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Shenandoah Chapter
Conserving Wild Flowers and Wild Places



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Happy New Year!



Betty Gatewood

Red winterberries (*Ilex verticillata*)

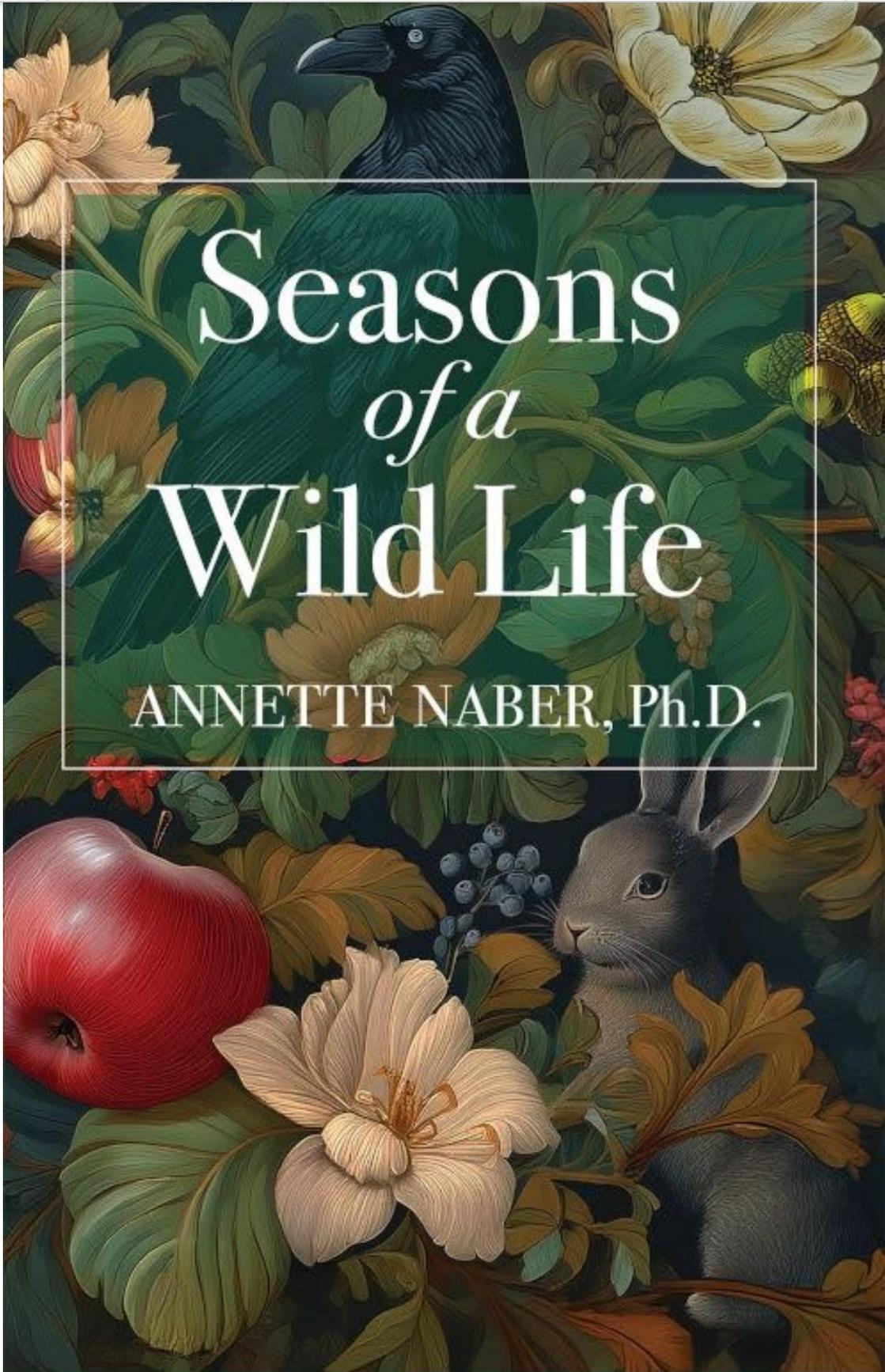
*Send your native plant photos for possible inclusion in future newsletters to shenandoahchapter@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Saturday January 25, 12 - 2 pm. Massanutten Regional Library. Main Branch.

Highland County writer Annette Naber reads from her book *Seasons of a Wild Life*. She shares her lessons from the plants and wildlife on her farm in the

seasonal resources from cultures around the world. Annettenaber is a forest psychologist who now helps others reconnect to nature through forest bathing, foraging classes, and retreats. Her author website: <https://annettenaber.com/>



Seasons
of a
Wild Life

ANNETTE NABER, Ph.D.

