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Mission Statement:

We are a conservation organization dedicated to conserve Virginia's native plants and their ecosystems through education, advocacy and activities that promote appreciation, stewardship and appropriate use.

Next Meetings: Thursday October 13 Chapter Meeting

Place: Blue Ridge Community College Plecker 126B

Time: 7:30

Program: TBA

For more information contact Michael Seth sethmj@jmu.edu (540) 438 130

Thursday November 10 Chapter Meeting

Place: Elkton Community Center

Time: 7:30

Program: TBA

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Upcoming Events

FIELD TRIPS!

We are taking advantage of the end of summer with two field trips this month.

Saturday: September 10 Augusta Springs

Meeting Place: Tastee Freez in Churchville

Time: 1:00

This is a good time to visit. Hopefully we will see bottle gentians, wild coffee and turtle heads and there should be lots of ironweed and goldenrod. It will be a good way to see late summer wildflowers. Call Joe Sharer 540 383 1423 or Michael Seth 540 742 1252 cell 540 438 1301 if you need further information.

Thursday September 20

Meeting Place: Entrance of Tilghman Road, Dayton

Time: 5:00 Diane Holsinger will lead a walk in search of asters, goldenrods AND MUSHROOMS. Contact Diane 540 896-7132 dhworkout@yahoo.com

Other Events

Shenandoah National Park Volunteers in Park Workday

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Loft Mountain, Loft Wayside parking lot

Workday events include hand pulling to cutting or lopping invasive exotic plant species. Shenandoah National Park will provide gloves, trash bags, loppers and any other needed equipment. Volunteers should come dressed for working outdoors where it can be hot, humid, stormy, windy or cool. Other necessities

include water, food, sunscreen and/or bug spray. Please be advised you may encounter poison ivy, ticks, insects, snakes and other wildlife.

RSVP Required: Contact Cindy Blugerman, Natural Resources Volunteer Coordinator at (540) 999-3500 x3437 or Cindy_Blugerman@nps.gov.

VNPS Annual Meeting in Manassas at the Manassas Battlefield Sheraton. September 16-18 The theme this year is: “Wild Places in Urban Spaces” and is sponsored by the Prince William Chapter.

Recent Chapter Activities

Joe Sharrer and Michael Hill have gotten together and started examining the vast collection of wildflower slides willed to our chapter by Dr. Shull. The plan is to see how many we want to keep and if digitizing them is economical/desirable. This will be an ongoing fall/winter project. Help would be greatly appreciated with this!!

Former chapter President Chris Bowlen is now a master naturalist. Congratulations!

If you have announcements, articles or reviews for the newsletter (no matter how short), please contact Elaine Smith antigone16@comcast.net

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