

COASTAL PLAIN TALK – The Newsletter for the South Hampton Roads Chapter

September 2017

Greetings Members!

September 28 Meeting

September is here, and we are back to our monthly meetings at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 28 in the Holly room. We will have a social at 6:30 and our meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Our speaker is Pat Quinn who will talk about Native Plants for Butterfly Gardens. Pat is an active member with both the Butterfly Society and the Virginia Native Plant Society.

After our speaker, we will be discussing some important items including 2017 donations, the spring plant sales, the election of officers, the new membership system NEON, and future festivals and events. Please come and bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.

Reminder: The Garden closes its gate at 7:00 PM, so please plan to be here before closing.

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

Barb Ryan, our Webmaster, needs your pictures. She will be updating our webpage on the VNPS website. If you have pictures or information you would like to see online, please send it to Barb at barbararyan@cox.net.

The Virginia Native Plant Society South Hampton Roads Facebook page is now live! The page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/vnpsshr/>

We encourage you to “like” the page (click on the Like button) and invite your friends to Like us, too – just click on the link “Invite your friends to like this page”.

We are hoping that this will be an active, informative, and fun site – please feel free to post your questions, answers, and personal experiences related to native plants. Photos and videos are welcome! You can email Barb with any Facebook questions at barbararyan@cox.net.

NATIVE PLANTS FOR SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA – Including Hampton Roads Region

The newly revised 2nd edition of this great book is available now and we have copies. We will be selling this at our plant sales for \$5.00. Members can pick up their free copy at any membership meeting. Non-members can join at a meeting, and get a free copy. This regional native plant guide is filled with beautiful pictures and information about our local native plants.

MANY THANKS to YOLIMA CARR & ERIC GUNDERSON!!

The Fall Kick Off events were a great success! Yolima led us on a private tour of the Burning Man Exhibit at The Hermitage. We even climbed inside of the Old Woman’s Shoe! We also walked around the grounds and toured the museum. We all had a wonderful time. The Burning Man will be at The Hermitage until October 14. See their website for details.

Eric hosted a barbecue at his Southern Branch Nursery. We toured the grounds while sipping our favorite beverage, talked with old friends, and met some new ones. Eric served a delicious feast which we enjoyed outside on the lawn. Thanks also go to Amy Jones who helped with the festivities. We played some games with plants awarded as prizes! A good time was had by all. Southern Branch Nursey is located in Chesapeake at 1412 Benefit Road.

FALL CALENDAR *Volunteer Opportunities - Contact-Beth Richardson 757-574-5448

Sun, Sept 17 11-4 Elizabeth River Project – Riverfest. Educational Booth*

Carolanne Farms Park, 373 Gainsborough Rd., Virginia Beach

Sat, Sept 23 10-3 Master Gardener Fall Festival at AREC. Educational Booth*

1444 Diamond Springs Rd., Virginia Beach

Thu, Sept 28 6:30-9 Membership meeting – Pat Quinn. Native Plants for Butterfly Gardens

Norfolk Botanical Garden, Holly Room

Sat, Oct 7 11-3 Autumn Fest at Chesapeake Arboretum. Educational Booth*

624 Oak Grove Road, Chesapeake

Sat, Oct 7 9-4 Autumn Fest at Brock Environmental Center. FYI only

Thu, Oct 26 6:30-9 Membership meeting – Marie Butler. Native Gardens at the Zoo

Norfolk Botanical Garden, Holly Room

Thu, Nov 16 6:30-9 Membership meeting – Native Plant Design Workshop

Norfolk Botanical Garden, Holly Room

Sat, Nov 18 10-12 First Landing Native Garden Party: Planting & weeding*

Are you interested in getting involved with planning the VNPS events and meetings?

Do you have some ideas you would like to share? We are always looking for new people to join our Board of Directors. Nominations for board positions will be at the Sept 28th meeting and the slate is not full. If you can't attend, please contact Steve or Kathleen Stasulis at 757-486-5485 and let us know what you would like to do.

See you on September 28th at NBG!

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