

JAN.-FEB. 1986



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

## JANUARY MEETING

# NATURE CONSERVANCY'S HERITAGE PROGRAM

MONDAY, JAN. 20 7:30 PM BETHEL CHURCH  
Sudley Rd. & Plantation Ln., Manassas

Our January meeting will feature a slide program on the Nature Conservancy's Heritage Program. David Askegard, a volunteer with the Conservancy and a member of the Potowmack Chapter, will discuss the Nature Conservancy's program for acquiring significant plant and animal habitats.

David will use some of his own slides in his presentation. Even if it isn't part of his program perhaps he

will show us "Nature's Garden", featuring wild geranium, golden ragwort, and Solomon's seal, which won first place in the 1985 VWPS Photo Contest.

In case you missed the seed exchange at our Annual Meeting or haven't had a chance to order seeds from the propagation committee, we'll have free seeds at the meeting. There will be books for sale and books to borrow from our Chapter library.

**Wildflower Week** will be celebrated throughout Virginia April 19-27. See page 2 for some of Prince William Chapter's plans for the week plus other spring happenings.

## WINTER WORKSHOP

VWPS's Second Annual Winter Workshop will be held in Richmond this year on Saturday, Feb. 8. Roundtable discussions will cover Conservation, Chapter Operations, and Plant Rescue in Cooperation with Developers.

Elaine Haug and Sandi Mueller will be attending from our Chapter. Each Chapter is allowed up to five participants so there's room for more members from our Chapter. Call Elaine, 670-2347, if you're interested.

Members who have not yet renewed their membership will receive a special reminder from VWPS this month. Come on, Prince William members, we're counting on you to continue your membership.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting included a very interesting program complete with audience participation and a fabulous door prize.

Peter Deahl from Northern Virginia Arborists prepared a tree quiz to accompany his slide presentation. Members and guests learned identifying characteristics of many tree species as well as care and pruning tips. Guest Donna Kriebel won the door prize: a white dogwood ready for planting—after a bit of careful pruning.

Thanks to Northern Virginia Arborists and White Oak Nursery for donating the tree and to Peter for a fine program.

## NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Bethel Church  
Program: Natural Dyes



## LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

### OPEN GARDENS & WALK

Our Chapter Board of Directors, at its November meeting, began to make plans for Wildflower Week, April 19-27. At least two wildflower gardens will be open to the public on Saturday, April 19 (rain-date 20th). Marie Davis will be out early sprucing up her garden in Sudley. In cooperation with the Piedmont Chapter, Holley Green will open her garden located near Warrenton. Our garden at Prince William Forest Park is open at all times and we would like another garden in eastern Prince William or Stafford for the 19th. If you have a wildflower garden or know of one that could be available in any part of the county, please let Nancy Arrington know, 368-8431 (H) or 368-9711 (W).

Another activity scheduled for the 19th is a Wildflower Walk at Conway Robinson Memorial Forest which is a lovely wildflower spot in April. If you have suggestions for other activities during the week please let an officer know.

### PLANT SALE

Our Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in Bethel Church's parking lot. More information in the next newsletter.

### GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

The 40th Annual Williamsburg Garden Symposium will be April 6-9 this year. For information write to The Garden Symposium Registrar, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Box C, Williamsburg, VA 23187, (804) 229-1000.

### WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE

Several Chapter members are reserving the weekend of April 25-27 to attend Roanoke's popular Wildflower Pilgrimage. The weekend includes walks, lectures, garden tours, and other events. Talk to Nicky Staunton or Elaine Haug for an enthusiastic report on last year's weekend.

### WILDFLOWER SYMPOSIUM

"Natives Preferred: Using Native Plants in American Gardens", co-sponsored by several organizations, will be held March 15 & 16 at the National Wildlife Federation Headquarters, Leesburg Pike. Fee is \$45 per day or \$80 for both days for members of the sponsoring organizations which are:

American Horticulture Society  
National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs  
National Wildlife Federation  
U.S. National Arboretum  
Virginia Wildflower Preservation Society

Fee for non-members is slightly higher.

Members of our Chapter will be receiving a mailing on the Symposium. If you do not receive information within the next month or so or if you are not a member of one of the above organizations, but wish to attend, call Elaine Haug, Pr. Wm. Chapter President, 670-2347

### BEEKEEPERS COURSE

The Beekeepers Association of Prince William Co. which has sponsored a Beginner Beekeeping Course the past few years is moving forward and will sponsor an Intermediate Beekeeper Course this spring. The course will be held at the Manassas Campus of NVCC on March 21 & 22. For more information, call Jean Chitren, President, 221-4489.

