

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

December 3, 2017

Greetings Members!

Special Event

**The Gathering of the Gardeners at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens**

**Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 PM**

**Rose Garden Hall in Baker Hall**

Details from Melissa Mullins:

You are invited to this year's Gathering of Gardeners at Norfolk Botanical Garden!

This annual potluck dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Rose Garden Hall. I hope you and your group will plan to attend. The Garden will provide soft drinks, plates, plasticware, and napkins. You provide the best local food anyone could ask for – main entrees, salads, side dishes, bread, and desserts – it is your choice!

Members of the Virginia Bonsai Society will bring their decorated trees and all attendees will get to vote on their favorite, giving a member of the bonsai society bragging rights for another year.

The Garden will host a team trivia game again this year for participants to have a chance to win prizes! All questions will be plant- or gardening-related, so no need to brush up on the latest pop culture news. The evening should be a lot of fun!

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

January 25th Meeting:

**Native Plants that Attract Birds**

More details will be in the January newsletter.

**THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR 2018 HAS BEEN POSTPONDED.**

As you 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. Their goal was that our January 25th meeting would move to the newly renovated Auditorium with a beautiful room and vastly improved parking. Unfortunately, the room will not be ready in January so our meeting will remain in the Holly Room in Baker Hall. We will continue meeting here until the new room is ready.

Friday, January 26 – Sunday January 28:

**2018 FLOWER & GARDEN EXPO at the Virginia Beach Conference Center**

We will have an educational booth at this annual event which will be Friday, January 26 to Sunday, January 28 from 10 am to 6 pm. We need volunteers! Volunteers will work a three-hour shift and get free admission to the event! Please contact Amy Jones at 757-410-8754 or amynally1@aol.com to volunteer. Set up will be on Thursday, Jan 25th from noon to 6 pm.

Saturday, March 10th:

### **VNPS SPRING WORKSHOP**

The date has been set for the Annual Spring Workshop hosted by VNPS at the University of Richmond. This year's topic is TREES. Watch your inbox in January for the program information and registration details. Info will also be posted on the state website: vnps.org.

### **VNPS SPRING PLANT SALES**

us on Saturday, April 7th for the VNPS Plant Sale. Volunteers are needed throughout the day. Sign up at the next meeting or contact Pat Quinn for information. This is held at the Francis Land House in Virginia Beach in conjunction with the Gathering of with Guilds.

We will also be participating at the Mothers' Day Weekend Plant Sale at Norfolk Botanical Garden. We will be there for two days only - Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13. Volunteers will be needed. Sign up at the next meeting or contact Steve Stasulis for information.

### **MANY THANKS!!**

Thanks to Beth Richardson who presented the slide show Landscaping with Native Plants at the November meeting. 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/vnpsshr/>

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**

This great book has been reprinted and is available now. 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.

## CALENDAR

### **\*\*Volunteer Opportunities Contact-Beth Richardson 757-574-5448**

Thu, Dec 7 6:00 Gathering of the Gardeners Potluck – Members & their guests only. See details above.

Thu, Jan 25 6:30-9 Membership meeting – Native Plants that Attract Birds

Fri-Sun, Jan 26- 28 10 am – 6 pm Educational Booth at the Flower and Garden Expo, Virginia Beach Conference Center. See details above.\*\*

Thu, Feb 22 6:30-9 Membership meeting. Speaker TBA

Sat, Mar 10 VNPS Spring Workshop. All Day Event at the University of Richmond.

Thu, Mar 22 6:30-9 Membership meeting. Virginia Witner; Virginia Native Marketing Website

Sat, Apr 7 9am-3pm Native Plant Sale at the Francis Land House. See details above.

Thu, Apr 26 6:30-9 Membership meeting. Using Native Plants with Ken Spencer, TCC instructor and Virginian-Pilot columnist.

Fri-Sat, May 11-12 10 am – 3 pm Native Plant Sale at Norfolk Botanical Garden. See details above.

Thu, May 24 6:30-9 Membership meeting. Drawing Journey with Amy Jones

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 and are actively looking for someone to help with membership and the newsletter. Come to the next meeting or contact Steve or Kathleen Stasulis at 757-486-5485 or stasuliss@hotmail.com and let us know what you would like to do.

See you on December 7th at NBG for the Gathering of the Gardeners!

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