

POTOWMACK NEWS

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Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

Spring 1993

Tips on Wildflower Identification

with

Marion Blois Lobstein

Thursday March 25

7:30

Green Spring Horticulture Center

Learn how to use Peterson's and Newcomb's field guides to identify the wildflowers. On March 25th, Marion Lobstein, well-known botanist, speaker, and field trip leader, will talk on "Tips for Spring Wildflower Identification"- just in time to hone your skills for the new season. She will be using pressed plants to aid us in the identification process. This will be a real hands-on workshop, so bring your guides and be ready to dig in. Door Prize!

Trillium Walk April 29

An informal walk through VNPS's first registered site, the G. Richard Thompson Management Area is planned for Thursday April 29th. A site famous for its trillium grandiflora 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 hours drive via route 66. Contact Anne Crocker 437-0355 between 5 and 7 pm if you would like to join us or if you would like more information.

Native Plant Trail Work Begins

Brenda Skarphol, horticulturist at Green Spring Gardens Park, has already ordered more labels and plants for the Native Plant Trail. She has also scheduled two work mornings for March: Tuesday the 9th and Saturday the 13th, 9 to 12 both days. We'll be raking leaves, mulching and weeding. It is always a treat to work with Brenda -- she is an encyclopedia of knowledge and her energy is infectious! Come and be a part of the 1993 volunteer gang!

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

For those of you ruing the fact that you missed Ted Scott's January 28th presentation on invasive exotics, take heart -- Ted was ill. We'll be rescheduling his talk. Gerry Pratt offered an interesting substitute: a video called "Naturescaping: A Landscape Alternative". In addition to board members, we were pleased to have Ed Ballard, Ed Mainland, Dorothy Beling, Sally Sieracki, and Liz Smith (a prospective member) at the meeting.

Extra Plants after Spring dividing?

Soon it will be time to divide your wildflowers. Please reserve some of your abundance for the Potowmack Chapter spring plant sale to be held Saurday May 15th at Green Spring Gardens Park in Annandale. Your donated plants give varity and are

greatly appreciated. Any interesting native plants you may wish to contribute are welcome.

These should be potted up no later than May 1st. Please label each plant with the botanical name, and common name. If you have any questions contact **Gerry Pratt 323-1094**, She will also give you instructions on where to leave your donations.

The propagation committee is now making plans for the spring. If you are interested in volunteering in the propation beds or assisting at the plant sale this spring please contact **Gerry Pratt** at the number above or **Tiana Camfiord 830-3783**.



Mountain-laurel (Kalimeris latifolia)

Thoughts from the President:

The cold weather outside belies the activity that is going on underground and in places hidden from view. Our spring bulbs and early flowering plants are preparing for their entrance soon. Anne Crocker is planning the annual trek to the G. Thompson to see the brilliant display of trillium. Plans are also going forward with our newly established Speaker's Bureau Program. Sharon Tarango, Speaker's Bureau chairperson has developed a list of potential speakers and is establishing contact with likely audiences. She will be presenting ideas for further refinements in the program at the February Board meeting. Our March General Meeting will feature a presentation on "Tips on Wildflower Identification". JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. Our Chapter is gearing up for activity in the propagation beds and on the Native Plant trail soon, so stretch you cramped winter limbs and join us.

Anne Haynes

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Some of you may know that the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) is due for reauthorization in Congress this year. The ESA was enacted to conserve endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems on which they depend. According to information provided by the Nation-

al Wildlife Federation, "it is considered to be one of the most important environment laws ever enacted by the nation". They also assert that the act itself is now endangered. The act is under attack by timber, oil, real estate, mining, and other affected industries. Supporters of the act will try to get a stronger act. Examples of provisions that supporters want to add include interim protection for the over 3,000 species on the waiting list of endangered species, many of which may cease to exist before ever being listed; deadlines for recovery of species plans (nearly half of listed species do not have such a plan); planning for ecosystems, not just single species; as well as several other provisions. All of us should be interested in the success of this legislation. Contact your Congressperson and find out the status of the reauthorization and express your concerns and your support. U.S. Representatives Gerry Studds (D-MA) and John Dingell (D-MI) will spearhead the authorization.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

On November 20th Potowmack Chapter president, Anne Haynes, accepted a Special Recognition Award from the Fairfax County Park Authority. Presented by County Board Chairman, Thomas M. Davis, III, our plaque is inscribed:

Special Recognition
Presented To
Potowmack Chapter
Virginia Native Plant Society
From
The Fairfax County Park Authority
The Northern Virginia
Regional Park Authority
For Volunteer Service
To The Park Systems
Of Fairfax County
November 20, 1992

As reported in the Winter newsletter, Don Humphrey, park manager, nominated our Chapter for this award because of our support for the Native Plant Trail at Green Spring Gardens Park. Don specifically cited our significant monetary contributions, including the stipend for a seasonal intern, and the hundreds of hours volunteers gave to help prepare, install and maintain the trail. Whether or not you are one of the dozens of volunteers who physically worked on the trail, you are a dues paying member of the Chapter and we spend some of your money on projects like this one. Therefore, congratulations to all of you for doing your part to promote the conservation of Virginia's native plants! (The plaque hangs in the Horticultural Center at Green Spring)

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PLANTS NEEDED FOR THE NATIVE PLANT TRAIL

Do you have any of the following plants to donate to Green Spring? If so, please contact Brenda Skarphol at 642-5174.

