

# POTOWMACK NEWS

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Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

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Golden Alexander  
by Myania Moses

## Habitat Preservation with Craig Tufts Membership Meeting May 27th

The May board and general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27. Our featured speaker will be Craig Tufts, Chief Naturalist at the National Wildlife Federation and long time VNPS member, who will give a talk and slide presentation on "The Ongoing Problem of Habitat Preservation" with a special update on the Sugarland Run spill.

Mr. Tufts, who is a member of the original VNPS Board of Directors, describes himself as an amateur botanist. He has been intimately associated with Sugarland Run where he has run the bird count for fifteen years, and has been an active member of Tree Action in Herndon for the past three years.

After his talk Mr. Tufts will answer questions. We hope many of you will be able to join us to discuss the ramifications of this serious threat to our native plants and their habitat.

## Trillium Walk G. Thompson Management Area May 13th

The Trillium walk originally scheduled for April 29th has been rescheduled for May 13th because the cool spring has delayed the flowering.

VNPS's first registered site, the G. Richard Thompson Management Area is famous for its *Trillium grandiflorum* and other wild flowers. The preserve straddles the Fauquier and Warren county line on the slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Pack your lunch, your field guide, hand lens, camera, and the knowledge from Marion's March workshop. We will be forming car pools at the Fair Oaks shopping center parking lot about an hour's drive via route 66. Contact Anne Crocker at 437-0355 between 5 and 7 pm if you would like to join us or if you would like more information.

## Spring Plant Sale

Saturday May 15th  
11:00  
Green Spring  
Gardens Park

On May 15th the VNPS plant sale will take place as part of the 20th Annual Spring Garden Day and Plant Sale sponsored by Green Spring Gardens Park.

We will have an interesting assortment of spring and summer plants to offer, both from our own propagation beds and from contributions by our members. Among our offerings will be Virginia bluebells, bloodroots, ferns, stokesia, phlox, etc.

We need lots of help, especially in setting up the booths for the sale. If you can help, most particularly between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, please call Gerry Pratt at (703) 323-1094.

We would like to remind you to bring in your contributions for the sale, tagged with the botanical name, a common name and your name. We would like the donor identified so that we may contact you if we have questions and to acknowledge your contribution.

Please bring plants to the propagation beds by May 10th if possible. We count on your help and thank you again for all the help you have given us in the past. Thanks too for all the plastic pots you have brought in this spring. Come to the sale and bring your friends.

*Note: Green Spring's plant sale will start at 10am but we will not start selling the wildflowers until 11am.*

## Thoughts from the President

Well it is finally here, the season in which everything seems to happen at once! After a fairly wet and cool spring, the plants have all come forward at once with their flowers. It is really wonderful! There are many things going on anew in our chapter as well. Of course, the propagation beds can now be worked and propagation is underway as well as preparations for our May plant sale. For those of you who were able to attend, our spring Garden Tour was a success and we thank Gretchen Minners for allowing us the privilege of viewing her garden and also arranging for us to view the Landon School and McCrillis Garden. Plans are under way for a June potluck, so stay tuned for more information. Finally, I encourage you all to make a special note of our May General Meeting. Craig Tufts of the National Wildlife Federation will give us some insight on the on going impacts of our urban setting on natural plant and animal habitat in Northern Virginia, including a brief update on the spill on Sugarland Run. So mark your calendar for May 27 for this important talk!

Anne Haynes

## Nominating Committee Seeks New Faces

The current board is loaded with ideas and energy, but would like to have some fresh perspectives. Would you consider trying out one of the board positions? If you have questions about particular officer or committee duties call Anne Haynes (836-0925). If you would like to nominate yourself or another member call Laura Beaty (534-8746).

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## Chapter Member Marion Lobstein Receives Teaching Awards

Marion Lobstein has been selected to receive two outstanding faculty awards for the current academic year. She is one of three faculty at NVCC chosen to receive an Outstanding Faculty Award sponsored by the NVCC Educational Foundation. At the state level, she is one of eleven faculty in higher education in Virginia chosen to receive the SCHEV (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia) Outstanding Faculty Award for 1992-93. She is the first NVCC faculty to be a recipient of this award. Congratulations Marion!

