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### MAGNOLIA BOG WALK, SATURDAY, MAY 12, 10A.M. TO 1 P.M.

**Rod Simmons**, noted regional field ecologist and VNPS Registry Chair, will lead a walk and clean-up at Barcroft Magnolia Bog in Arlington on Saturday, May 12 from 10am to 1:00pm. Wear long sleeves and long pants; bring water and a snack or lunch. We may do some minor invasive plant removal along the way, so bring work gloves if you want to help. Meet at the entrance to the park at the top of the hill near the intersection South Buchanan and South 23rd Streets, near Wakefield High School and Claremont Elementary School. *Driving directions: From Walter Reed Drive in South Arlington driving south toward Route 7, turn right on Dinwiddie, right on 23rd Street, right on Buchanan. The park entrance is a very short distance on the left. One can also reach the area via the W & OD bike trail. The magnolia bog is a few hundred feet west of Walter Reed Drive. Join the group by walking up the first significant trail off the Four Mile Run Trail west of the town houses.* 

### POTOWMACK CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SALE SATURDAY MAY 19, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Join us for our Native Plant Sale held on Spring Garden Day at Green Spring Gardens, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm. With over 40 vendors, Spring Garden Day is the largest plant sale in the Northern Virginia area and is a great place find a wide variety of plants at good prices from local growers. We will be selling plants that day from our propagation area which is located behind the Horticultural Center.

This year our propagation committee sales efforts will be based on our chapter brochure, <u>Native Alternatives to English Ivy</u>. Many folks are removing this invasive plant from their gardens and request native plants with which to replace it. We'll have what you need with a large variety of low-growing perennials such as ginger, golden ragwort, robin's plantain and wood poppy. Ferns make a wonderful ground cover and we hope to have several varieties to offer our customers. As usual, we will be selling plants for both sunny and shady areas as well as a selection of native shrubs and trees.

Demand is high for native plants at our sale, so we welcome and appreciate plant donations from gardeners with native plants to share. Drop plants off at our propagation area on Wednesdays or any time that is convenient for you. Leave your

name with your plants so we can credit you for the donation. If you need help digging up plants to donate or in transporting them to Green Spring, please call our propagation chair, Laura Beaty, at 703 534 8746.

If you'd like to help pot up plants for the sale, please consider joining us on our Wednesday workdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come out and learn how to garden with natives and meet a great group of people. No gardening experience necessary; we supply tools, snacks and fun.

All money earned at our plant sale funds chapter programs, publications and educational efforts. We hope to see you shopping for natives on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Directions: From I- 395, exit at Route 236 West (Little River Turnpike) in Alexandria; turn right at Braddock Road and go 1 block north to park entrance.





Golden ragwort (Senecio aureus) in winter and spring.

### TOUR OF U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN, THURSDAY, MAY 24 AT 10:15AM

On Thursday, May 24, from 10:15am until 11:30am **Bill McLaughlin** will lead a tour of the National Garden at the U. S. Botanic Garden in DC. This garden showcases plants from the piedmont and coastal plain along a moisture gradient that decreases maintenance watering and evokes natural communities. A Plant Curator at the U. S. Botanic Garden, Bill helped implement the National Garden. Participation is limited, so registration is required. To register, please contact Shirley Gay, shirleywg@comcast.net or 703-920-1913. Please include your telephone number with any message. Directions: Travel via metro is highly recommended on the orange or blue line to Federal Center SW. From the station walk north on 3rd St. to Maryland Avenue where you turn right and the Conservatory is in sight. Meet at the National Garden entry from the Conservatory terrace. The Conservatory opens at 10, so members will have a chance to run inside to use the facilities prior to meeting. In case of light rain, the tour will go on as scheduled.

