions:**

From points North or East of Richmond: From 95 South or 64, take 195 South to Powhite Parkway (Route 76). Stay on Powhite Pkwy and take the Midlothian Turnpike exit-Route 60 West (Toll 25 cents). Travel West on Route 60 for approx. 11 miles after passing Chesterfield Town Center. **Alternately** you can use Parham Rd/ Chippenham Pkwy. (route 150) to Route 60 (17 miles on route 60 to Flat Rock) or route 288 to Route 60 (8 miles on 60 to Flat Rock) When you come to Flat rock Village Shopping Center, Turn **LEFT** at the light onto SR622 (Dorset Rd)

Suggest using odometer from this point on



Go 1.5 miles to SR610 (Schroeder Rd) Turn **RIGHT** on 610 and go 3.3 miles to SR604 (Genito Rd) Turn **RIGHT** on 604 and go 3.5 miles to SR616 (Genito Rd again). Turn **RIGHT** on 616 and go 2.4 miles to a gravel road on the right with a white farmhouse across the road on the left. This is the entrance to the Clearing. Turn **RIGHT** and follow the road about 0.7 miles to the lodge.

From Route 360 (Hull St): Travel east or west on Hull Street to Amelia County (Route 360). Turn onto Route 604 at Chula Rd (right turn coming from Richmond). Go 4.5 miles to SR616 (Genito Rd). Turn **LEFT** on 616 and go 2.4 miles to a gravel road on the right with a white farmhouse across the road on the left. This is the entrance to the Clearing. Turn **RIGHT** and follow the road about 0.7 miles to the lodge.



Minutes of the Pocahontas Chapter, VNPS Meeting, April 3, 2014

President Tucker welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers. Deanna Dong, a senior at University of Richmond, reported on her project on flower development in several species of *Physalis* native to North America. She used both Power-point slides and her poster which she presented at the Botanical Society meeting in New Orleans. John Hayden then showed us photos taken on tours in the bayou and in the botanical garden in New Orleans in connection with the meetings of the Botanical Society of America and the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. He expressed surprise at finding unexpected old friends among the plants on the field trip and shared his enthusiasm about many new acquaintances. Many of the plants in the botanical garden were interesting members of the Zingiberaceae with spectacular flowers.

A short business meeting followed the program. The treasurer's report included a rebate from the state for 1st quarter 2014 of \$382.00, a donation from Emily Gianfortoni of her \$50 honorarium from speaking to a garden club, and expense of \$81.26 for a copy of the Flora of Virginia. The current checking account balance is \$4658.

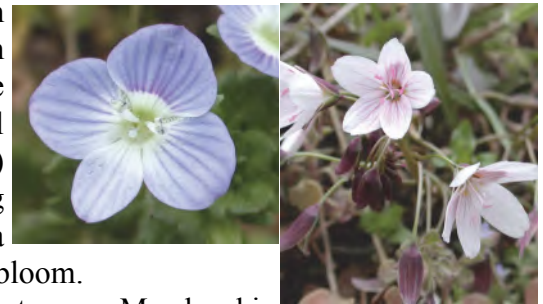
A check for \$200 was presented to Janet Woody, librarian at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, for books related to native plants which have been or will be added to the library. This exceeds our commitment to LGBG this year of \$150 for books.

On April 3, Daune Poklis, Emily Gianfortoni, Richard Moss and Catharine Tucker presented a copy of the Flora of Virginia to Scott Burrell and David Seward



at J.S. Reynolds Community College Goochland Campus. The bookplate in the front dedicates this to the Horticulture Program at JSRCC from Pocahontas Chapter to encourage increase of knowledge

of Virginia's native plants. After the presentation, we did a mini field trip to Powhatan State Park on the James river in Powhatan County and saw non-native bird's-eye speedwell (*Veronica persica*) (Left) and spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*) (Right) in bloom.



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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RubyJane Robertson, Membership Chair, reported we have 8 new members: Kate Adelson, Glenn Besa, Irene Prince, Susan Getter, Richard Grove, Ann Hyeer, Tyler Matteson, Jasper Gunn. Our membership has increased from 99 in December to 106.

Beth Farmer and Caroline Meehan set the next work day at Lewis Ginter for April 16 with rain date of the next day. We're to meet at 9 am in the lobby of the main building. We'll continue to remove privet and other invasives along the creek.

Andy Wichorek reported on arrangements for the May 3 picnic. It will be 12:30-4:00 PM at The Clearing conference center in Amelia County. Directions and map were in the April newsletter and also will be in the May newsletter.

Andy Pillsbury reported on plans for the June 8 field trip to Presquile which includes members of the Riverine Chapter of Va Master Naturalists as well as our chapter.

Richard Moss is planning a trip to James River Wildlife Management Area and will send an email to the members to determine the most convenient date.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Field Trip to The James River National Wildlife Refuge, on April 23

Our walk started at the visitors kiosk and followed the trail down to the edge of the wetlands of Powell's creek, then paralleled the wetlands to a small island. Powell's creek is a tributary of the James and is tidal.



1. Southern adders tongue (*Ophioglossum vulgatum*).
2. Carolina Pink (*Silene caroliniana*).
3. Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*).
4. Rattlesnake Fern (*Botrychium virginianum*).
5. Showy orchid (*Galearis spectabilis*).
6. Pinxterflower (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*).
7. Golden club (*Orontium aquaticum*).
8. Gall on the end of an oak branch.
9. Blackhaw (*Viburnum prunifolium*).
10. Alum root (*Heuchera americana*).
11. Oddly shaped tree trunk.
12. Rattlesnake Plantain orchid (*Goodyera pubescens*).
13. Rattlesnake Weed leaf (*Hieracium venosum*)
14. Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*).
15. Damage on wax myrtle trunk done by sapsuckers?

These plants were found at a friends property near Spring Grove in Surry county, VA. The pictures were taken on April 11th

1. This Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) bloomed in January, then a cold

spell damaged the flowers, so it bloomed again. some of the leaves shown here appear to have some damage perhaps from the cold.

2. Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) in bloom

3. Blueberry (*Vaccinium* Sp.) in bloom

4. Shadbush (*Amelanchier arborea*) in bloom.



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