

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

MAY MEETING

Native Bog Plants

Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Sudley Rd. & Plantation Ln., Manassas

Mike Hollins will introduce us to the fascinating world of bogs and bog plants at our May meeting. Mike is involved in rebuilding wetlands and in stream restoration through his business, Envirens, Inc. in Cockeysville, Maryland. He also has a nursery which specializes in plants for wetlands. We are very fortunate to have Mike come to do this program for our chapter and hope our members will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about bogs and wetlands, another disappearing native habitat.

Buy Stamps — Preserve Wetlands

In an effort to help preserve wetlands, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs is selling pitcher-plant stamps (similar to Easter seals). Proceeds go to The Nature Conservancy to help preserve the barrier islands, 35,000 acres of wetlands along Virginia's coast.

Piedmont Chapter member Holley Green is the garden club's Shenandoah District representative for the pitcher-plant project. Since this is such a natural tie-in with our May meeting Holley has been invited to be at the meeting with stamps which can be purchased. If you can't make it to the meeting order directly from Holley (703-347-7663, Rt. 4, Box 270A, Warrenton, VA 22186). Cost is \$2.50 per sheet of 30 stamps. Holley will have propagated pitcher-plants and preserved leaves (great for arrangements) for sale in the fall with profits also going to The Nature Conservancy.

Wildflower Walk

Our last spring wildflower walk will be Saturday, May 14 at 1 p.m. at Conway Robinson Memorial Forest near Gainesville. Call leaders Nicky Staunton, 368-9803, or Jean Chitren, 221-4489, for info.

Fair Display

Nicky Staunton is planning a new display with a conservation theme for our exhibit at Prince William County Fair, August 12-20. Call her with any ideas and your offer to help, 368-9803.

COMING

July Membership Meeting
Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
Program: Mushrooms

Successful Tour

The wildflower garden tour gets bigger and better each year. This, our third, tour attracted about 125 visitors. Many made plans to attend our plant sale after seeing all the choice wildflowers in the three gardens on the tour.

Special thanks to gardeners Jenifer and Brad Bradford, Marie and Paul Davis, and Frances and Phil Louer for opening their gardens. Thanks also to Jean Morgan who coordinated hostesses at the gardens and served as a hostess herself. Other hostesses were Nancy Arrington, Claudia Deahl, Kathy & Jennifer Ehrenberger, Jeanne Endrikat, Simone Fraser, Bobbe Krueger, Kay Smallwood, Nicky Staunton, Helen Walter, and Lenore Winfield.

Bird Walks

Prince William Park Authority has scheduled free bird walks at Lake Ridge Park, 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, June 11. For more information, call 494-5288.

Library Display

Our display at Prince William Central Library attracted a lot of attention and resulted in some new members for PWWS. Thanks to all members who donated items for the display, to Nicky Staunton who assembled the display with the help of Blair Christolon, PWWS member and library employee.



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FROM THE 

PRESIDENT

Nicky Staunton

VIRGINIA WILDFLOWER CELEBRATION '88

W-H-E-W! There comes a time in our lives when—as a wildflower person—there is a feeling of pure delight. It comes in spring after a cold, flowerless winter — good in itself, but NOT SPRING.

Coming into May, there is a euphoric feeling of having been tossed in zillions of wildflowers . . . walks . . . surveys . . . rescues . . . gardening . . . potting . . . meeting the visitors to the garden tour . . . exhibiting an educational display for the month at Central Library . . . phone calls about the small whorled pogonia . . . strategy planning of our board for all of our programs. This is what YOU make possible by your INTEREST and CONCERN, your MEMBERSHIP IN VWPS/PWWS, your TIME and ENERGY and ENTHUSIASM. Thank you, every one of you, especially the busy members who are listed in other articles in the newsletter.