We are looking for host sites for our Native Plant Tours!

Please consider hosting. Your plantings do not need to be perfect or pristine! We'd love to have a range of planting stages and types to showcase the different life stages and possibilities of planting with natives. We are hoping this tour will attract not just native plant enthusiasts, eager to see what others are doing, but also novice gardeners, and those interested in learning more about natives. We are looking for all kinds of locations: small urban gardens, fully landscaped yards, reclaimed meadows, woodlands, and those in transition from conventional to native plantings and everything in between. We are also planning for a fall tour in September. Please fill out this [interest survey](#) if you are interested in hosting for either tour.

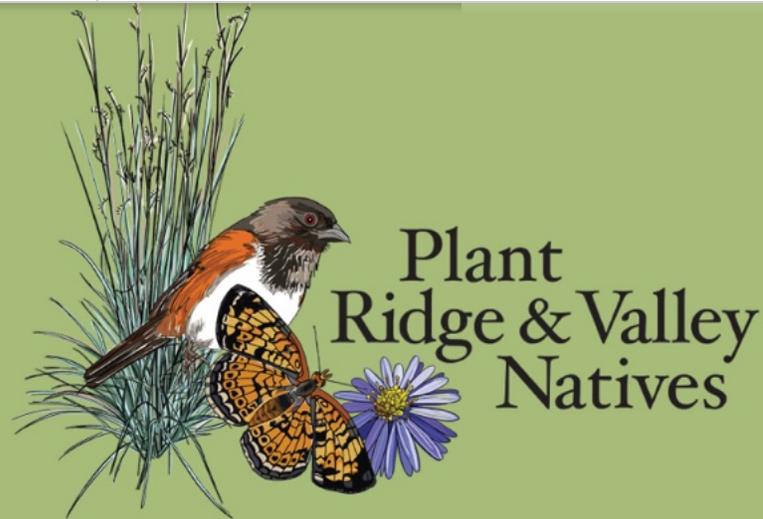
- Spring Plant Tour: May 3rd and/or 4th
 - Date and time based on host site availability
 - Fall Plant Tour: September
 - Date and time based on host site availability
 - If interested, please fill out [this short survey](#). *Submitting a survey does not commit you to anything.*
 - Direct all questions to [Katy](#).
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Other Events:

- **Staunton Comprehensive Plan Open House.** Wednesday January 22, 5:30pm - 7pm. Member Wendy Meyer is going to suggest Staunton become a Bee City (no mowing the medians, planting native grass/wildflower mixes). Other members encouraged to attend and support this effort! [More information](#).
- **New! VNPS Virtual Book Club**, contact [Eunice Sill](#) for more information.
 - January's book: *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, discussion February 18th, 8pm.
 - February's book: *The Light Eaters* by Zoë Schlanger, discussion date TBD in March.
- **19th Annual Litten Botanical Lecture**, February 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm, event by

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- **Pollinators in Your Backyard**, Saturday, March 29, 1pm-4pm at Harrisonburg Ice House, event by Harrisonburg Public Works.
 - **Spring Plant Sale**, Saturday, April 26 at Gypsy Hill Park, event by Earth Day Staunton.
 - **Spring Native Plant Tour**, May 3rd and/or 4th, details TBA.
 - *Please consider hosting!* Short interest [survey here](#).
 - Direct all questions to [Katy](#).
 - **Wildflower walks!** We would love to offer more guided walks this spring and summer. If you would like to lead a walk, please [contact Katy](#).
 - **Fall Native Plant Tour**, September.
 - *Please consider hosting!* Short interest [survey here](#).
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Plant Guide Second Edition!



A Gardener's Guide to Virginia's
Ridge & Valley Native Plants

Second Edition *Plant Ridge & Valley Natives: A Guide for Gardeners* is available now!

lists for specific gardening challenges like drought and deer, this revised edition will inspire you to begin planning for spring planting. A glossary and common name index have also been added to help you in finding specific species in the book. You can order books at VNPS.org, or purchase in person at various garden centers and shops throughout our region (see below). It is a perfect gift for gardening friends who are interested in learning about native plants!

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Blue Ridge Wildlife Center, Boyce, VA

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Shenandoah Chapter of the VNPS (that's us!)

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Seven Bends Plant Nursery (owned by VNPS member Iara Lacher), Berryville

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Waynesboro Landscape & Garden Center

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Wilder Landscapes (owned by chapter member Anne Elise Lintelman)

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hand. THANK YOU for the support.

Thanks also to our many volunteers who reached out to form relationships and deliver books. It's like an ecosystem moving these resources to and fro throughout the network, and every node matters.

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