"Approximately 20-30% of plant and animal species assessed so far are likely to be at increased risk of extinction if increases in global average temperature exceed 1.5-2.5oC."

from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Fourth Assessment Report

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As pressure on open space grows, it's more important than ever for our chapter members to weigh in on issues that affect native plants and plant habitats. Our organization sprang up in the early 80's out of a response to rapid development and the ensuing destruction of natural areas. Plant rescues were the focus of our group back then and a great "feel good" activity; but it soon became apparent that digging up wildflowers wouldn't save native trees or habitats. Now we are more concerned with saving what we have left of our natural areas from threats like invasive plants and misguided "projects." Some of those projects have been initiated by groups linked by an outdoor sport more active than plant or habitat appreciation. Bicyclists wanted a paved path through Turkey Run Park that would have cut through, and down, two hundred year old trees and a rare plant community. People may remember Fairfax County's attempt to bisect Huntley Meadows Park with a road which was defeated only through the efforts of dedicated park lovers and the Citizens Alliance to Save Huntley.

Our chapter has been concerned with the paving of 10 foot wide roads through sensitive stream valleys to create the Fairfax Cross County Trail. We do what we can, write letters of protest or encouragement, testify at county hearings and continue to educate the public about the importance of our native flora.

I implore all our members to be aware of local issues that affect native plant communities. Being an advocate for your own neighborhood parks is a good place to start. Take a moment to write a letter or send an email. The power of the pen is still important when directed to your local government. Testify at hearings, it doesn't take much time. We could be a serious advocacy organization with the help of our members. Thank you. Marianne Mooney

### VNPS TESTIMONY ON THE ARLINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET March 27, 2007

(The following is 2-minute testimony that was given before the Arlington County Board on behalf of VNPS.)

I am Mary Ann Lawler, representing the Virginia Native Plant Society, a member of the Arlington Environmental Network.

Mr. Chairman, we applaud your Fresh Aire initiative and the environmental sustainability fund. Climate chaos is a terrible threat to the earth's biological diversity. The eminent Harvard biologist Edward O. Wilson has said: "Most people who've analyzed the situation believe that we could, if the situation is unabated, lose half the species of plants and animals in the world by the end of the 21st century." Global warming could be devastating to the entire web of life.

We strongly support planting 1,200 trees as a key part of the Fresh AIRE initiative and we encourage the use of a diversity of native trees. Implementing the Four Mile Run master plan would also result in the planting of several thousand trees. With greater tree cover and less impervious surface, we can help absorb carbon, reduce energy use, reduce storm water runoff, and increase air and water quality.

We do need to try to do more to prevent the loss of biomass of large trees when redevelopment results in cutting them down. According to the Federal Government's National Energy Information Center, one large sugar maple can remove over 450 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in a year.

We strongly support the addition of a new urban forester position for Landscape Conservation Plan Review and Compliance.

We also applaud the work being done to inventory natural resources, and we support additional funding for this effort.

Our other priorities for the county budget are:

to enhance the invasive species control program; to protect the magnolia bog at Barcroft park; and

to help our deteriorating nature centers.

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### **Invasives Control Work Parties at Turkey Run Park along the Potomac!**

The Potowmack chapter continues its work with The Nature Conservancy to help control invasive plant species on National Park Service lands in the Potomac Gorge at Turkey Run Park off the GW Memorial Parkway. Wear work gloves and boots or sturdy shoes, and bring water, snacks, and hand saws or loppers if you have them.. Our schedule for May and June is: **Thurs, May 3, Sun. May 6 with walk, Sat. May 19, Thurs. June 7, and Sat. June 16 all from 10 to 1.** Check on meeting location with Alan Ford; cell: 202-213-6196; email: amford@acm.org

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND PLANT PHENOLOGY: YOU CAN HELP by M.A. Lawler

Botanists and biologists are trying to predict how the world's biological systems will react as climate changes. Determining which responses are from a long-term warming trend and which are due to year-to-year fluctuations in weather patterns is not easy. Weather records may be available spanning hundreds of years, but the bloom times of plants have not been recorded systematically over the same number of years. Herbarium records are helpful, because specimens are often collected at their peak blooming time.