## April Garden Tour

While the newsletter is going to press during the time of our annual garden tour and we can not comment on how it went, we do want to thank Gretchen Minners for not only showing her garden, but also for making the arrangements for the other two stops.

Gretchen spent a great deal of time planning every detail of the tour, including recruiting docents for the Landon and McCrillis gardens. As those lucky enough to visit Gretchen's garden saw, her planning is as thorough and as interesting as her landscaping!

## Chapter Member Melvin Little is Leading Walks In Arlington

Melvin Little has been leading plant walks in Arlington for 5 years. These walks are informative and fun with identification of not only plants but also of birds and mammals that are spotted along the trail. Melvin holds a biology degree from George Mason and is a volunteer naturalist for Arlington. Melvin's accomplishments include identification of plants (native, naturalized, cultivated, and those that have escaped cultivation) for Long Branch and Potomac Overlook parks and is currently working on a list for Long Branch which will include the adjoining Glen Carlyn Park.

Melvin can be found leading walks for Long Branch and Gulf Branch Nature Centers. See the "Upcoming Wildflower Events" on the back page for details of times and days for each park. Melvin loves sharing his knowledge so join one of these afternoon walks!

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## Trilliums

by Marion Lobstein

One of the most beautiful and easily recognizable groups of spring wildflowers are the trilliums in the lily family (Liliaceae). In the northern Virginia area the more common trillium is the sessile or toadshade trillium, *Trillium sessile*, and the rarer species is the large-flowered *Trillium grandiflorum*. Both of these species bloom a bit later than the earlier spring wildflowers with the sessile trillium starting to bloom in mid-April and the large-flowered trillium in late April to early May. Both species are found in rich, well-drained deciduous woods. The range of sessile trillium is coastal plains, piedmont, and mountain geographic provinces from New York, Ohio, and Minnesota south into Georgia, Mississippi, and Arkansas while the range of the large-flowered species is more often mountains from southeastern Canada south into the mountains of Georgia and Arkansas. Several other species of trillium found from Fauquier County and/or farther west into the Virginia mountains include *T. erectum* (purple trillium), *T. cernuum* (nodding trillium), and *T. undulatum* (painted trillium).

The genus name *Trillium* is derived from the Latin word "tres" for three which refers to the flower parts as well as the leaves that are in groups of three. The species names *sessile* and *grandiflorum* mean "without a stalk" referring to the flowers of the sessile trillium lacking a pedicle or flower stalk and "large-flowered" referring to the showy large flowers of *T. grandiflorum*. Other common names for *T. sessile* are toad or toadshade trillium, stalkless trillium, and sessile-flowered wake-robin. Another common name for *T. grandiflorum* is great white

trillium. In some botanical manuals and popular wildflower guides, the trilliums are put into a separate family of the Trilliaceae.

In both species a solitary flower bud develops after the leaves emerge from the underground rhizome. Only mature plants will produce flowers. In both species there are three green sepals, three petals (which will be discussed in more detail), six prominent stamens, and a three-angled pistil. In the sessile trillium the upright petals average one to two inches in length and are usually maroon but can be yellow-green in a form "forma viridiflorum". The upright petals of this species surround the stamens and pistil. The spreading white to pink petals of the large-flowered species are one to three inches long. The flowers are borne on a flowering stalk or pedicle that is one to two inches long. The color variation of pink flowers in *T. grandiflorum* seems to be genetic variation rather than due to an aging process since flower buds may be white or pink. The fragrance of the sessile trillium can range from musty to faintly "carrion like" to fruit-like with the main pollinators being carrion flies and beetles which have to push the petals apart to reach the stamens and pistils. The large flowered trillium has a more pleasant fragrance that attracts bee species which are the primary pollinators.

