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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 Meeting: April 14. We will meet at Bald Rock Road at 6:30 for our annual spring wildflower walk. For further information or directions, contact Michael Seth, 540-438-1301, sethmj@jmu.edu.

Calendar of Events 2011

- ❖ April 9, Blacks Run Cleanup, Harrisonburg 8:30-Noon Shenandoah Chapter represented at the GeenScene next to the farmer's market 9-noon
- ❖ April 14, Wild Virginia Film Festival at Visualite Theater in Staunton (see below)
- ❖ April 15 and 16 Arbor Day Tree Sale & Native plant sale 9-3 at Edith Carrier Arboretum JMU.
- ❖ April 16, Earth Day, Staunton 9-Noon includes Shenandoah Chapter Native Plant sale
- ❖ April 30, Riverfest Waynesboro The Year of the Bullfrog 10-2 includes Shenandoah Chapter Native Plant sale
- ❖ April 30 JMU Arboretum Notable Wildflowers Field Trip: The Trillium Trail at G. Richard Thompson Wildlife Management Area. Contact the Arboretum offices 568-3194 or by e-mail at turnbugl@jmu.edu for more information.
- ❖ April 30-May 1 Webster Wild Flower Weekend, Camp Ceaser Webster County WV (see details below)
- ❖ May 7 Wildflower Outing to Reddish Knob 10:30-2PM. Painted trillium will possibly be in bloom. Meet promptly at Hone Quarry Picnic area. Bring your lunch and water. No rain date for this outing. Contact either trip leader by Friday, May 6:
 - Lib Kyger 540-828-6252 ekyger@eagles.bridgewater.edu
 - Joe Sharrer 540-434-8494 joes41@comcast.net to sign up.
- ❖ May 13-15 Spring Wildflower Symposium The Wintergreen Nature Foundation, Wintergreen Resort, www.twnf.org
- ❖ May 20 Annual Shenandoah Chapter picnic 5:30-dark Grand Caverns Regional Park, Grottoes

Shenandoah Chapter Annual Plant Sale to Benefit Flora of Virginia Project

We appreciate all the wonderful variety and quality of native plants people have given already this year. This is an exciting time to be outside and see what is already coming up. It is not too late to share some of your extra garden native plants for the two plant sales coming up April 16 and April 30.

If you have plant donations or questions, please call; Barbara McSweeney at (540) 363-1116 barbmcs@newhopetel.net, or Anneli Tattersall (540) 248-0932 annelitatt@yahoo.com

You don't have to be a beekeeper to appreciate the film

April 11 at Court Square Theater (Harrisonburg) at 7:00 PM the Harrisonburg Farmer's Market is co-sponsoring a free community showing of [Queen of the Sun](#), a prize-winning independent documentary film. Stay after the show for a panel discussion and a honey tasting! Please pass the word on to your family and friends - this is not a film to miss.

VA Wild Film Festival

Thursday, April 14 at 7pm

At the Visualite at 12 N. Augusta St, Staunton, VA

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival brings together a selection of award winning films that tell a story about our planet, our beautiful and precious wildlands, and the people of the communities who love and defend them. The festival is a

call to action. The stories give us a sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth. Tickets are \$10 per person for the entire evening. Visit www.wildvirginia.org for more information

Earth Day Staunton

Saturday, April 16 from 9:00am-12:00pm

At Sunspots' Byers St. Parking Lot at 202 S. Lewis St, Staunton, VA

For 40 years, Earth Day has been celebrated around the world in the hopes that it would foster enthusiasm for conservation and remind us that we are all responsible for keeping the world green. Join the Staunton community in the celebration of this special day with demonstrations, music, and fun.

<http://earthdaystaunton.wordpress.com/events/>

Riverfest Waynesboro

This free annual event takes place river-side at Constitution Park in Waynesboro, VA. Activities include Reptile Shows, Stream Safari, Fish and Fun Rodeo, Canoe Rides, Kids Arts & Crafts, Stream Electro-fishing and is capped off by the great South River duck race. www.riverfestwaynesboro.org

Webster Wild Flower Weekend

Held annually, the first weekend of May, the tours are put on by the Webster Springs Garden Club. Explore wildflowers and other wonders of nature. Walking, biking and driving tours of scenic areas of Webster County are conducted, along with evening entertainment. Lodging in primitive cabins, some meals, tours and entertainment are included. Cost of the weekend package is \$110. The weekend activity is centered at Camp Caesar. Participants are advised to bring warm clothing, sturdy hiking shoes, a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, towels and washcloths. For additional information regarding the nature tour please visit

http://www.proseandphotos.com/wv_spring_in_the_mountain_park.htm, call Camp Caesar at 304 226-3888 or call Garden Club representative Dottie Stemple at 304 847-5286.

Jay Shaner is attending this event and is leaving Friday morning 4/29. He will be stopping along the way to look at what is in bloom so you would get in an extra day of botany. Contact Jay at 540-886-5763 for more information.

Annual Shenandoah Chapter Picnic, Grand Caverns Regional Park, Grottoes

Friday, May 22 5:30-dark. Grand Caverns has received some much needed TLC over the past few years and deserves a visit. Potluck will start at 6pm in the picnic area. Look for us at one of the shelters. After dinner, there will be enough sun-time to explore trails in the area. Good views of the Blue Ridge can be had from the trail behind the visitor center. The trail along the South River is an easy walk and usually has some interesting wildflowers. Hope to see you there!