



PRINCE WILLIAM WILDFLOWER SOCIETY, A Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting & Picnic

1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 6, 1996

Occoquan Forest

Members received a notice of the annual meeting with a ballot in a special mailing sent out in early September. The meeting will begin with a pot luck picnic at 1:00 p.m. Bring a salad, vegetable or main dish to share. Beverages, bread, desserts, plates and utensils will be furnished. The annual meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. with election of officers for the coming two years (please return ballot if you can't come) and voting on the 1997 proposed budget (see page 2). A wildflower walk is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. followed by an opportunity to canoe the Occoquan (bring your own canoe) at 4:30 p.m.

Directions: From Manassas: take the Prince William Parkway toward Woodbridge, make a left onto Davis Ford Rd. Cross the Occoquan River and make the first left which is Split Rail Dr. into Occoquan Forest. Follow Split Rail Dr. to the end and meet at the pavilion. From Woodbridge: take the Prince William Parkway toward Manassas; turn right onto Davis Ford Rd. and follow above directions. Be careful to keep your speed down to 25 mph in Occoquan Forest.

R.T.J. Golf Course Tour

Gina Yukonis has arranged for PWWS and Piedmont members to tour the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Lake Manassas, Mondays, Oct. 14 and 21, 9-11 a.m. Tours will be led by the course's environmental coordinator Cathy Waterhouse.

In addition to being a world class course, Robert Trent Jones is the first golf course in Virginia to be certified by Audubon International for its commitment to environmentally-friendly landscape practices. We'll hear about their wildlife management, Integrated Pest Management practices and water conservation as we view areas landscaped with native plants.

Each tour is limited to eight people—adult members only, please. Call Gina, 540-347-1027 to reserve a spot.

October Board Meeting

The PWWS October board of directors meeting will be on the third Monday, October 21, 1996, 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church. Incoming and outgoing board members should attend, and as always, all chapter members are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting

The November membership meeting will be on the third Monday, November 18, 1996, 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church. In addition to our program and business meeting, we will have our annual "craft fair". Details in next newsletter.

Proposed 1997 Budget

Nov. 1, 1996–Oct. 31, 1997

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 800.
Plant Sale	1,700.
Miscellaneous	<u>300.</u>
Total	\$2,800.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 750.
Printing	800.
Gifts & Honoraria	250.
Programs & Speakers	150.
Plant Sale Expenses	150.
Sales Tax	125.
Education	475.
Wildflower Week	<u>100.</u>
Total	\$2,800.

Fall Lawn Care

Again this fall Prince William Cooperative Extension Service is offering free seminars to help county residents have great looking lawns without endangering water quality. The free programs will be held indoors, 9-11 a.m. at Montclair Property Owners Association (MPOA), 3561 Waterway Dr., Montclair, OR at Ben Lomond Community Center (BLCC), 10300 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas.

"Lawn Fertilization" will be held on Saturday, October 12 at MPOA, and on Saturday, October 19 at BLCC. "Leaf Recycling & Mulching" will be held Saturday, November 2 at MPOA, and Saturday, November 9 at BLCC. For more information call the extension office at 792-6285.

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From the President HELEN WALTER

Missed you folks who didn't make it to Staunton for the annual meeting. Perfect weather that weekend, but Hurricane Fran had just blown through two weeks earlier and devastated much of the area with 15 inches of rain. It was scary to drive along Route 11 and see high water marks above the roof of my car. A couple of field trips were cancelled due to flooding and road damage. I noticed milkweed pods left in a tree by the flood—insight into how plants get distributed. Quite a contrast to the severe drought of a year ago.

Sunday, October 6, we have our chapter annual meeting and picnic right here in Occoquan Forest. As I write, I'm being distracted by a red bellied woodpecker, and we have beavers and great blue herons on the river, as well as closed gentians, something for almost everybody. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody and sharing summer adventures. Come enjoy the river while the good weather lasts. I hear we're in for another rough winter.

VNPS Sponsors Arboretum Trip

Bob Eubank, VNPS 1st vice president and Blue Ridge chapter member, has arranged a trip to the State Arboretum of Virginia at the Blandly Experimental Farm, Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. Arboretum director Dr. Ed Connor will lead a tour of the native plant woodlands area currently under development and outline plans for the future native plant meadow and wetland areas.