One study done by the Arnolds Arboretum in the Boston area showed between 1980 and 2002 sixty-six species of plants that live more than a century (such as rhododendron, dogwood, mountain laurel and cherry) flowered an average of eight days earlier than they did from 1900 to 1920. More work is being done in the United States, starting with Henry David Thoreau's notes on the flowering of certain species of plants between 1851 and near Concord, Massachusetts. Other work has begun in Australia, India, South Africa and elsewhere across the globe.

The earlier blooming phenomenon has been occurring in England, as documented by scientists and by amateur naturalists who have logged seasonal changes in plant information for decades. A program started by the Woodlands Trust in 1998 now has over 14,000 people registered to record the timing of various biological events. As reported in an August 2004 issue of BioScience "The climate is changing, and the biota are responding. Compared with Britain's long-term temperature records, which go back to 1659, the 1990's were hotter and drier....these records seem to be being broken in the last 10 years, which is very, very suspicious and helps to suggest that the climate is already changing."

In the United States a cooperative effort of several organizations including the Plant Conservation Alliance, National Science Foundation, several universities, the U.S Bureau of Land Management, and the Chicago Botanic Garden launched a program this spring called **Project BudBurst.** This program enlists the help of citizen scientists to help record information on plant phenomena from April 1 through June 15 this year. Although many spring blooms have already occurred, you can still help. According to the project website:

"We are using spring 2007 to pilot and test Project BudBurst. We realize that in many parts of the country, buds have burst and flowers are blooming. We encourage you to observe later phenological events such as full flower, end flower, or seed or fruit dispersal. In 2008, we will begin Project BudBurst in January. If you have been keeping track of plants in your area before **Project BudBurst** officially started in April 2007, we are allowing you to backdate on the report page."

Please sign up to help out at: http://www.windows.ucar.edu/citizen science/budburst/



On a brisk February morning Potowmack Chapter members led by Rod Simmons hiked to visit the stand of old growth hemlock trees, *Tsuga canadensis*, at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park. Along the way members stopped to measure the girth of an unexpected find, a very large Butternut or White Walnut tree, *Juglans cinerea L.*, growing along the floodplain at Pope's Head creek. The tree appeared to be healthy, and at over 8 feet in circumference at breast height, it is the **Fairfax County champion**.



Juglans cinerea L from the Atlas of the Flora of VA.

For more information on the plight of the butternut see: Three American Tragedies: Chestnut Blight, Butternut Canker, and Dutch Elm Disease at: http://www.invasive.org/symposium/schlarba.html

### SPRING 2007 VNPS STATE SPONSORED FIELD TRIPS

Virginia abounds with scenic areas of botanical richness. Here's an opportunity to visit York River State Park, the

Potomac Gorge and Shenandoah National Park with knowledgeable trip leaders. Trips vary in level of difficulty so please read descriptions carefully. Space is limited and registration is required at least ten days before the hike. There is a fee of \$10 per hike. The Turkey Run hike is free for workday participants. Registration form below.

### MAY 5 (Saturday) and MAY 6 (Sunday): THE POTOMAC GORGE TRIPS

The many different habitats of the Potomac Gorge - upland forests, dry bedrock terraces, floodplain woodlands and prairies, and ponds and marshes - are part of a region of exceptionally diverse flora, especially considering it is in an urban area of the East Coast. 1400 different plants grow within the Potomac Gorge including many rare species.

Difficult Run, May 5, 10 am - 3 pm Rod Simmons, a leading regional ecologist and VNPS Registry co-chair will lead this field trip. A major watershed of Fairfax County that flows into the Potomac below Great Falls, Difficult Run is a rugged, wild place with lots of waterfalls and massive rocky outcrops. Like all of the Potomac Gorge, the area is extremely rich with diverse plant communities. Expect to see a wide variety of spring wildflowers, including spiderwort (Tradescantia virginiana), yellow pimpernel (Taenidia integerrima) and bird's foot violet (Viola pedata). Melic grass (Melica mutica) and a number of sedges also grow in this rich, rocky woods. The walk will continue to Mather Gorge, where there is a sweeping panoramic view of the Potomac River. A potential extension of this walk is to continue to Great Falls for a round trip distance of approximately five miles from start to finish.