The fruit that develops in both species is a six-angled pulpy berry that is approximately one-half to three-quarters of an inch long. Inside the fruit that matures by late June, are 15-20 oblong russet-colored seeds 3/16's to 1/4 inch long with a fleshy crest or eleiosome on the upper end of the seed. The seeds are dispersed by ants. It may take two or more years for the seeds to germinate and up to seven years to have a plant that will bear flowers.

The characteristic broadly oval leaves of all trilliums are in groups of three. The leaves of sessile trillium are mottled and average from 1 1/2 to 5 inches long while those of the large-flowered trillium are not mottled and are 2 1/2 to 6 inches

long. The leaves die back or senesce after the fruit matures and seeds are shed. The stem height of sessile trillium is 4-8 inches tall compared to 8 to 18 inches tall in the large flowered species. Both species have well-developed rhizomes with shallow fibrous root systems.

The medicinal and edible uses of trilliums as a group are many. The young leaves are edible raw or parboiled. However, in most areas today trilliums ARE NOT COMMON enough at most sites to collect and eat. The medicinal uses of trillium rhizomes by American Indians and in folk medicine included inducing labor in childbirth and relieving bleeding following parturition, sore nipples, and female disorders. It was also used as an astringent to stop nosebleeds as well as internal hemorrhaging, as a poultice to treat skin sores, ulcers, insect stings, and even to treat diarrhea. The Chippewa Indians washed rheumatic joints with an extract of trillium rhizomes then pricked the skin numerous times with a needle to "inject" the fluid into the area. Extracts of trillium rhizomes have purported astringent, expectorant, and even uterine stimulant properties.

The sessile trillium may be found in abundance at Great Falls Park (both Virginia and Maryland), at Riverbend Park, Balls Bluff Park, and other sites especially along the Potomac River. The large-flowered trillium is best seen at G. Richard Thompson Wildlife Management area near Linden, Virginia where it is estimated there are at least 18 million individual plants growing in a two square mile area. It is a breath-taking sight to see the large-flowered trillium carpeting the forest floor at the Linden site. Even though the sessile trillium is not as showy, its delicate beauty is well worth the effort to seek out this special wildflower this spring. Both these species are important and beautiful members of the "guild" of early spring wildflowers that carpet our rich deciduous woods in the spring.

Marion is an Associate Professor of Biology at NVCC - Manassas Campus.

## Fall Photography Show Submission Deadline: August 15th

We so enjoyed last springs photography show, that we decided to invite you to enter again. This time we are giving you the bountiful spring season to snap away, hoping you will amass a stack of good shots, one of which you will frame for the blue ribbon. Rules are the same as last year:

- 1) All photographs must be 5x7 or larger.
  - 2) Photographs may be black and white or color. The subject must be native plants; gardens, groups of plants, individual plants or details of plants are acceptable.
  - 3) All photographs must be framed and have a glass or plastic covering. The back of the frame must have securely attached eye hooks or metal brackets (wire is not necessary). ABSOLUTELY NO METAL CLIPS.
  - 4) Entries must have the photographer's name, address and phone number attached to the back of the frame.
  - 5) NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, PLEASE!
  - 6) Limit of two entries per person
  - 7) Entries will be judged by a professional photographer who specializes in native plants. Judge's decisions will be final.
  - 8) Ribbons will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. There will be no cash award.
  - 9) Neither Green Spring nor Potowmack Chapter of VNPS accepts responsibility for photographs entered in this show. Entries should be brought to the volunteer on duty at the Manor House at Green Spring Gardens Park between August 1st and 15th. The Manor House is open 1 to 4 every day except Saturday. Judging will take place during the last week in August and a reception is planned for the first Sunday in September. Questions? Contact *Nancy Luria* 528-3612.
- New This Year:** We are looking for high quality slides to add to our Speakers Bureau slide collection. If

you have any good illustrative shots of native plants, please consider donating them to the chapter. If you submit slides (with or without a framed print) by the Aug 15th photography show deadline, you'll be eligible for a special prize!