Bring a picnic lunch if you plan to stay for the Arboretum's annual Arborfest, noon to 4 p.m. which includes tours, children's activities, demonstrations, and plant and bulb sales. The Arboretum is located on Rt. 50, about 9 miles east of Winchester. Call Bob, 804-239-9756, if you plan to attend.

Green Spring's Fall Lectures

Two programs, part of Green Spring Gardens Park's fall lecture series, will be of interest to PWWS members.

Native Plants for Perennial Borders, Sunday, September 29, 2-3 p.m. Stephanie Cohen, instructor of horticulture at Temple University, will use slides to discuss the beautiful, versatile and reliable native plants that can decorate perennial borders.

Autumn Glory—Mum Is Not the Word, Sunday, October 13, 2-3 p.m. Phillip Watson, garden designer and owner of Washington Gardens in Falmouth, will use slides to discuss the wide array of flowering plants, including many natives, for the autumn garden.

Fee is \$5 for each program and reservations are required, 642-5173. A butterfly gardening program is scheduled for Nov. 3. Call Green Spring at the above number for more details.

Natural Landscaping Seminar

A one-day seminar, **Natural Landscaping: Inviting Nature Back to Your Property**, will be held Saturday, December 7 at the National Wildlife Federation, Vienna.

Topics to be discussed will be "Blending Horticulture, Design & Ecology", "Natural and Created Water Gardens", "Outstanding Native Plants", and "A Japanese Approach to American Landscapes." Speakers include Judy Glattstein, Claire Sawyers and Larry Weaner.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch included in the \$88 fee. For more information, or to register, call 1-800-274-3478, or write to New Directions in the American Landscape, 804 Bethlehem Pike, Erdenheim, PA 19038.

VNPS Membership/Renewal Form Prince William Chapter

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

____ Individual \$15

____ Family \$25

____ Student \$10

____ Patron \$50

____ Sustaining \$100

____ Life \$400

____ Associate (group) \$40; delegate _____

To give a gift membership: enclose dues, name and address.

I wish to make an additional contribution to _____ VNPS _____ Chapter
in the amount of _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$ _____

____ Check here if you do not wish your name to be exchanged with similar organizations

____ Check here if you do not wish to be listed in the chapter directory

Make check payable to VNPS and mail to:
VNPS Membership Chairman, 3924 Cobbler Mountain Rd., Delaplane, Va. 22025

Columbine for 1998

The VNPS has chosen columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) for its 1998 wildflower of the year. The 1997 wildflower is fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), and other natives that have been honored are:

1996 White trillium, *Trillium grandiflorum*

1995 New York ironweed, *Vernonia novaboracensis*

1994 Mountain laurel, *Kalmia latifolia*

1993 Wild bergamot, *Monarda fistulosa*

1992 Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*

1991 Cardinal flower, *Lobelia cardinalis*

1990 Spring beauty, *Claytonia virginica*

1989 Virginia bluebell, *Mertensia virginica*

As in past years a brochure featuring fringe tree will be available in the spring of 1997. A photography contest highlighting our wildflower of the year was begun this year. Keep this in mind when columbine is blooming next spring and plan to enter the contest with your photos of columbine.



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Wildlife Areas Guide Available

A new publication, "Guide to Virginia's Wildlife Management Areas", is available from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. It contains maps and information on the department's 29 wildlife management areas. Copies can be picked up at department offices around the state or through the mail by sending a \$5 check payable to V.I.B. to cover shipping and handling to: V.I.B., P.O. Box 27563, Richmond, VA 23261.

Great Falls Wildflower Walks

Marion Lobstein will lead walks at Great Falls Park on the third Sunday of each month. Future dates are October 20, November 17, and December 15. Meet at the Virginia side visitors center at 10:00 a.m. Call Marion, 703-536-7150, for more information.

Council Plans Tree Program

The Prince William Natural Resources Council's October membership meeting will include a program on trees. The meeting will be Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 p.m. at the McCoart Building. For more information, call Jim Waggener, 497-0506, or Nicky Staunton, 368-9803.

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