	Field Trip Registration
Park entra	ance fees are not included in the registration price. For all
hikes, wea	ar sturdy shoes or boots and be prepared for bugs and sun.
	er and lunch or snacks.
Please ma	ail your registration with your field trip choice(s) to:
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Gay at shi	rleywg@comcast.net or 703-920-1913

Great Falls Park, May 5, 10 am - 2 pm Marion Blois

**Lobstein**, Associate Professor of Biology at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, will lead an easy walk starting from the Visitor's Center at Great Falls Park. Highlights of this trip include water willow (*Decodon verticillatus*), the rare few-flowered valerian (*Valeriana pauciflora*), starry false Solomon's-seal (*Smilacina stellata*) and the anglepod milkweed (*Matelea obliqua*), and there are views of Great Falls from the bluffs.

FREE Turkey Run Invasive Workday May 6, 10 am - 12:30 pm and hike, 1:30 pm to 4 pm

Join Mary Travaglini of the Nature Conservancy for an invasive removal work party in the Gorge. Wear long pants and long sleeves and bring work gloves. There will be a lunch break before a walk down a somewhat steep trail to the shore of the Potomac River, and a more moderate return trail. The hike will be led by Dr. Elizabeth Wells of George Washington University. Recently named a VNPS registry site, this mature forest with interesting understory vegetation gives way to rocky and sandy shores along the river. To register for this workday and free field trip, contact Shirley Gay, <a href="mailto:shirley@comcast.net">shirley@comcast.net</a> or 703-920-1913. Please include your telephone number with any message.

#### JUNE 9 (Saturday): SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

<u>Hawksbill Gap Area</u>, 10 am - 3 pm Sample some of the Park's high-elevation natural communities with **Gary Fleming**, vegetation ecologist with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage. This hike, of moderate difficulty on steep and rocky trails, will leave from the Hawksbill Gap parking lot (Milepost 45.6) and will last four to five hours. Natural communities to be explored include boulderfield woodlands with mountain ash and yellow birch, rich cove forests, high-elevation seeps and greenstone barrens. Sturdy footware, preferably hiking boots, are required.

Stoney Man Nature Trail, 10 am - 3 pm For a less challenging hike that still offers an abundance of wildflowers and a stunning view of the Shenandoah Valley, join Maryland Native Plant Society board member **Joe Metzger** at Stony Man Nature Trail. Expect to see a variety of ferns and possibly white clintonia, (*Clintonia umbellulata*) and shrub honeysuckle in flower. Meet in the parking area at the Stony Man trail head.

WANT TO JOIN THE CHAPTER LISTSERV? Send an e-mail to <u>orlis@si.edu</u> and in the message section write subscribe to vnpspot, your e-mail address, and your full name. Or visit <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vnps-pot/join">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vnps-pot/join</a>

### LOCAL EVENTS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Wed. May 2 Native Plant Stroll and Tea 1-3pm Green Spring Gardens led by a VNPS member. \$24. To register: 703-642-5173

Sat May 5 <u>Earth Sangha event planting 500 native plants along the Long Branch tributary</u> to Four Mile Run. They need about 100 volunteers. Tools and lunch provided. For info. <u>lbright@earthsangha.org</u> <u>Directions: this section of Long Branch is just west of Carlin Springs Road, about half a mile north of the intersection with Columbia Pike. The stream is roughly opposite the Glencarlyn Elementary School.</u>

May 11 Spring Wildflowers of the Potomac Gorge—Turkey Run Park, VA,. Leader: Cris Fleming Join us for one or more of these visits to three nearby natural areas to find and identify local wildflowers and to observe the seasonal progression of blooms. Our explorations will involve some steep, uneven, rocky, and/or muddy terrain, but we will proceed at a slow pace. Nonmembers: \$22. All three walks Nonmembers: \$54 For Information call Audubon Naturalist Society: 301-652-9188 x16