## Member Counts 321 Wildflowers

The April edition of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park newsletter included a story about Potowmack member, Karen Goodlatte. Over the past ten years, Karen has worked on identifying most (if not all) of the park's wildflowers. As a result of Karen's volunteer efforts, a printed list of Huntley Meadows' wildflowers is now available. Congratulations Karen!

## Fall Annual Meeting October 3rd

Mark your calendars now for Saturday October 3rd. We are planning a very exciting annual meeting, with the announcement of an innovative project for the chapter. Every one of you could help with this! Watch for details in the next newsletter and definitely mark this date on your calendar.

## Green Spring Update:

Remodeling of the Horticulture Center has begun at Green Spring Gardens Park. The new facility, due to be completed by Spring 1994, will have offices, a large auditorium, classrooms, a library, and an exhibit area. The Green Spring staff is already planning to take advantage of this desperately needed new space. The construction means, however, that we will not be able to use Green Spring for our membership meeting for at least one year. Please remember to check the location of the meetings you plan to attend.

The chapter-sponsored intern for the Native Plant Trail at Green

Spring is Margaret Church, a "seasonal" at Green Spring since 1991. Marge has a degree in horticulture from the University of Maryland and is interested in learning more about native plants. She, along with horticulturist Brenda Skarphol, will be in charge of the volunteer work crew.

Speaking of which, five of your fellow members have volunteered to form a permanent trail work group. Ben Fitzgerald, Larry Anderson, Jane Collins, Gladys Quintero and Bill Kreitz have all agree to donate the morning of the second Saturday of each month from March until November to trail maintenance. To join 1) be willing to commit to this work morning on a regular basis, 2) be willing to weed, mulch or plant, 3) call Nancy at 528-3612.

Green Spring has a new friends group called FrOGS, Friends of Green Spring. Gerry Pratt, Potowmack's plant sale chair, and Nancy Luria, Potowmack's Vice-President, were asked to serve on the board. You are all invited to join! Individual membership is \$15, family is \$20. Their address is FrOGS, Friends of Green Spring, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria VA 22312 or call (703) 642-5173. One of the membership benefits is a subscription to Gardenline, Green Springs informative newsletter.

## Butterfly Garden

Several chapter members are helping to expand the butterfly garden at Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington. Using donated plants and lots of elbow grease, these lepidopteran aficionados are creating an irresistible habitat for Arlington's fluttering friends. Nancy Luria, seasonal naturalist at the park, is working with the volunteers to develop a list of common Arlington butterflies and record their activities. If you would like to help with any aspect of this project call Nancy at 528-5406. Thank you to Jane Collins, Ann Boswell, Priscilla Brandon and Steve Compton for eagerly volunteering.

## Tips For The Shutter Bugs

Jessie Harris, Potowmack Chapter member and professional wildlife photographer, generously agreed to judge our show again this year. She also have offered the following answers to a few questions:

*If I want to make slides to donate to the slide collection but also want to have prints for the show, how can I do both with one film?*

Jessie, who has just returned from California with 80 rolls of film, says she uses only slide film because it makes it so much easier (and cheaper) to sort through your shots for the best ones. When she finds slides that she wants to make prints of, she has them processed through Kodak, where they make a negative of the transparency (slide) and print from it.

*What is the best film to use?*

If you decide to use slide film, Jessie recommends Kodachrome 64 or Fujichrome Velvia 50 or 100. Remember: the slower the film (the lower the number), the finer the grain of the picture. With slow film, however, wind may be a factor in close-up shots. Jessie uses the 100.

*What are some basic guidelines for good composition?*

- Avoid centering your subject (imagine a tic-tac-toe grid and place your focal point in one of the outer squares).
- Diagonals create motion, verticals are dynamic, horizontals are placid: think about the effect you want.
- Give the eye something to do in the photograph - compositional elements should lead the eye around.
- Don't make the picture too busy.
- Unfocused portions of the composition can be very effective, but remember that the main subject (which is probably your focal point) should be sharply focused.

