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ALEXANDRIA EXEMPLIFIES BIODIVERSITY, MARCH 10, 7:30 P.M.

The diversity of plant life in Alexandria, Virginia, has been extraordinary. It is typical of the diverse flora found along the Potomac River in Arlington, Washington, and Fairfax County. After the Civil War many famous botanists, including Lester Ward, Albert S. Hitchcock, and Paul Carpenter Standley, collected specimens of that flora. Their records and these specimens are kept in The United States National Herbarium in The Smithsonian Institution. Rod Simmons, a well-known regional field ecologist, has been compiling this historical information as well as current information since 2002. He will present a program on Alexandria's diverse flora on Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 at Green Spring Gardens. The Flora of Alexandria will be published later this year.

Directions to Green Spring Gardens Park: From Interstate 395, exit at Route 236 West (Little River Turnpike) in Alexandria, turn right at Braddock Road and proceed 1 block north to the park entrance

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO ENGLISH IVY, APRIL 14, 7:30 P.M.

Are you looking for ideas using native plants to replace that insidious, tree-damaging, native-plant killing, enemy to wildlife, English ivy (*Hedera helix*) around a tree, on a slope, or throughout your back yard? Some of our experienced VNPS gardeners will tell you how, in a combination slide presentation and question and answer session on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30pm at Green Springs Gardens. The program will be presented by our propagation bed chair, Laura Beaty, President Marianne Mooney, and Mary Ann Lawler, who compiled member ideas into our brochure "Native Alternatives to English Ivy."

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CHAPTER WALKS IN THE WOODLANDS! APRIL 10 AND MAY 7.

Join **Stan Shetler**, Botanist Emeritus of The Smithsonian Institution, for a chapter field trip on Sunday, **April 10**, from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. to **Ball's Bluff Regional Park**. At Ball's Bluff, we hope to see sessile trillium (*Trillium sessile*), trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*), shooting star (*Dodecatheon meadia*), birdfoot violet (*Viola pedata*), Virginia bluebell (*Mertensia virginica*), and many other spring ephemerals. The trip will be canceled in the event of heavy rain. To reserve, call Shirley Gay at 703-920-1913 or e-mail: shirleywg@comcast.net. Please include your telephone number in any message.

Direction to Balls Bluffs: From the Capital Beltway, take VA-7 or the toll road west to Leesburg. Take US-15 north (Leesburg by-pass) for about a mile and a half. At a large housing development, turn right on Battlefield Parkway and then left on Ball's Bluff Road for one mile to the parking lot where we will meet.

And on **May 7**, Botany Chair **Cris Fleming**, will lead chapter members on a walk at **Scotts Run Nature Preserve** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We'll look for dwarf ginseng, spring cress, yellow stargrass, blue cohosh, golden alexanders and other mid-spring wildflowers. Participation is limited to 16 people and registration is required. To register, please call Cris at 301-657-9289. You may leave a message but be sure to leave your phone number. Look for more details in our May/June newsletter.



Bluebells along the Potomac at Turkey Run with Chapter President, Marianne Mooney

"We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds, and in the process heal our own."

Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Spring is almost upon us, thankfully, and with it the wonderful blooming of spring ephemerals and the welcome return of neo-tropical migrants. The crescendo of chapter activities peaks in spring with walks, programs and the spring plant sale. This year our chapter will be including work days at Turkey Run Park, helping to identify the good plants and battle the bad. If that is too far for you to go, look for nearby volunteer opportunities sponsored by great organizations like Earth Sangha and R.I.P. Most of all, I'd urge you to join us on a plant walk or go out on your own and experience the true delight and beauty of spring in Virginia.

Marianne Mooney

**LEARN ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS
FIRSTHAND BY HELPING IN THE
PROPAGATION BEDS**

It won't be too long before the chapter's propagation committee swings into action in preparation for its native plant sale in May at its Green Spring beds. We could really use some new volunteers to help out in the beds this year. We lost Beth Smith, who moved to South Carolina last year. We will miss her enthusiasm, hard work and knowledge of native plants. So now, we need you to come out and join us once a week, if possible, either Wednesday mornings or Saturday mornings. We share hard work, knowledge of the native plants, seedlings that need a home, and especially, camaraderie. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about our native plants. You need not be an expert--none of us was when we began our work. Call us up and let's discuss it. Laura Beaty 703 534-8746.

CLEAN STREAMS: HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH TO YOU?:

Several of our members are involved in restoring stream banks throughout northern Virginia. Their goal is to create riparian buffers to help keep runoff from continuing to pollute local streams, the Potomac, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. But the amount of runoff from impervious surfaces is growing. Fairfax County has completed a Community Watershed Needs Assessment and Funding Options Study. It assesses community needs and expectations regarding storm water management and evaluates the establishment of a dedicated funding source to finance an improved storm water management program and associated capital improvement projects being developed in the community-based watershed management plans.

