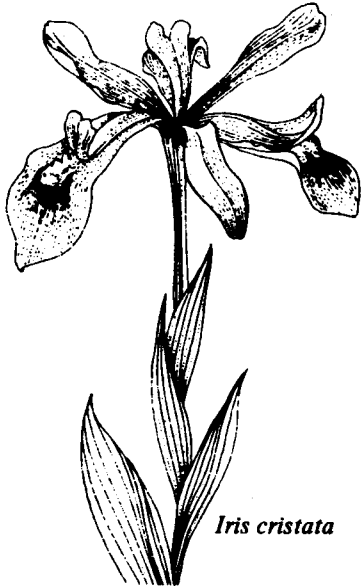


JULY-AUGUST 1985

WILD NEWS

PRINCE WILLIAM WILDFLOWER SOCIETY, A Chapter of the Virginia Wildflower Preservation Society



Iris cristata

SEEDS — SEEDS — SEEDS

Think "seed collecting" when the wildflowers in your garden finish blooming or when you're walking among the meadow flowers. Seed pods that have dried out and turned brown are ready for collecting. Maturity time varies from 2-3 weeks for some species to 3-4 months for others such as butterfly-weed.

Seeds can be stored dry and at room temperature in paper bags or envelopes until the seed exchange at our annual meeting. Label with common name, botanical name, date and place collected. Small seed envelopes are available from Nancy Arrington.

Lists of additions and deletions for the two books published by Prince William Wildflower Society, *Plants to Be Discovered in Prince William County* and *The Flora of Prince William County*, have been printed and will be available at the meeting.

JULY MEETING

SPECIES IRIS

Monday, July 15 7:30 PM

Bethel Lutheran Church, Manassas

Mr. Clarence Mahan, a member of The American Iris Society, will present a slide program on species iris at our July meeting. Mr. Mahan grows hundreds of iris in his McLean garden including species from Japan and other parts of the world as well as those familiar to us in Virginia. As is the case with all garden plants, the beautiful hybrid irises available today were developed from the species.

Mr. Mahan is very knowledgeable on the subject of iris and his program promises to be informative as well as beautiful. Bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow member to learn more about a family of lovely native plants.

SUMMER WILDFLOWER WALKS

Summer wildflower walks have been planned on Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, August 18 at Manassas Battlefield Park. Meet at the Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. for both walks.

Walk leader Jean Chitren will be joined by Barbara Mauller, a ranger at the park who known all the good wildflower spots. Many species of summer flowers will be blooming including asters, goldenrods, milkweeds, and thistles. Walks are scheduled for early in the day to avoid the heat and humidity of July and August.

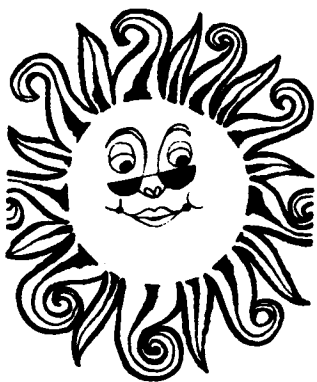
CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

Prince William Chapter's annual meeting will be held Saturday, September 28 at Bethel Lutheran Church. Registration will begin at 1:00 with the meeting at 1:30. The program committee is lining up a speaker, and the propagation committee is preparing for a seed exchange and a small scale plant sale. MORE DETAILS LATER.

GARDENING SLIDES WANTED

Marie Davis and Nancy Arrington are preparing a slide program on wildflower gardening. Slides have been contributed by Elaine Haug and Nicky Staunton, but more are needed from other members (a copy will be made and your slide returned to you.) Slides of mother nature's gardens as well as those tended by wildflower gardeners will be included in the program.

If you have a few nice spots in your own garden or come across an especially appealing "natural" garden, shoot it for the gardening slide collection. Non-photographers can call Nancy (368-8431) or Marie (361-1626) and they will send a photographer.



The following programs are sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority:

Sunday, July 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m. **PLANTS WITH WET FEET.** Waterproof shoes recommended. Huntley Meadows Park, Harrison Lane and Lockheed Blvd. in Hybla Valley, 768-2525.

Sunday, July 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m. **WILDFLOWERS OF CLARKS CROSSING.** Expected to be in bloom are Turk's Cap Lily, Butterfly Weed, Meadowsweet and many more. Riverbend Nature Center, 8814 Jeffery Rd., Great Falls, 759-3211

Thursday, August 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m. **FANTASTIC FERNS.** Learn identification, preferred habitats, and history. Huntley Meadows Park, Harrison Lane and Lockheed Blvd, Hybla Valley, 768-2525.

Sunday, August 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m. **SPY THAT BUTTERFLY.** Learn identification and natural history. Expect to see Great Spangled Fritillary, Monarch, Tiger Swallowtail, and others. Riverbend Nature Center, 8814 Jeffery Road, Great Falls, 759-3211.

FERN PROGRAM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, July 15, 17, and 19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. U.S. National Arboretum, Peter Mazzeo, Botanist. Learn how to identify the native ferns of the Washington, D.C. area. The course will consist of two lectures and an outdoor session in which ferns will be observed and where participants will practice identification of ferns in the field. Advance registration is required. Phone the Arboretum Education Department, 202-475-4857. Fee: \$10, \$8 for FONA members.

WHERE THE BEE SUCKS

Where the bee sucks, there suck I.
In a cowslip's bell I lie;
There I couch when wold do cry.
On the bat's back I do fly
after summer merrily,
Merrily, merrily, shall I live now
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough.

— William Shakespeare

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT LOCAL PARKS

Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, schedules various walks and programs on weekends. Area residents are cordially invited to attend these free programs. A sampling for July:

Sunday, July 21, 1:00 p.m. **TREE HIKE.** Join a park ranger to become more familiar with the trees in the park. Meet at the Nature Center, 221-2104.

Sunday, July 21, 3:00 p.m. **WATERFALL HIKE.** Hike along the North Branch of Quantico Creek to discover the largest waterfall in the park, 221-2102

Sunday, July 28, 10 a.m. **OAK RIDGE HIKE.** Explore an old farm site and see how the forest is reclaiming the land. Meet at Oak Ridge Campground. For information: 221-2104.



CONFERENCE ON LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

JULY 25-27, 1985

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.

Registration fee \$30.00; meals and lodging available on campus at very reasonable rates.

The purpose of the conference is to increase interest in and knowledge of the use of native plants in beautification projects, especially large-scale ones such as highway rights-of-way and public parks.

Subjects covered: Principles for Native Landscapes
Taming Our Native Ornamentals
Propagating Woody Native Plants
Meadow Gardening
Propagating Wildflowers
Butterfly Gardens
Landscaping with Native Azaleas
. . . and more.

Some members of our Chapter will most likely be attending and car-pooling can be arranged. We'll have information about the conference at Monday night's meeting, or call Nancy Arrington for info, 368-8431.

All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.

—James Russell Lowell

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New membership ☐ Renewal

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone(s): Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Membership and fiscal year is Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 and dues are renewable by Oct. 15 **each year**. Dues submitted during September and October will apply toward membership for the coming full membership & fiscal year.

Please check membership category:

___ Student/Senior \$5.00 ___ Individual \$10.00 ___ Family \$15.00 ___ Patron \$25.00 ___ Associate (groups) \$25.00
___ Supporting \$50.00 ___ Sustaining \$100.00 ___ Corporate Sponsor \$125.00 ___ Life \$250.00

Gift Membership. Your Name: _____

Make check payable to V.W.P.S. and mail to: Roxetta Wyer, Membership Chairman,
9125 Peabody St., Manassas, Va. 22110

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