



THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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September 2014

**Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM,
Thursday September 4, 2014**

**at the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
in the Lab**

**The room is available at 6:30, come early and Socialize
Our Program will be on Pollinators, presented by
W. John Hayden, of the University of Richmond.**

John will discuss "Flower structure & pollination, Self-pollination vs cross pollination and genetic diversity, Flower forms & generalized to specialized pollination systems, pollinator rewards (nectar, pollen, floral tissue, resin, oil, heat, none), Pollination by different types of pollinators (insects, animals, wind, water), Pollination and plant diversity."

Chapter Meetings and Events:

Field Trip: September 13th, 2014 at R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks.

Meet at the Martin's Parking lot on the corner of US Route 10 and US Route 1 at 10:00AM. **NOTE:** there is construction going on in the Martin's parking lot so we will meet in front of the Sleepy's store next to Martins. Contact Richard Moss at 748-2940 or richard@mossrd.org for more information.

October 2 - Chapter Meeting: Emily Herr on painting "Secret Garden Sun-room" by Emily Herr, Artist Emily is owner of the mural-painting business HerrSuite. She paints custom, hand-painted murals on preexisting surfaces in both homes and businesses.

Many of her murals have a story behind them and an education to offer.

"She will describe her most recent mural which covers an entire sun-room with delicate strings of flowering plants, all native to the area. It also features many different kinds of native local butterflies. Each species of plant is labeled in calligraphy, similar to an old herbarium illustration.

Emily feels it's important for a work of art to have depth behind its concept, and for the artist to be informed about her subject. Come join us to see and hear about her work."

November 6 Chapter Meeting: - Catharine Tucker - "American Women Naturalists: 18th to 21st centuries."

December 13: Holiday Social Gathering. Location to be determined.

Note: the January Chapter Meeting will be January 15, the second Thursday, a week later than usual to avoid GardenFest at Lewis Ginter.

Events of Interest

Programs at the new Bryan Park Nature Center: A variety of programs has been scheduled during the upcoming months. Those listed below are eligible for Continuing Education hours. All programs are 10:30 am to noon at the Nature Center unless otherwise stated. Park at Shelter 1 and take a short 10 minute walk to the Nature Center. Please pre-register at bryanparknaturecenter@gmail.com. On the day of the event, people are welcome to take part if there is still room in the class. Requested donation is \$3-5 per adult. For more information about the center and other programs: <http://friendsofbryanpark.org/naturecenter/>.

- Sept. 20 Trees: Need help identifying a tree? Come learn about trees through identification by leaves and bark! Let's determine which are native plants and exotic. Fruits of the trees that provide food for wildlife will also be discussed.
- Oct. 11 Chesapeake Bay: What does Jordan Branch, the stream running through Bryan Park, have in common with the Chesapeake Bay? Come find out!
- Oct. 18 Environmental Ethics: Environmental ethics is the study of questions about human moral responsibility to the environment and duties to other beings. This talk will discuss different philosophical positions and specific environmental problems including air pollution, water pollution, loss of wilderness and species extinctions.

2014 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours – Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program, Virginia Tech. Tours inform participants about practical forest and wildlife management techniques which are currently being used in their area, share information on current cost-share programs, and are a great opportunity for networking with other landowners and natural resource professionals. Past tours have visited seedling nurseries, timber harvesting operations, saw mills and both public and private forest lands.

September 29-30 - Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay

October 10 - Halifax County

October - Carroll-Grayson Counties

Dates and registration materials will be available in August. For more information: <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/landownerprograms/field-tours/index.html>

Saturday, November 15 - Come meet with the Commonwealth Unit of Herb Society of America at The Valentine Museum. Program: "Flora of VA" with Bland Crowder There is great interest by Herb Society members in VNPS efforts and hopefully vice-versa. The business meeting begins at 10:30-11, there's a catered box lunch, and then the program follows at noon. The Commonwealth Unit, Herb Society membership covers most of central Virginia, from Waynesboro to Williamsburg, with a majority in the Richmond Metro area.

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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President's Message - September 2014

We have a slate of officers to present at the September meeting! It still has some space to fill, but this is progress. Thank you to the members who have volunteered their service for the coming year.

Our chapter has renewed its Memo of Understanding with the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, so we will be asking members to help with our hands-on activities in the garden. We will also fund more books for the library. We exceeded our commitment for both these services last year.

So much happens in September that it's hard to know whether to spend time in the field, attend events or concentrate on yard work. If the weather holds, we can do a little of all these. I'll still be pulling up stilt grass and cutting back privet in the name of "gardening," but it's good exercise and outdoors! We have an exciting variety of programs and activities available to our members, so I hope you'll come join us at our first meeting September 4 to hear Dr. John Hayden speak on "Pollinators and Pollination." Then join us for the field trip on September 13. Walking the boardwalk trail at Point of Rocks (R. Garland Dodd Park) has become an annual adventure to see if the wild rice and other wetland plants bloom at the same time from year to year. See you on September 4!

Catharine White Tucker

Pocahontas Chapter field Trips

May 3rd Chapter Picnic at The Clearing in Amelia County:



We had a picnic lunch, then walked along the trail at the Clearing and saw a number of interesting plants.

1. A dark leaf of a Crane fly orchid (*Tipularia discolor*)
2. Southern Adders tongue fern (*Ophioglossum vulgatum*).
3. Pink ladies slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*).
4. Putty-root Orchid (*Aplectrum hyemale*).
5. Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*).
6. Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*)
7. Showy orchid (*Galearis spectabilis*).
8. Jack in the Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*).
9. Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*).



June 8th Field Trip to Presquile

1. Chickory (*Cichorium intybus*) A European introduction, but common particularly along roadsides.
- 2 Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) in bloom
3. A thistle in bloom
4. Horsetail (*Equisetum hyemale* ssp. *affine*).
5. Chestnut in bloom (unknown species)
6. Leaving Presquile - wake of boat on the James river



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