**Sat. May 12.** Garlic Mustard Attack Riverbend Park. 10am to noon. Help control this worst of invasive exotic plants. Groups welcome. Free! Reservations required. 703-759-9018

**Sun. May 13** Appalachian Spring at the Thompson 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Leader: Stephanie Mason. Visit the Thompson Wildlife Management Area in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Linden, VA, well known for its botanical diversity. The hillsides are covered with millions of large-flowered trillium, along with other species such as yellow lady's-slipper, showy orchis, pennywort, and wood betony. Nonmembers: \$39 Registration required. Call 301-652-9188 x 16 or <a href="mailto:info@asnv.org">info@asnv.org</a>.

**Sat. June 2** <u>Butterfly Basics</u> (9 am - 2 pm) Leader: Pat Durkin. Get started with a dozen or so that are typical of early summer. We'll start with a lecture covering field marks, behavior, and how to lure these beauties to your garden. We'll then head outside on the grounds of our Woodend Sanctuary to look for butterflies and their host plants. Our leader is a founding member of the Washington Area Butterfly Club and teaches in the Natural History Field Studies program. **Free**, but registration required. Made possible by the generosity of an ANS member. Registration required. Call 703-256-6895 or <u>info@asnv.org</u>.

Thurs. June 7 and Sat. June 9. Suitland Bog 7:30 - 9:30 pm class at Woodend and Saturday morning field trip. Leader: Cris Fleming Suitland Bog is a tiny but perfect coastal plain "magnolia bog," the best preserved of over 30 bogs that once occurred in the Beltsville-Suitland, MD area. Surrounded by swamp magnolia and swamp azalea, this small bog contains many typical bog species such as sphagnum moss, bog clubmoss, northern pitcher-plant, and sundews. At least 20 state-listed species still occur in the bog, including the delicate orchid, rose pogonia, red milkweed, twisted spikerush, ten-angled pipewort, and sheep laurel. Saturday's field trip to the bog is by special permission and is limited to 14 people. No need to wear boots - a short boardwalk traverses most of the bog habitat. Nonmembers: \$52 Registration required. Call. 301-652-9188 x16. or info@asnv.org

Sun June 17 Wetlands in Bloom Huntley Meadows Park 9-10:30 am (Adults) Led by VNPS Potowmack Chapter President, Marianne Mooney, walk to the wetland during peak bloom of buttonbush, swamp rose, and lizard's tail. Search for birds and other animals that use the plants for food, shelter, and nesting. Cancelled if rain. \$2 charge. Call 703 768 2525 to reserve. Huntley Meadows park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria.

#### ARLINGTON'S RIP PROJECT

Fri. May 4 <u>Gardening at Arlington's Central Library</u> 9:30am to 11:30am Join us to help maintain some English ivy alternative and native plant demonstration gardens at Central library. Volunteers will help weed, water and clear trash from the gardens. A fun way to get outside on a Friday morning and after you are done, you can relax with a book in Central library. We will meet outside beside the gardens behind the auditorium near the tennis courts. Some tools and training provided. If you have your own gloves and/or weeding tools, please bring them along. Wear sunscreen and bring drinking water. We are also accepting donations of native plants for our mostly shaded English ivy alternative garden. To donate some plants, or for info call 703 228 7636

Sat. May 12 - Second Saturdays at Bluemont Park 9 am to noon. Neighbors and RiP volunteers will continue to meet at Bluemont Junction Park on second Saturdays. Come help out for an hour or two. Park near bike trail at the bottom of Illinois St. Enter Illinois St. from Wilson Blvd. Meet at "the rocks" next to the bike trail. Contact John Huennekens at 524-3853, or jhuenn@gwu.edu.

