



## South Hampton Roads Chapter Conserving Wild Flowers and Wild Places

### Upcoming Events

#### At A Glance

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#### General Meeting:

On ZOOM. February  
25, 2021, at 6:30 pm.



Looking for an  
*education opportunity*  
to carry you into  
spring?

Lewis Ginter Botanical  
Garden is offering a  
*Grow Native Series*.  
Details on p.3.

## COASTAL PLAIN TALK

Newsletter of the South Hampton Roads Chapter  
February 2021

### President's Column

Hello, Water-logged Plant People!

Our January meeting was cancelled due to Covid19 protocols from both Norfolk Botanical Garden and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Those protocols are still in place so we decided to ZOOM our February meeting on Thursday, February 25, at 6:30 pm. Toni Viudez sent out an email on February 15 with the access information.

Hope to see everyone soon. Please stay safe.

—Steve Stasulis, SHR VNPS President

### Annual Plant Sale Update

We ordered and received 640 plants from the nursery and are still working on a plan on how we will handle the sale. We will need people to join in potting the plants up sometime in the next few weeks. If you're interested, please email me at stasuliss@Hotmail.com and I will send you the particulars.

We also had several dozen plants left over from last summer. Some have started to push out greenery and I repotted several of them already into larger pots. Guess what...they're still a great deal at a low price.

Changes for the plant sale...Francis Land House is NOT available due to construction going on there. Instead, we are planning to have the sale at the Lynnhaven House, 4409 Wishart Road,

Virginia Beach, VA 23455. The tentative date is April 10, 2021. The Lynnhaven House is one of the historic Virginia Beach houses. The house sits just off Independence Boulevard in Virginia Beach.

There are advantages to this, including better parking access and a somewhat protected place not on a main road. As the crow flies, it is closer to my house than Francis Land House. Unfortunately, I do not have a helicopter or George Jetson rocket backpack to cross the Lynnhaven River, thus it is several times further from me than Francis Land House. On Saturday mornings traffic is rarely awful so I will deal with it.

Safety protocols will be enforced and masks will be required. Touchless payment options will only include credit and debit cards (no cash, still have not determined if checks will be ok). There may be restrictions as to the number of people allowed on the site, we will have to work with the City to determine what is acceptable in this situation. The current restriction of 10 person maximum will make this a struggle. I am hoping that we can come up with an acceptable alternative, such as 10 persons per station and separate out the different types of plants we offer.

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We are always looking for knowledgeable, engaging speakers. Do you have contacts or suggestions?

We also need a volunteer to be Vice President to finish out the current term. Part of their charge is finding and organizing speakers for our meetings.



Where's the sun????  
My battery needs to  
be recharged!



Mother Nature  
definitely has a  
sense of humor.  
Any guesses?

(Five *E. purpurea*  
heads from one very  
large stalk. The  
deer thought it was  
tasty.)

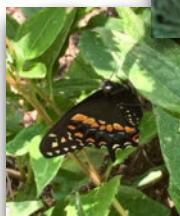
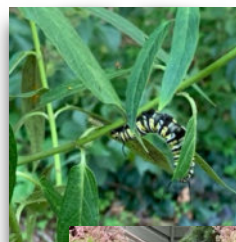
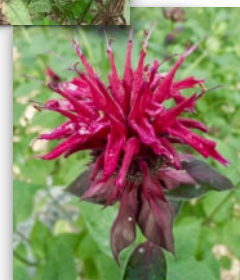
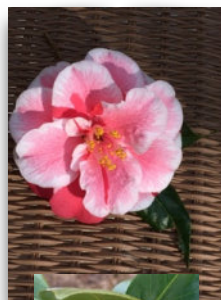
## Education Opportunity

**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden** is offering their *Grow Native Series* of webinars on Zoom. The series is six classes in the spring and six in the fall. The series includes some good speakers and interesting topics

They added additional spaces for the spring series and registration is now open again. To register or get more info on each class, use this link <https://www.lewisginter.org/event/grow-native-series/>.

Class dates are March 5, 9 and 23; April 6 and 20; May 4. Each class is 6:30-8:00 pm. The best part? The series is only \$10. You do not have to be a member to sign up.

## It won't be long now...



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