

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

October 2017

Greetings Members!

October 26th Meeting

We are back to our monthly meetings at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 26th in the Holly room. We will have a social at 6:30 and our meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

Our speaker is Marie Butler who will talk about Native Gardens at the Virginia Zoo. Marie worked as landscape coordinator at the Virginia Zoo, where she spent 20 years helping create eye-catching gardens for people and native wildlife habitats for zoo residents.

After our speaker, we will be voting on 2017 donations and hold the election of officers. The officer slate is:

President Steve Stasulis

Vice President Beth Richardson

Secretary Pat Quinn

Treasurer Kathleen Stasulis

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Our meetings are free and open to the public. 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.

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR 2018

As you may know, Norfolk Botanical Garden has been renovating the old administration building. The facility will reopen soon and all of the plant societies will begin meeting there in January. This means that our January 25th meeting will move to the newly renovated Auditorium. They have promised a beautiful room and vastly improved parking.

MANY THANKS!!

Thanks go to Beth Richardson and Pat Quinn for the very informative presentation at our September meeting: Native Plants for Butterfly Gardens. Now we all know what we should be planting to attract the most beautiful butterflies. If you have a suggestion for a topic or speaker, please contact us. We are always looking for new ideas.

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/vnpssh/>

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 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.

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

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 – Landscaping with Native Plants with Meg French and Nancy Dickerson of First Landing State Park, 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. We have appointed positions available. Come to the next meeting or contact Steve or Kathleen Stasulis at 757-486-5485 and let us know what you would like to do.

See you on October 26th at NBG!

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