The Board of Supervisors will be considering service fees, which have become an increasingly popular source of dedicated storm water funding, with over 500 in existence throughout the United States. In Virginia, storm water service fees must be based on some measure of a property's contribution to storm water runoff. It is estimated that a potential rate of \$55.00 a year, increasing to \$84.00 a year, for every 2000 square feet of imperviousness would likely provide sufficient revenue to support the first steps to build a comprehensive storm water program.

More information on this proposal is available at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/cna-report.htm>. Won't you consider writing to the Board offering your support for a fee that would be dedicated to storm water management?

AQUILEGIA CANADENSIS

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When our native eastern columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*, blooms in April we know that the ruby-throated hummingbird will be arriving after having spent the winter in Costa Rica and other Central American countries and flying around the Gulf of Mexico along the Mexico and Texas coast to spread throughout the eastern United States. The hummingbirds need that rich nectar to keep going.

The conservation status of *Aquilegia canadensis* in Virginia is currently under review according to NatureServe, but it appears to be secure in our neighboring states of West Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. In addition to the hummingbird, other wildlife depends on it. Up in the Appalachians *Aquilegia canadensis* is the sole food source for the larvae of the Columbine Duskywing butterfly, which feed on the leaves of the plant. It also provides nectar for bees.

The wild columbine has been a popular garden plant for many years. In 1868 Catharine Parr Traill wrote: "The wild columbine is perennial and very easily cultivated. Its blossoms are eagerly sought out by the bees and hummingbirds. On sunny days you may be sure to see the latter hovering over the bright drooping bells, extracting the rich nectar with which they are so bountifully supplied. Those who care for bees, and love humming birds, should plant the graceful red-flowered Columbine in their garden borders." (Canadian Wild Flowers.)

Virginia Tech's January/February issue of the Virginia Gardener features *Aquilegia* species as garden plants and states that they will thrive in our area in full sun or partial shade "with rich, evenly moist, and well-drained soils" Virginia Tech also says that their "long carrot-like taproots...aid in making them drought tolerant, but also causes the plant to be more difficult to move once established." The columbine will readily reseed, so it's not necessary to try to divide them. In the wild it grows around limestone, but it will do well in any soil.

For detailed information on the wild columbine, see the VNPS Wildflower of the Year for 1998: <http://www.vnps.org/columbine.html>

PICKING WILDFLOWERS? by Margaret Chatham

I was brought up, as so many of us were, on the mantra "Don't pick wildflowers!" and the story of how over-picking changed trailing arbutus from everybody's favorite spring table decoration to a dim memory few have had the good fortune to see and smell. The admonition was given added force when at a tender age I tried to bring home some wild geraniums, only to have them shed their petals immediately. So it was with no expectation of making a long-lasting bouquet that I picked a few Canadian anemones in my backyard a couple of years ago and stuck them into water. About 14 years after planting one pot full of them, they have spread too far. To my surprise, the flowers lasted almost a week, retaining their glow-in-the-dark whiteness. Emboldened by this success, the next year I thought about the golden ragwort I would want to deadhead, to slow its progress around my yard. I picked a few stems while in bloom and put them into a vase. Their loose flower heads can act like baby's breath to fill out a sparse group of showier blooms. Again I was rewarded with a long-lasting bouquet, and this time, an unexpectedly fragrant one as well. So, what do you have too much of in your garden? Maybe it's time to let the over-abundant members of our wildflower gardens double as cutting gardens.

BOTANICAL ART AND FLOWERS: Friday, April 15 - Sunday, April 17:

Nancy Ross Hugo is organizing a weekend workshop at Flower Camp in Buckingham County that will benefit The Flora of Virginia Project. Botanical artist Lara Gastinger, creator of illustrations for The Flora of Virginia, will be teaching a form of botanical art that is more expressive than technical illustration but equally responsive to botanical detail. Lara's emphasis on observation and on depicting plants at all stages of their development will help participants experience a Piedmont spring through artists' eyes. Both beginners and experts are welcome. Tuition of \$250 (10% donated to the Flora of Virginia Project) includes instruction, five meals, and two nights' overnight accommodations. A list of required materials will be mailed upon registration. Enrollment limited to 15.

To register or for more information contact Nancy at 804-798-6364; nancy@flowercamp.org. Or visit www.flowercamp.org.