## Wildflower Drawings

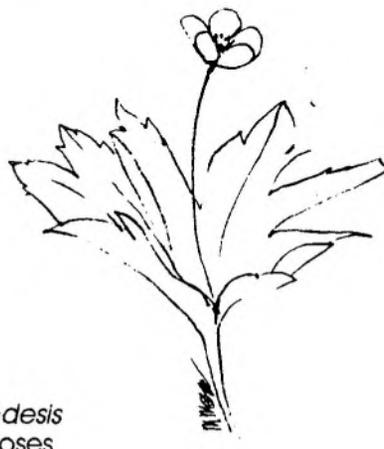
The drawings featured in this newsletter are by Myania Moses, a member since May 1992. A resident of Arlington, Myania joined the Potowmack Chapter after a friend (loyal chapter secretary, Laura Beatty) encouraged her to attend one of our plant sales at Green Spring. Myania added more natives to her backyard garden and responded to the newsletter's call for drawings.

Interestingly, Myania is a pediatric occupational therapist, not a full-time artist. In fact, she really hasn't drawn much since college, when she majored in dance and art. Reality may have dictated a practical career, but instinct led Myania into her garden where she produced these beautiful, detailed sketches.

Do you have drawings you would like to share? Contact Nancy 528-3612.



*Anemone canadensis*  
by Mayania Moses



## Huntley Meadows Threatened

Three years after being saved from the proposed Lockheed Boulevard Connector, Huntley Meadows Park is threatened by the proposed S. Van Dorn St. Phase III extension, which would connect the Kingstowne development to Telegraph Rd. Although the road would be outside the park, its construction would destroy seven acres of forested wetland in the Dogue Creek flood plain. These wetlands are a critical last line of defense protecting Dogue Creek and Huntley Meadows from upstream development. In April 1992, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, tentatively ruled against S. Van Dorn Phase III. The E. P. A., U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries concurred. Fairfax County, however, will soon supply additional data to support its application which may lead the Corps to approve the project.

Huntley Meadows, which contains 800 acres of wetlands, is already stressed from surrounding development. Construction in the Dogue Creek and Barnyard Run watersheds upstream has released damaging sediments into Dogue Creek. Destruction of these seven acres of forested wetlands would likely further increase the sediment load. The county will attempt to create artificial wetlands to replace those destroyed, but creation of forested wetlands is difficult and the methods proposed are unproven.

To express your opposition to the project, please write to: William H. Poor Jr., Chief, Regulatory Branch, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Norfolk, 803 Front St., Norfolk VA 23510-1096; and Supervisor Joseph Alexander, Lee District, Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria VA 22310 (phone: 971-6262). For more information, call Norma Hoffman, president of Citizens Alliance to Save Huntley Meadows, at 765-7498.

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## UPCOMING WILDFLOWER EVENTS:

**Long Branch Nature Center** - 625 S Carlin Springs Rd. Arlington VA 22204. All free except where noted. Reservations are required for all programs and can be made by calling (703) 358-6535.

**Tues May 11 10-12 noon - "Wildflower Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover spring wildflowers through identification, natural history, and folklore.

**Fri May 14 6:30 - 8pm - "Herbal Wreath"** Adults can join us and make a live wreath that will dry in your kitchen. Please bring 5 medium sized herbs and a pair of scissors. \$3.00 fee for this program.

**Sat Jun 26 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Sat July 24 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Aug 21 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Gulf Branch Nature Center** - Arlington VA 22204. All free except where noted. Reservations are required for all programs and can be made by calling (703) 358-3403.