Friday June 1 Gardening at Arlington's Central Library 9:30am to 11:30am (See above for details)

Sat. June 9- Second Saturdays at Bluemont Park 9 am to noon (See above for details)

NOTE: Some training and tools provided. Long pants and long sleeves recommended. If you have your own clippers, loppers and/or gloves, please bring them along. For more information, please contact Jan Ferrigan at (703) 228-7636 or <a href="mailto:jferriga@vt.edu">jferriga@vt.edu</a>.

### FAIRFAX COUNTY'S INVASIVE MANAGEMENT AREA (IMA) PROGRAM

The new IMA website is up and running, so people should check it out to find more information about the program, the latest schedule of events, and activities at the sites at: <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/nrp-ima.htm">www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/nrp-ima.htm</a>.

Wed. May 2 IMA Site Leader Training - Volunteer Recruitment & Leader Manual 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sat. May 12 Woodley Hills Park workday TBD

Mon. May 14 Woodglen Workday 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Sat. May 19 Nottoway Park Workday 9am to noon

Sat. May 19 Brentwood workday, planting & Park clean-up 9:00am – 1:00 pm

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For more information: Katherine.Frederick@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703 324 8681.

### FALLS CHURCH INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL TASK FORCE Upcoming 2007 Events:

Sat, May 19 Cherry Hill Park – Invasive Plant Removal Party 10am – noon, 300 Park Ave, meet at the basketball court Mon. May 28 Memorial Day Fair – come visit our booth 9am – 5pm, City Hall, 300 Park Avenue

June Native Plant Sale (perennial flowers & ground cover) in conjunction with the Watershed Friendly Garden Tour Pre-orders only!

To learn more about these events or how to remove English Ivy or other invasive plants from your property, contact Jeremy Edwards, City of Falls Church Senior Urban Forester, 703-248-5016 or email: <a href="mailto:jedwards@fallschurchva.gov">jedwards@fallschurchva.gov</a>. To learn more about our plant sales contact Melissa Teates at <a href="mailto:melanite@verizon.net">melanite@verizon.net</a> or 703-538-6961

The Potowmack Chapter needs a new publicity chair. This board position entails sending out notices about our programs to newspapers and other local publications. Flyers for the programs are sent out to local nature centers and libraries. The ability to write a good press release and create a flyer are the main skills needed for this position. We have templates for flyers and have the address lists. Six chapter programs and two plant sales need advertising each year. Our board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Green Spring Gardens. If you'd like to get involved and join our board, please contact me at 703 534 8179 or <a href="mm.mooney@comcast.net">m.mooney@comcast.net</a>. We sincerely thank Su Jewell for her work as publicity chair over the last few years. Su did a wonderful job as publicity chair. In addition to her regular job at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Office, she is a freelance nature writer for Chronicle newspapers. We will miss her very much but wish her the best in her leadership development program. Marianne Mooney, President

# Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council Conference Invasive Plants: Research, Removal and Renewal August 15 and 16, 2007 at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA VNPS is one of the sponsors of this event

Certain plants that have been introduced to ecosystems cause a great deal of harm and have become a threat to biological diversity. These invasive plants reduce populations of other plants and the animals that depend upon them. This is a problem we all face and we can all contribute to the solutions. Our quality of life ultimately depends on the health of our natural resources.

In this seminar you will learn about: the extent of the invasive plant problem in the mid-Atlantic region; the latest invasive plant control technologies; native plants that are good alternatives for invasive garden plants; Federal invasive plant efforts; how deer contribute to the spread of invasive plants; new technologies to measure and monitor invasive plant populations; and how native plant recovery prevents the spread of invasive plants.

For a complete brochure, contact the Morris Arboretum at 215-247-5777, ext. 156 or 125 or jlm@pobox.upenn.edu Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council and the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania.

### **Chapter Events Calendar**

The Plant Sale

Green Spring

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Green Spring 9am to 3pm May **Board Meeting** 7:30 to 9:00pm Green Spring Magnolia Bog May 12 Walk & Work 10am to 1pm May US Botanic Garden Tour 10:15am to 11:30pm Board Meeting June 14 7:30 to 9:00pm

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