NATIVE SEED CATALOG -- NEW ENGLAND WILD FLOWER SOCIETY

The New England Wild Flower Society announced the availability of the 2005 Native Seed Catalog, for home garden use only, at <http://www.newfs.org/seeds/index.htm>. 200+ species are featured including propagation advice from Bill Cullina. The general public order period began February 11th through March 22.

January 16, 2005

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development
US Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St., Rm. 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

To the Advisory Committee Members:

The Virginia Native Plant Society has recently learned of a campaign to print a series of stamps called 'Pollinating Partners'. We are very excited about such a series, and are glad to be able to write to you in support of printing this series. Our concern and our motto is 'Conserving Wild Flowers in Wild Places', and part of conserving our wild flowers is preserving the pollinators on which many of them depend.

A postal stamp series would reach an audience that might not otherwise be aware of the issue of pollinators and the plants that require their services. These include not only the crops we use for food and other purposes, but many specialized flowering plants that evolved along with the insects, birds and other animals that carry the pollen grains from one plant to another. This service is essential for fruiting, and so also for reproduction of the plants. The news seems to indicate a decline of some pollinators and thus a stamp that focuses on these creatures would highlight conservation issues surrounding them.

I have always enjoyed the series of stamps depicting aspects of the natural world, and I hope that you will decide to print stamps for the 'Pollinating Partners' series. I know many other people in our organization would be interested in such a series.

Sincerely,

Sally Anderson
President
Virginia Native Plant Society



Harbinger of Spring (*Erigenia bulbosa*)
Photo by Lorne Peterson

Upriver

Harbingers-of-Spring stand
two to three inches tall
on a warm riverbank place,
holding up bouquets
of small white flowers.

Lorne Peterson
March

Eastern Piedmont Hills mid-Potomac River region

FALLS CHURCH'S NEW INVASIVES PROGRAM

WHAT??? "MARCH MADNESS" English Ivy Pulling and Cutting Party in Falls Church City's Cherry Hill Park, Saturday, March 12, 2005! For all of you wanting to get outside and burn off calories, banish wintertime cabin fever, and contribute to the lasting beauty of Cherry Hill Park, please join us!

WHEN: Saturday, March 12, 2005, 10 AM – 12 NOON (Rain date: Sunday, March 13, 2005, 2 PM – 4 PM)

WHERE: Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church, VA 22046 between the Community Center and the tennis courts. Parking is available in the Community Center parking lot and along Park Avenue and Great Falls Streets abutting the park.

WHY: Come join us to help reclaim open space in Cherry Hill Park by learning how to remove English ivy from the forest floor and properly cut English ivy vines that are overwhelming Cherry Hill Park's trees.

CONTACT: Jill Spence, City of Falls Church Arborist, 703-248-5183 or email jspence@ci.falls-church.va.us to learn more about this event or how you can remove English ivy from your own property. Volunteers are asked to bring their own garden rakes, lopping shears, pruners, shovels, gloves, flat head screwdrivers, and hand saws. We recommend that you wear long-sleeved clothing. Light refreshments will be offered. (Editor's note: great website: <http://www.fallschurchenvironment.org>)

ARLINGTON'S RiP PROJECT

Sat. Mar 12 - Second Saturdays at Bluemont Park 9am - 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,

Sat. Apr. 9 Second Saturdays at Bluemont Park 9am - Noon. pm (See above for details)

ARLINGTON'S RiP PROJECT (Continued from previous page)

Sat. Apr. 2 - Garlic Mustard Pull 9am - 11 am. Garlic mustard is an herbaceous invasive that displaces native wildflowers like spring beauty, bloodroot, and Dutchman's breeches. Garlic mustard is easy to recognize (with some training) and easy to pull up. Help out at one of three locations. **Barcroft Park** – this is a good location to ride your bike to. We will be meeting beside the Four Mile Run bike trail just north of Walter Reed Dr. Limited parking is available on Walter Reed Dr near bike trail entrance. **Gulf Branch Natural Area** – 3608 N Military Rd. Meet at the Nature Center. Limited parking in nature center parking lot, volunteers are encouraged to park across the street on N. 36th Rd and walk to the Nature Center. **Bluemont Junction Park** – meet in the parking lot entered off of northbound Carlin Springs Rd, at the bottom of the hill from the US 50 exit, just before the bridge over Four Mile Run.

The site with the most garbage bags of garlic mustard wins a prize. Gloves, garbage bags and refreshments provided.