**Sat May 22 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, sedge etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Sat Jun 12 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, sedge etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Sat July 10 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, sedge etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Sat Aug 7 2-4:30pm - "Plant Walk"** Adults are invited to walk woodland trails and discover summer wildflowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, sedge etc. through identification. Naturalist Melvin Little will lead this walk. Rain date is Sunday

**Millersville University** - Dept of Continuing Education, 104 Dilworth Hall Millersville, PA 17551

**June 24-27 "Native Plants in the Landscape"** This conference is aimed at many types of native plant enthusiasts, professional and amateurs. For a brochure contact the Dept of Continuing Education at (717) 872-3030. Registration deadline is June 1 or first 400 registrants. Fee \$115 w/no housing

**American Horticultural Society** - Alexandria, VA 768-5700

**Aug 12-14 "Children, Plants, and Gardens: Educational Opportunities"** national symposium to serve as a catalyst to help create more educational gardening programs for all children in grades pre-k through 8th. It will take place in Washington D.C. 800-777-7931 for information and registration brochure.

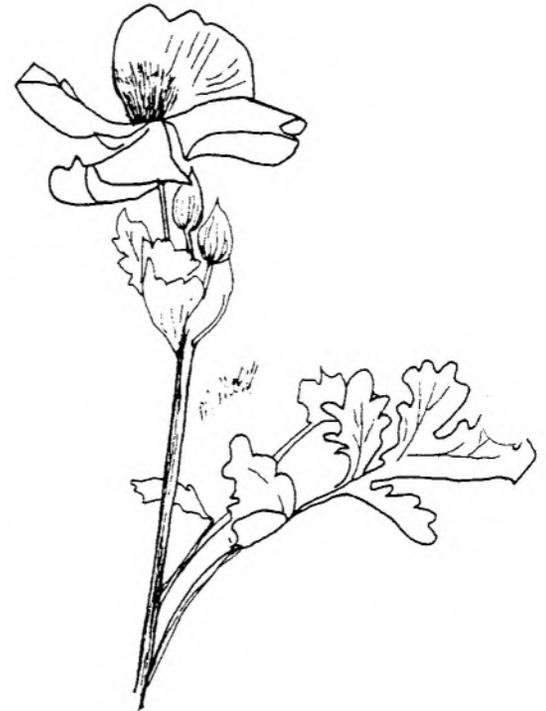
### **Lobstein Courses, Tours, Field Trips**

Marion Lobstein will be offering a number of plant identification classes through summer 1993. The following first two classes will be offered at the Manassas Campus of NVCC and the third one at Blandy Experimental Farm (a University of Virginia facility) near Winchester, VA. For information on these classes call NVCC Manassas Campus at (703) 323-3000 ext. 6605 and Blandy Farm at (703) 837@1758.

BIO 295-01M **Special Topics in Biology-Forest Ecology** course (one credit) will give students basic information on principles of ecology relating to the forest ecosystem. Class dates and times are: Monday- Thursday, July 26@29 from 8:00 am-12:00 noon.

BIO 295-02M **Special Topics in Summer Wildflowers** (one credit) will give students an overview of the common groups of summer blooming flowering plants, with an emphasis on identification. Class dates and times are: Monday-Thursday, July 26-29 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.

EVEC 493/793 **Field Botany** (three credits) will cover the classification, identification,



*Stylophorum diphyllum*  
Wood poppy

by Myania Moses

tion and evolution of flowering plants. The emphasis of this course will be on recognition of flowering plant family field characteristics and on the use of plant dichotomous keys and other aids for identification of species. Class dates and times are Monday-Thursday, June 28-July 15 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Other Lobstein activities include **wildflower walks at Great Falls Park, VA** at 10:00am-12:30pm on the following dates during the spring and summer months: **May 16, June 20, July 18, and August 15.** Call Marion at (703) 536-7150 for reservations for any of these walks.

Smithsonian Resident Associate Program tours Marion will be doing this spring include Linden (Thompson Wildlife Management Area) and **Blandy Farm on May 2, and Skyline Drive on June 19.** Marion will also be doing two tours of Linden for the Virginia Museum of Natural History on **May 8.** Call (202)357-3030 for information on RAP tours.

