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Shenandoah Chapter
Conserving Wild Flowers and Wild Places



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COOL PLANT:





Peltigera leucophlebia (Ruffled Freckled Pelt lichen ... what a name!)

found at Augusta Springs on the upper trail by Betty Gatewood. Check out the [iNaturalist page](#) and note the pin in Augusta County. Even though lichens are not technically plants, we like them, too!

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

Vote to Confirm the Board

[Cast your ballot to confirm the Shenandoah Chapter board for Fall 2025-2027](#)

Chapter Events

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- **Second Sundays Native Plant Social**, November 9th, 1:30-3 pm. This monthly gathering (the second Sunday of every month) provides a chance to socialize with other native plant enthusiasts. Co-hosted by the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum (providing the location) and the Shenandoah Chapter (providing refreshments).
 - **VNPS Virtual Book Club**, contact [Eunice Sill](#) for more information. November 18th, 7pm via Zoom. [The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating](#), by Elisabeth Tova Bailey.
 - **Guided walks?** We would love to offer more guided walks this fall. If you would like to lead a walk, please [contact Katy](#).

Events By Our Partner Organizations

- **Wilderness Initiative in Virginia's National Forests**. Free webinar by [Wild Virginia](#). Lynn Cameron and Ellen Stuart-Haentjens will tell the story of how the Shenandoah Mountain Act and the Virginia Wilderness Additions Act have been introduced, report on the Virginia Wilderness Committee's efforts to move the bills through Congress and invite participants to help. [Register here](#).
- **Gratitude Walk at EJC Arboretum, JMU** with our own Anna Finch. November 9, 10am-11am. Register [here](#).
- Wild Virginia November **Book Club**. November 10 at 7pm. Book: **Bad Naturalist**, by Paula Whyman. Free event by [Wild Virginia](#). [Register here](#).

Outreach at JMD Garden Center and Market



Barbara Brothers and Marty Diecchio gave a great presentation about native plants on Saturday, October 4th. Photo by Elaine Smith.

Annual Fall Plant Swap

Saturday October 11th marked our third annual plant swap! We had a great turnout and introduced three candidates for our board. We were also joined by Ben from Little Bluestem Nursery.



Photo by Elaine Smith

Volunteer Opportunity: Shenandoah National Park

Shenandoah National Park is looking for Volunteer Gardeners to maintain healthy and vibrant gardens near historic buildings, including [Massanutten Lodge](#). Maintaining the gardens will help visitors better understand the lives of people who were instrumental in the park's early years.

Volunteer Gardeners will work with Rangers in the Natural and Cultural Resources Division. Volunteers will work together and divide labor throughout the year. Volunteers should have gardening experience with minimal supervision required. Tasks include:

- Working with the Museum Curator to craft an annual garden plan
- Removing weeds and woody vegetation
- Trimming vegetation near walkways
- Removing invasive species

- sowing seeds, transplant cuttings, and planting established plants
- Establishing and maintaining trellises when needed
 - Watering as needed

Volunteer Gardeners may work alone or in a group. Volunteers should expect to work 8-24 hours per week shared with a team. Volunteers need to be 18 or older, with the ability to travel to garden sites. Personal protective equipment and tools may be provided; volunteers can also use their own equipment if they are able and comfortable. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions and gardening on slopes with the presence of biting/stinging insects and snakes.

Interested individuals should visit this [link](#).



Massanutten Lodge

Volunteer Opportunity: Bridgewater

- The installation is finished for this year at the Bridgewater 7/11. We are still looking for some locals to help water as needed. The plot may need extra

There is plenty of these stored in the shed as they host car washes. Possible job for a teenager needing volunteer hours?? If you are interested in learning more or helping out, please contact [Marty](#).

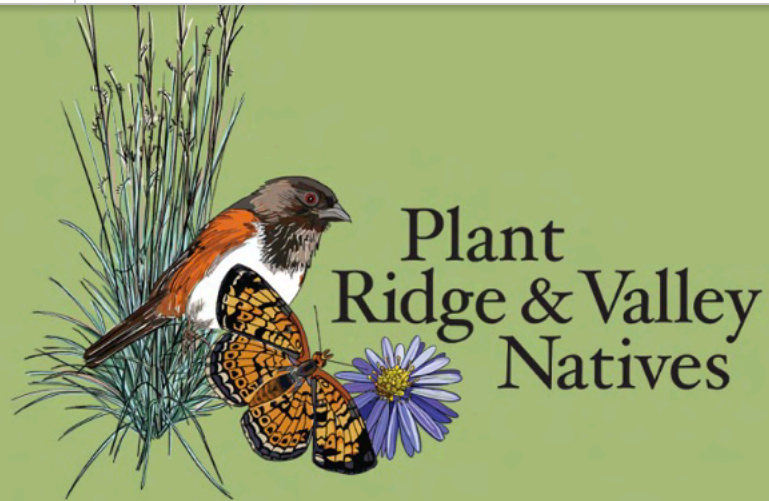


Blue Ridge PRISM News and Events



Again this year, Blue Ridge PRISM has co-authored a briefing book policy paper on invasive plants. You can read more about their goals for 2026 [here](#).

Ridge & Valley Native Plant Campaign!



Plant Ridge & Valley Natives



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

The Ridge & Valley Native Plant campaign encourages our members to support local plant nurseries that stock our native plants.

Until Next Time!



Eastern black swallowtail caterpillar (*Papilio polyxenes asterius*) with osmeterium out. On invasive Bishop's Weed (*Aegopodium podagraria*).

Donate!

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