Some tools provided. Bring your own gloves, clippers, loppers or dull flat screwdrivers, if you have them. Long pants and long sleeves recommended. Contact Jan Ferrigan, Invasive Species Program Coordinator (703) 228 7636 or iferriga@vt.edu or Kasey Spriggs (703) 228 6401

LOCAL EVENTS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Sat. Mar. 5. Winter Tree Identification 9am to 3pm with Cris Fleming, Audubon Naturalist Society, Woodend Sanctuary, Chevy Chase \$38 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sat. Mar. 12 Invasive removal/cleanup Dyke Marsh, Alexandria, 10am to noon. Call Amber Hollingsworth of the Northern Virginia Senior Environment Corps at 703-549-1607 Ext. 141 for information.

Sat. Mar. 12 Creating Habitat for Butterflies and other Friends, 10am to noon. Audubon at Home program with Peg Bier and Perry Hershberger, Merrifield Garden Center (Fair Oaks location, 12101 Lees Highway, Fairfax). Free.

Fri. Mar. 18. Dyke Marsh and Accotink 10am to 4:30 pm Natural history field trip with Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society \$38 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sat. Mar. 19 19th Annual Lahr Symposium: Native Plants: Connecting Gardens, Nature, and People

Saturday, U.S. National Arboretum 3501 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC. For full flyer and registration form, see: www.usna.usda.gov/Education/lahr.pdf. Or, go online at: www.usna.usda.gov/Education/lahr.pdf Or, call at: 202-245-5898

Sun. Mar. 20 Great Falls Wildflower Walk, with Marion Lobstein. 10 am Meet at the Visitor Center. Free

Sat. April 2. Early Spring Wildflowers, Great Falls/Difficult Run. 9am to 3pm with Cris Fleming, Audubon Naturalist Society, \$38 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sat. Apr. 2. Introduction to Wildflowers 10:30am-noon, Hidden Pond Nature Center. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-451-9588.

Saturdays Apr 2 through May 7. Green Spring Garden Markets. Includes native plant vendors. Green Spring Gardens. Annandale.

Thur. Apr. 7 & Sat. Apr. 9 Introduction To Wildflower Identification (class and field trip to Carderock along C&O Canal) Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society, Woodend Sanctuary, Chevy Chase. \$33 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

Fri. April 8 Spring Wildflowers of the Potomac River Gorge. Bear Island 10 am to 12:30pm with Cris Fleming, Audubon Naturalist Society, \$20 for non-members. Call: 301-652-9188 x16 (*Note: discount for more than one walk)

Sat. April 9 - Spring Wildflower Sale, 1-3:00 pm. at Long Branch Nature Center in Arlington. All plants will be freshly dug and were propagated at the site. Expect a nice mix of both spring and summer bloomers and a few unusual specimens and other "special items." Cardboard boxes will be provided for transporting purchases. Payable by check or cash (no credit cards). Rain date is Sun. April 10. For more information or directions, call 703-228-6535.

Sat. April 9. A Spring Morning on Roosevelt Island, 9am to 1pm with Stan Shetler, Audubon Naturalist Society, \$28 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sat. April 9. Scotts Run Wildflower Walk, 9:30-11:30am Scotts Run Wildlife Preserve. Sponsored by Riverbend Park. Free but reservations required. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Call 703-759-9018

Sat. Apr. 9. Walk with a Naturalist at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 10:30am to noon. Free. Call 703-451-9588.

Sun. Apr. 10. Wildflower Walk, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Walney. 703-631-0013. (10 years and up) Free, but reservations required.

Wed. Apr. 13 to Wed. Jun. 1 Spring Wildflower Identification 6:30-8:30 pm. USDA Graduate School, Capital Gallery. (L'Enfant metro). Instructor Stan Shetler. Classes plus several field trips: \$315 Call 202-314-3320 or register on line at www.grad.usda.gov

Sat. Apr. 16. Lilies and Bells Riverbend Visitor Center, 9:30-11:30am Free; reservations required. Wear sturdy shoes/ hiking boots. 703-759-9018

Sat. Apr. 16. Lake Accotink Wildflower Walk, 10-11:30am Hidden Pond Nature Center. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-451-9588.

Sat. Apr. 16 Bluebells at Bull Run 1-4 pm with Bill Cour. Audubon Naturalist Society, \$24 for non-members. For info. call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sun. Apr. 17 Great Falls Wildflower Walk, with Marion Lobstein. 10 am Meet at the Visitor Center. Free

Tues. Apr. 19 Bluebell Bonanza 9am to 1pm. Bull Run river valley, sponsored by Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 703-941-1065. \$10. Reserve by 4/14.