**Fleming Courses, Tours, Field Trips**

**Sat May 8 2-4pm - "Wildflower Walk - Great Falls MD"** A special free trip for VNPS members of Potowmack, Prince William and Piedmont Chapters. We will explore the rocky islands and the upland terrace habitats, looking for chrysogonum, violet wood-sorrel, lyre-leaved rockcress and other early May flowers. Call Cris Fleming at (301) 657-9289 for information on meeting place.

**Sat and Sun May 22 & 23 - "Western Maryland Nature Preserves"** A weekend trip to western Maryland to visit three Nature Conservancy preserves and one state park. We will see wild calla and fringed polygala at Finzel Swamp, round-leaved sundew and small cranberry at The Glades, and creeping snowberry and goldthread at Cranesville Swamp. Call Audubon Naturalist Society at (301) 652-9188 for information. Fee \$50/\$65

**Sat Jun 12 9 am - noon - "Suitland Bog"** The last remaining bog in the Washington area, Suitland Bog is filled with pitcher-plant, thread-leaved sundew, red milkweed, and the beautiful rose pogonia. A Thursday evening lecture describes and illustrates the plants of Suitland Bog. Call Audubon Naturalist Society at (301) 652-5964 for more information. Fee \$25/\$35.

**Sat Jun 26 8-10 am - "Summer Wildflowers - Dyke Marsh"** Visit this fresh water tidal marsh just south of Alexandria on an early morning walk. We will look for wetland plants such as arrow arum and swamp rose, and upland species along the trail. We might get a look at the great egret, great blue heron and other birds of this wildlife sanctuary. Call the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program at (202) 357-3030 for more information. Fee \$10/\$14.

**Sat Aug 1 8-10 am or 10:30- noon - "Summer Wildflowers - Hughes Hollow"** A few miles north of Potomac Maryland, Hughes Hollow has non-tidal wetlands, a small swamp and open fields. We will see swamp rose-mallow, swamp milkweed, and cardinal flower, as well as black-eyed Susan and teasle. Call the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program at (202) 357-3030 for more information. Fee \$10/\$14.

**"Summer Flower Identification"** A four week course with two Saturday field trips to learn to identify summer flowers in the Washington area. Tues July 6 and 27 from 7 - 9pm; Sat Aug 14 and 28 from 8:30 - noon. Call the USDA Graduate School at (202) 690-4280 for more information. Fee



**VNPS Membership/Renewal Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$15     Family \$25     Student \$10

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Associate (group) \$40; delegate \_\_\_\_\_

To give a gift of membership: enclose dues, name and address

I wish to make an additional contribution to \_\_\_\_\_ VNPS \_\_\_\_\_ Potowmack

Chapter in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do not wish your name to be exchanged with organizations

Do not wish to be listed in the chapter directory

Make checks payable to VNPS and mail to

**VNPS Membership Chair Route 1, Box 381, Delaplane, VA 22025**

## Potowmack Chapter VNPS Events

### May

- 13 Thu Trillium Walk - G. Richard Thompson Preserve, Linden VA. Contact Anne Crocker 437-0355  
15 Sat Potowmack's Spring Plant Sale - Green Spring Gardens Park. Contact Gerry Pratt 323-1094  
27 Thu Program Meeting - Habitat Preservation with Craig Tufts . 7pm board meeting, 7:30pm lecture  
- Green Spring Gardens Park

### June

- 24 Thu Newsletter Deadline - for July/ August newsletter Articles on 3.5" disk in either IBM or MAC format, labeled with the program used to create the text and accompanied by a printed copy, if possible, would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lynda Heise (301) 952-0026  
24 Thu Board Meeting - 7pm board meeting - Green Spring Gardens Park. Everyone is invited to attend.  
27 Sun Potowmack's Potluck - LOCATION AND TIME IN UPCOMING FLYER

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*Wildflower Spring Plant Sale ---May 15 11am*  
*Habitat Preservation with Craig Tufts-Thursday May 27th*