We are also appreciative of all the wonderful publicity we have received this spring beginning with Delegate Brickley's efforts on our behalf to have Governor Baliles proclaim Virginia Wildflower Celebration '88. Good coverage continued in The Journal Messenger thanks to Elvere Cox and Diane Hartson, in The Potomac News thanks to Phyllis Johnson, in the Prince William Park Authority's Calendar of Events thanks to Mark Harmon, in the Office of Economic Development's Tourist Directory thanks to Bernadette Plunket, and in Washingtonian magazine, The Washington Post, and The Prince William Journal. Thanks for all you've done to make this spring so delightful.

Peaks of Otter Trip

The Blue Ridge Chapter has scheduled a weekend field trip to Peaks of Otter to see Virginia's native rhododendrons, azaleas, and mountain wildflowers June 10-12. Members of our chapter are invited to participate; call Nicky Staunton, 368-9803, if you want to carpool.

Annual Meetings Coming

Our VWPS annual meeting will be held Sept. 23-25 at Massanutten Village near Harrisonburg. Please note this is a change from the date listed in the calendar of the last newsletter. Mark your calendar and plan to attend since this year's meeting is close enough for our members to go for the banquet, walks, and other activities if you don't want to spend the weekend.

This is an excellent opportunity to share ideas and experiences with VWPS members from other areas of Virginia and to enjoy wildflowers in their fall beauty.

PWWS's annual meeting will also be held in Sept. hopefully at Prince William Forest Park for the convenience of eastern Prince William and Stafford Co. members.

Plant Rescue

Around 30 members and friends participated in the rescues at Mrs. Alice Johnson's property at Clover Hill. In addition to the many garden plants transplanted to new homes, rescued wildflowers included violets, trilliums, wild ginger, corydalis, saxifrage, sedum, jack-in-the-pulpit, virginia bluebells and mayapples.



Great Plant Sale

Our "best ever" plant sale grossed a little over \$2000.00! Many thanks to our customers and to members who donated plants and/or helped with potting, transporting, setting up, selling, cleaning up and in any other ways: Kathy, Don, Jennifer & Joey Ehrenberger, Nancy Vehrs, Jeanne Endrikat, Mary LeKander, Bill Edens, Nicky Staunton, Kay Smallwood, Marie Davis, Lenore Winfield, Frances Louer, Nancy Arrington, Jenifer & Brad Bradford, Jean Morgan and Jeanne Fowler.

Members Give Programs

Nicky Staunton informed and entertained members of the Manassas-Warrenton Camera Club with a slide program, "How to Photograph Wildflowers", at their May meeting.

Marie Davis and Nancy Arrington presented the chapter's slide program, "Wildflowers for Woodland Gardens", for members of the Reston Garden Club and the Aquia Harbor Garden Club.

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Membership Application

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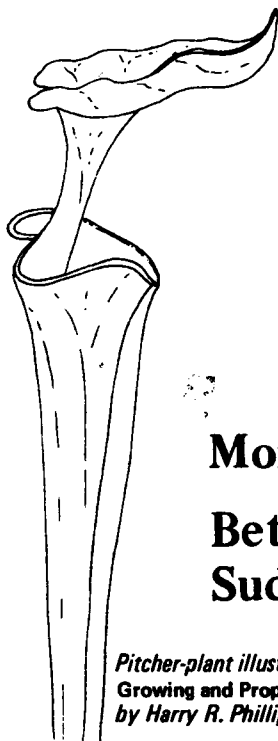
- ___ Promotion of legislation aimed at plant protection
- ___ Development of programs, displays, literature
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- ___ Stewardship of wildflower plantings/preserves
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- ___ Public speaking ___ Youth programs ___ Art
- ___ Plant rescue ___ Typing ___ Telephoning
- ___ Other _____

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

Tom & Elaine Carrig, Membership Co-Chairmen
13305 Kahns Rd., Manassas, VA 22111

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

I give ___ I do not give ___ permission for my (our name(s), address and telephone number to be published in a chapter directory or exchanged with other related organizations.



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