Fri. April 22 Spring Wildflowers of the Potomac River Gorge. Turkey Run Park 10 am to 12:30pm with Cris Fleming, Audubon Naturalist Society, \$20 for non-members. Call: 301-652-9188 x16 (*Note: discount for more than one walk)

Fri. Apr. 22. Soldier's Delight & Patapsco Valley Accotink 10am to 5 pm Natural history field trip with Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society \$38 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sat. Apr. 23. Pohick Wildflower Walk, 10:30am to noon Hidden Pond Nature Center. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-451-9588.

Tues. Apr. 26. Trillium Trek To Linden, Virginia, sponsored by Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 703-941-1065. \$12. Make reservations by 4/21.

Thur. Apr. 28 and Sat. Apr. 30. Balls Bluff and Red Rock Wilderness Overlook (class and field trip) Cris Fleming, Audubon Naturalist Society, Woodend Sanctuary, Chevy Chase. \$33 for non-members. For info. call: 301-652-9188 x16

Sat. April 30. Potomac Heritage Trail Hike From Algonquian to Riverbend, 8am to 2pm Visitor Center, Riverbend. \$12 Reservations required by 4/23. 703-759-9018. Sturdy waterproof hiking shoes recommended. Bring lunch and water.

Sat. April 30. Trillium Trek. 8:30 am-4 pm. Adults. Travel to Linden, VA to see one of the largest and most impressive great white trillium displays in the East, and a registry site of VNPS. You can also observe and learn about many other wildflowers, trees and wildlife. \$20 fee. Reservations required. Call 703-228-4747. Meet at Lubber Run Recreation Center parking lot, 300 N. Park Dr., Arlington.

Fri. May 6 Spring Wildflowers of the Potomac River Gorge. Carderock, MD 10 am to 12:30pm with Cris Fleming, Audubon Naturalist Society, \$20 for non-members. Call: 301-652-9188 x16 (*Note: discount for more than one walk)

Sat. May 7 - Barcroft Magnolia Bog Tour, 1-3:00 pm at Barcroft Park in south Arlington (off 4 Mile Run Drive). Join NPS Park Ranger, Jim Rosenstock, for an educational tour of the globally rare magnolia bog and associated wetlands at the site. Wear waterproof shoes and be prepared to encounter poison ivy and sumac. Group will meet at Barcroft Park - park in the new parking garage and look for the park ranger uniform near the entrance. For information on how to register or directions to the site, call Long Branch Nature Center at 703-228-6535.

Sat. May 7 - The Natural and Cultural History of Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve. Loudon County. 9am - 1pm ; Ron Circe, Preserve Manager, will lead an easy 2-mile walk. \$28 for non-members. For Information call: 301-652-9188 x16

SAT. MAY 14. ANNUAL VNPS PLANT SALE AT GREEN SPRING.

FOUR MILE RUN RESTORATION OPEN HOUSES: Comment on plan alternatives, April 16 in Arlington and April 20 in Alexandria. For locations and time see: <http://www.novaregion.org/citizen.htm>

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

Gear up for some great outdoor projects this season! The VNPS Potowmack chapter has teamed up with The Nature Conservancy to help control invasive plant species on National Park Service lands in the Potomac Gorge.

The Potomac Gorge, from Great Falls to Georgetown, is one of the most biologically significant natural areas in the eastern United States. The site harbors more than 400 occurrences of 200 rare species and many globally rare plant communities. Over 130 species of non-native invasive plants threaten the biodiversity in this 15 mile stretch. We will combine our enthusiasm and knowledge to help control some of the worst invasives threatening our native plants.

Starting in **March, join us the 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of every month from 12-4pm at Turkey Run Park.** This spring we will focus on two new problem species in the area, Higan Cherry and Linden Viburnum, but will have the chance to tackle Wisteria, Honeysuckle, English Ivy, Garlic Mustard, and others depending on the season. All skill levels are welcome; if you cannot help cut or pull, there will be some opportunity to help with ID and flagging of some of the more obscure invasives.

We will regularly meet at the Park Headquarters lot along the George Washington Parkway at Turkey Run Park and either walk from there or carpool down into other areas of the Park. Wear work gloves and boots or sturdy shoes, and bring water, snacks, and hand saws or loppers if you have them.

Join us for the **grand kick-offs Saturday, March 12th and Thursday, March 24th and book your calendars for April 9th and 28th.** You are always welcome to bring friends.

Contact Lisa Palmer at 703 526 0535 with any questions.



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Chapter Events Calendar

Mar.	10	Board meeting 6:45 Flora of Alexandria 7:30 Green Spring
April	14	Board meeting 6:45 Alternatives to English ivy 7:30 Green Spring
April	10	Balls Bluff Walk Stan Shetler
May	7	Scotts Run Walk Cris Fleming
May	14	Annual Plant Sale Green Spring

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