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## A Promise for Spring

The Gatewoods report: We're finding the winter leaves of putty-root, *Aplectrum hiemalis*. The canopy was still 60% so they apparently don't need complete leaf-fall. Maybe three hurricanes and four nights of freezing temps stimulated them. Photos are from Madison Run SNP and Paul State Forest.

\*Send your native plant photos for possible inclusion in future newsletters to [shenandoahchapter@gmail.com](mailto:shenandoahchapter@gmail.com)

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## New Chapter Treasurer!

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### **Update from the Shenandoah Chapter Board**

We have elected a new chapter Treasurer! Marty Diecchio is a retired high school science teacher. She has a BS in Geology from George Mason University and a MS in Science Education From Montana State University. Marty taught Earth Science and Oceanography in Fairfax and Prince William Counties. She and her husband have spent the last six years in Colorado and moved back to Virginia last year to

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plants for many years and worked with a residential landscape designer doing installations during her summer breaks. She is volunteering at the Wildlife Center of Virginia and enjoys just about anything outdoors.

Welcome Marty!

## Plant Swap/Sale



Saturday, October 19th was a lovely day, and we had another very successful plant swap/sale in Bridgewater! [Little Bluestem](#) joined us again and many great connections were made!

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## Events

We have a number of events coming up for you! Be sure to keep an eye on our [Chapter Events Page](#).

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inspired by fellow artists, photographers, writers, and musicians who share a love of the environment and the arts. Bring your art and a friend. Snacks and drinks to share are welcome. Your hosts: Anna Maria Johnson, President, Shenandoah Chapter of the VNPS and writer, and Caroline Wu, New Harrisonburg-er, children's book author and poet.

**Edith J. Carrier Arboretum Book Reading:** November 12 from 12 pm to 1:30 pm. Join author Annette Naber, Ph. D. of Emerald Mountain Sanctuary, for a reading of her new book, [Seasons of a Wild Life](#).

Registration required at this [link](#).

About Annette Naber, Ph. D.

Originally from Germany, Annette has lived in the US for over 40 years and has traveled extensively. After retiring from a career as a clinical psychologist in the Washington DC area, she now offers life coaching, workshops and retreats. Tending to organic gardens on her farm she continues to study traditional ways of growing and preparing foods, using natural materials in creating products and living spaces that are both beautiful and functional, using plants for cosmetic, medicinal, and culinary purposes, and applying permaculture principles to create a more sustainable way of life.

We would love to schedule more guided walks and need people to lead them! If you are willing to lead a walk, please [email Katy](#) to get something scheduled. All you have to do is let us know when, where, and if we need a sign-up to limit participants and we can put it on the schedule. Thanks for sharing your plant knowledge with the community!

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## Blue Ridge PRISM Weed Alert

Because it has no known natural predators in North America, burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*) can spread undisturbed through its prodigious seeds and extensive root system. This paired with its ability to grow under a mature forest canopy means that burning bush can outcompete native woody and herbaceous

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...ermination, burning bush poses a serious threat to our woodlands and to the habitat diversity in our ecosystem.

Despite its demonstrated invasive qualities, burning bush remains a popular landscaping shrub and is still sold in nurseries in many parts of the United States. This continued popularity is one of the challenges in controlling this invasive species.

Go to this [link](#) for more information.

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