



Shenandoah Chapter *Virginia Native Plant Society* *April 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: April 12 Wildflower Walk to Hone Quarry: We will do our annual April spring wildflower walk at Hone Quarry this year. We will meet at 5pm at the picnic area. Contact Michael Seth sethmj@jmu.edu (540) 438 1301 if you need further information.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **April 14 Earth Day Staunton includes Shenandoah Chapter Plant Sale** 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 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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- ❖ **April 14 Blacks Run Cleanup Harrisonburg**
- ❖ **April 26** We will meet at the entrance of Madison Run Fire Road 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
- ❖ **April 28 Riverfest Waynesboro includes Shenandoah Chapter Plant Sale**

Other Events

- ❖ **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. Contact 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

Recent Chapter Activities

March 22 Garlic Mustard removal at Deep Run Ponds Chris Bowlen led this annual trip. More information in the next newsletter.

March 29 Spring Wildflower and Bird Field Trip.

Diane Holsinger led this field trip. More information in the next newsletter.

This has been a remarkably early spring with things blooming in March that normally bloom in April. If you had any native plants blooming exceptionally early in our area let us know-Michael Seth sethmj@jmu.edu.

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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