



Shenandoah Chapter Virginia Native Plant Society March 2012

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: No March Meeting

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **March 22 Thursday 10 AM Garlic Mustard removal at Deep Run Ponds** Our Chapter has been involved in maintaining and monitoring this site for the past few years. Please join us if you can. Contact: Chris Bowlen bowlenchris@comcast.net (540) 289 6801
- ❖ **March 29 Spring Wildflower and Bird Field Trip. Time: 10 am** Diane Holzinger will lead what she calls "a surprise field." No one will be surprised if it is fun and informative. Meeting place The Food Lion on Rt 42 in Harrisonburg. From there folks will carpool. Contact: Dhworkout@yahoo.com. Or 540 896 7132.
- ❖ **April 12 Wildflower Walk to Hone Quarry:** We will do our annually April spring wildflower walk at Hone Quarry this year. Meet 5 pm at the picnic area.
- ❖ **April 14 Earth Day Staunton April 14**
- ❖ See article below.
- ❖ **April 26 Madison Run Invasive Inventory.** We will meet at the entrance of Madison Run Fire Rd at 9:00. This is one of our favorite spots for viewing wildflowers but there is an invasive plant problem. We will be doing an inventory to provide information for the Park Service. Contact Anneli Tattersall annelitatt@yahoo.com
- ❖ **May 5** There will be a JMU arboretum walk that we will be helping with. More details to be announced. Contact: Chris Bowlen bowlenchris@comcast.net (540) 289 6801
- ❖ **May 12 Reddish Knob Wildflower Excursion.** We will meet at Hone Quarry then carpool. Bring a lunch. Contract Joe Sharrer joes41@comcast.net (540) 434 8494
- ❖ **June 10 Sunday Annual Picnic/walk Shenandoah National Park South River Picnic Area. 1PM.** Bring a dish to share. Chapter will provide plates, utensils, cups, napkins.

Shenandoah Chapter Spring Plant Sales

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14, 9am-noon, when our chapter again conducts its popular sale at Staunton Earth Day, 9am-noon!

The second Saturday sale will be at Riverfest, April 28 at the Waynesboro Farmers' Market.

VOLUNTEERS, the mild winter weather is calling you to stroll around you garden, take note of plants needing division or areas getting crowded, and plan what you can donate! If you have already started plants from seeds, when they emerge from the ground, please pot up the extra ones for sale.

WE NEED YOUR HELP in two ways:

(1) Bags of potting medium and pots will be available at the March and April program meetings. You can bring your plants to the April meeting, or we can arrange to pick them up from you.

(2) It's great fun working the day of the sale, and sharing your expertise and enthusiasm!
Let us know if you can sign up for an hour or two at either of the sales.

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Recent Chapter Activities

February 9 Chris Bowlen gave a presentation on "Xeriscaping with Natives." This talk was at our monthly meeting at Blue Ridge Community College. A number of Master Gardeners joined us for the presentation. Chris Bowlen provided a broad definition of xeriscaping as a gardening or landscaping practice having the goal of using less water inputs. She showed how she has done this in her own garden in Rockingham County by using our local native plants. Her slide show took us through the seasons in her garden.

Sunday February 5 Chris Bowlen led Wild Virginia on a winter plant identification walk at Deep Run Ponds.

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