Scientific Name

Actaea pachypoda
Adiantum pedatum
Anemone quinquefolia
Anemonella thalictroides
Aralia nudicaulis
Aralia racemosa
Arisaema triphyllum
Aster acuminatus
Astilbe biternata
Athyrium thelypteroides
Athyrium (Diplazium) pycnocarpon
Caulophyllum Thalictroides
Chimaphylla maculata
Chimaphylla umbellata
Claytonia caroliniana
Clintonia umbellata
Cypripedium calceolus
Cystopteris fragilis
Delphinium tricorne
Dennstaedtia punctilobula
Dentaria lactiniata or *D. diphylla* (Cardamine spp.)
Dicentra canadensis
Dicentra cucullata
Diphylleia cymosa
Dryopteris goldiana
Dryopteris intermedia
Erythronium albidum
Erythronium americanum
Galax urceolata
Gaultheria procumbens
Hepatica acutiloba
Hepatica americana
Hexastylis (Asarum) virginica
Jeffersonia diphylla
Matteuccia struthiopteris
Osmunda cinnimonea
Osmunda claytoniana
Osmunda regalis
Phacelia purshii
Phlox maculata
Phlox divaricata
Phlox stolonifera
Polemonium reptans
Polygonatum commutatum
Polymnia uvedlia
Pyrola rotundifolia
Senecio aureus

Silene stellata
Smilacina stellata
Symplocarpus foetidus
Thalictrum dioicum
Trillium erectum
Trillium cernuum
Trillium grandiflorum
Trillium sessile
Uvularia grandiflora
Uvularia sessifolia
Verbecina alternifolia
Viburnum acerifolium
Viola rotundifolia
Zizia aptera

Common Name

Doll's Eyes
 Maidenhair Fern
 Wood Anemone
 Rue Anemone
 Wild Sarsaparilla
 Spikenard
 Jack-in-the-Pulpit
 Whorled Aster
 False Goatsbeard
 Silvery Glade Fern
 Glade Fern
 Blue Cohosh
 Spotted Wintergreen
 Pipsissewa
 Carolina Spring Beauty
 White Clintonia
 Yellow Lady's Slipper
 Brittle Bladder Fern
 Dwarf Larkspur
 Hay-scented Fern
 Toothwort
 Squirrel Corn
 Dutchman's Breeches
 Umbrella Leaf
 Goldie's Wood Fern
 Fancy Wood Fern
 Trout-lily
 Trout-lily
 Galax
 Wintergreen
 Sharp-lobed Hepatica
 Round-lobed Hepatica
 Wild Evergreen Ginger
 Jeffersonia
 Ostrich Fern
 Cinnamon Fern
 Interrupted Fern
 Royal Fern
 Miami Mist
 Meadow Phlox
 Wild Blue Phlox
 Creeping Phlox
 Jacob's Ladder
 Solomon's Seal
 Yellow-flowered Leaf Cup
 Rounded Shinleaf
 Golden Ragwort or
 Heart-leaved Groundsel
 Starry Campion
 Star-flowered Solomon's Seal
 Skunk Cabbage
 Early Meadow Rue
 Purple Trillium
 Nodding Trillium
 Great White Trillium
 Toad Trillium
 Large-flowered Bellwort
 Sessile-leaved Bellwort
 Wingstem
 Mapleleaf Viburnum
 Round-leaved Yellow Violet
 Heart-leaved Golden
 Alexander

UPCOMING WILDFLOWER EVENTS:

Maryland Native Plant Society

- P.O. Box 4877 Silver Spring, Maryland 20914
 March 10 - Weds "Native Communities: Their Role as Wildlife Habitat" Tawes State Office Building Conference room C-1 Annapolis, Kathy McCarthy (410) 974-5780.

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 April 6 10-11 am - "Germination" Kids in grades 3 and 4 can join us and learn about how plants survive the winter and seed germination.

Tues April 27 9-12 noon - "Pollination Ecology Walk" adults are invited to learn how flowers seduce their pollinators. Bring a hand lens if you have one.
 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.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center -

4020 Hummer Rd Annandale VA 22003
 Sat March 6 - "Coyote Tales - Tales of the American Indian" - storyteller Susan Strauss will perform at 7pm at the

March

25 Thu **General Meeting/Workshop - Spring Wildflower ID**
 7pm board meeting, 7:30pm workshop - Green Spring Gardens Park

April

22 Thu **Newsletter Deadline** - for May/June newsletter. Articles on 3.5" disk in either IBM or MAC format, labeled with the program used to create the text and include a printed copy if possible would be greatly appreciated.

22 Thu **Board Meeting** - 7pm - Green Spring Gardens Park

29 Thu **Trillium Walk** -
 G. Richard Thompson Preserve, Linden VA

May

15 Sat **Potowmack's Spring Plant Sale** - Green Spring Gardens Park

27 Thu **Program Meeting** - Topic to be ac
 7pm board meeting, 7:30pm lecture - Green Spring Gardens Park

June

24 Thu **Newsletter Deadline** - for July/August newsletter see April for more information on desired format.

24 Thu **Board Meeting** - 7pm board meeting - Green Spring Gardens Park

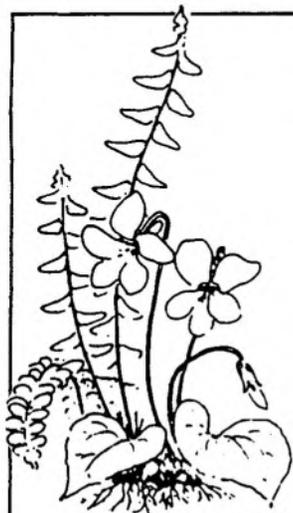
27 Sun **Potowmack's Potluck** - Green Spring Gardens Park

Annandale Community Theatre Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College. \$\$\$

Sat March 13 and Sun March 14 - "Wildlife Art and Photography Show" Wakefield RECenter 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA. \$1

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.



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