### SPRING GARDEN SHOWS

Feb. 22 - Mar. 2, The Southern Spring Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, Charlotte, N.C.  
Info: Southern Shows, Inc., P.O. Box 36859, Charlotte, NC 28236, (704) 376-6594

Mar. 8 - 16, 115th New England Spring Flower Show, Bayside Exposition Center, Boston. Info: Bonnie Hamilton (617) 262-8780

Mar 9 - 16, Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia Civic Center. Info: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106, (215) 625-8250

Mar. 12 - 16, Washington Flower and Garden Show, Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.  
Info: TJS Productions, 7668-B Fullerton Rd., Springfield, VA 22153, (703) 569-7141

## PROGRAMS TO COME

Claudia Thompson-Deahl, Program Chairman, has tentatively lined up the following programs for our Chapter meetings. All meetings are on the third Monday (except for the May meeting this year), 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church.

March 17 – Natural Plant Dyes, Rita Brown, Weaver

May 12 (note date change) – Spring Wildflowers, Paul Engman, Fairfax Park Authority Naturalist

July 21 – Seasonal Interest with Native Plants, Cole Burrell, Curator, Fern Valley, National Arboretum

September – Annual Meeting

November 17 – Plant Choices and Their Care, Chris Kenney, Reston Home Owners Association

## NEW HORTICULTURAL AGENT

Deborah C. Smith is Prince William County Extension Service's new Horticultural Agent. Members of our group will be pleased to know that Deborah has a background in entomology as well as horticulture and will offer chemical-free solutions to problems whenever possible.

Gardener's Gazette, the Extension Service newsletter will be mailed to county residents at no charge. Call the office, 335-6285, and ask to be put on the mailing list.

## 1986 PHOTO CONTEST

Elaine Haug, Chairman of the VWPS Photo Contest, has announced categories for the 1986 contest to give members more time to get entries ready. This year's contest will be limited to slides only. Categories are as follows:

1. "Virginia Wildflower Combination." One close-up slide of the flower accompanied by one slide of the flower in its habitat. Counts as one entry.
2. "Virginia Wildflower Gardens." A scenic shot of a wildflower garden growing in Virginia.
3. "What's It?" A close-up of a unique part or feature of a plant. The winner will be the person who can successfully stump the members attending the 1986 Annual Meeting. The plant part should be unique to at least the genus, and preferably unique to genus and species.

Call Elaine, 670-2347, if you have questions or would like more information about the Photo Contest.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Wildflower Society we can send him/her two complimentary issues of the newsletter. Call Nancy Arrington, 368-8431 (H) or 368-9711 (W) with names and addresses or mail to:

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~~P.O. Box 83~~ 462

Manassas, Va. 22110

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### Membership Application

\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_ RENEWAL

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Dues:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10.00         | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$15.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60 or over) \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$25.00             | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (groups) \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50.00         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$100.00        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life \$250.00              |

Make check payable to V.W.P.S. and mail to :

Tom & Elaine Carrig, Membership Co-Chairmen

13305 Kahns Rd., Manassas, VA 22111

#### I wish to participate in the following:

- \_\_\_ Promotion of legislation aimed at plant protection
- \_\_\_ Development of programs, displays, literature
- \_\_\_ Producing member publications \_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_ Stewardship of wildflower plantings/preserves
- \_\_\_ Native plant landscaping \_\_\_ Botanical surveys
- \_\_\_ Public speaking \_\_\_ Youth programs \_\_\_ Art
- \_\_\_ Plant rescue \_\_\_ Typing \_\_\_ Telephoning
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Membership and fiscal year is Nov. 1 through Oct. 31 and dues are renewable by Oct. 15 EACH YEAR.

## **“APPROVED” NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES**

A recent issue of the North Carolina Botanical Garden's Newsletter listed the following native plant nurseries which propagate the plants they sell. The entire list is given here although some have been included in lists published by the VWPS.

1. Camellia Gardens  
125 Carolina Forest  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
2. Holbrook Farm and Nursery  
Rt. 2, Box 223B  
Fletcher, NC 28732
3. Native Gardens, Columbine Farm  
Rt. 1, Box 494  
Greenback, TN 37742
4. Natural Gardens  
113 Jasper Ln.  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
5. Passiflora  
Rt. 1, Box 190A  
Germanton, NC 27019
6. Shadybrook Gardens  
Mill House Rd.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
7. Sunlight Gardens, Inc.  
Rt. 3, Box 286-B  
Loudon, TN 37774
8. We-Du Nurseries  
Rt. 5, Box 724  
Marion, NC 28752
9. Woodlanders, Inc.  
1128 Colleton Ave.  
Aiken, SC 29801

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