 Coastal Plain Talk

**Newsletter of the South Hampton Roads Chapter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_March/April 2014**

**Calendar of Events**

**Additional details online at** [**www.sites/google.com/site/vanativeplantsociety/**](http://www.sites/google.com/site/vanativeplantsociety/)

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**Thursday, March 27th- Dr. Chris Ludwig** Trainingon **the Flora of Virginia at** 7 PM in the TBA at the Norfolk Botanical Garden.

**Saturday, April 5th -** **SHRC-VNPS Plant Sale** from **9 AM – 3 PM** in conjunction with the **Butterfly Society’s Plant Sale** from **9AM – 12 Noon.** Please join us at the Francis Land House for the *Gathering of the Guilds*. This is a great family outing! 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach. No charge for admission.

**Friday, Saturday, April 20th & 21st – Hermitage Museum and Gardens Spring Plant Sale.** Friday from 10 AM – 3 PM & Saturday 9 AM to 2 PM. 7637 North Shore Road, Norfolk. Some native plants will be available, including those for wetlands. Contact Yolima Carr at yc@thfm.org or (757) 423-2052 ext. 202 for information.

**Thursday, April 24th- SHRC-VNPS Chapter Meeting,** 7 PM in the Holly Room at Norfolk Botanical Garden. TBA.

**Friday & Saturday April 25th & 26th** - **Chesapeake Master Gardener Plant Sale,** 8 AM to 6 PM, Friday, 9 AM to NOON Saturday. Located in front of the Great Bridge Community Center. 212 Holt Dr., Chesapeake. For more information, contact the Chesapeake Extension Office at (757) 382-6348.

**Friday, Saturday, May 10 & 11- SHRC VNPS PLANT SALE,** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Norfolk Botanical Garden in conjunction with the Mother’s Day Weekend Event. 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk. Regular NBG admission rates apply to enter the garden.

**President’s Message:**

We have a busy next couple months coming up, and, it's already time for planning of the plant sale which we started in December. Tyco is cutting blinds for labels. Some orders will be placed and some nursery visits are in store for the rest.

**Saturdays: January 18th, February 8th & March 8th: Pre-Plant Sales Committee Meetings**

Plant sale prep needs to be done ahead of our annual plant sales. We need to make labels, stick the labels to blind tags already cut by Tyco for us. Any plugs or seedlings that need to be transplanted into pots will be done also. Once we have plants in the greenhouse then the plants will have to be watered regularly. This meeting will be a good opportunity to review what worked well at our last plant sale and discuss any adjustments that can be made to improve the experience for everyone. If you *cannot* make this meeting but would like to volunteer for the sale(s), please contact Pat Quinn at pat.quinn@cox.net or at 757-587-8935.

**Gardens Galore: Natives Galore**



The Flower & Garden Expo 2014 is **January 31 – February 2, 2014** at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. That is also *Superbowl Weekend* football fans so please make time for both shows!

We are requesting volunteers to work the booth in three hour shifts so we can cover our time from 10 AM to 7 PM on Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 7 PM

We need volunteers on Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 10 AM to 5 PM. If you are interested in helping us set up, work a booth shift or tear down, please contact Amy Jones at or Beth Richardson at 757-574-5448.

Our Wildflower of the Year is

We will have a double booth with sample plants and hopefully the Flora of Virginia display. Come out and join the fun!

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| **Saturday, April 6, 2014****10AM – 4PM****Francis Land House**In conjunction with*Gathering of the Guilds*3131 Virginia Beach BlvdVirginia Beach, VA  | **Friday & Saturday** **May 10 & 11, 2014****10AM – 5PM****Norfolk Botanical Garden** In conjunction with*Mother’s Day Weekend Event*6700 Azalea Garden RoadNorfolk, VA(Regular NBG admission rates apply) |

Plant sale proceeds fund the many conservation, restoration

and educational projects that the SHRC-VNPS supports.

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