

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

May 16, 2018

Greetings Members!

May Meeting:

DUSTIE BOURGEOIS

HORTICULTURIST, VIRGINIA AQUARIUM

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

HOLLY ROOM - NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Join us at our May 24th meeting to meet Dustie Bourgeois from the Virginia Aquarium. Dustie will be giving us insight to native plants at the Aquarium where she manages 46 acres of natural habitat as well as indoor exhibits containing live plants. We are back at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens and in the Holly Room. LanternAsia is still going on, but we have been assured that our meeting will be accommodated. The social begins at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

Our meetings are free and open to the public. Please come and bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year we went from Winter to Summer in just a couple weeks. Some of the plants have been confused...our striped wintergreen is blooming; partridgeberry is either blooming or with lots of buds; the dogwood did not have nearly any blooms this year and everything came up later than normal. Our April plant sale was awesome and May worked out well too, we grossed nearly \$1300 and netted around \$500 in May. We sold nearly all our inventory...Pat Quinn will baby sit most of the pots until the Master Gardener event at AREC on September 15. I took home 40 plugs and potted them up...if they look fabulous in the fall they will join us at the AREC Master Gardeners sale...otherwise "better luck next year". We grossed \$7800 from the two sales, and, with costs less than that we probably netted nearly \$2000. Thanks for every helper for the May sale!...Pat Quinn for doing the leg work and purchasing; Beth Richardson; Vickie Shufer; Amy Jones; Sandy Ricks; Brooke Schaab, Peggy Toney, Kathleen Stasulis (and I was there as well). If I missed anyone who was there I apologize. We could probably use help at the September sale; Kathleen and I are unable to be there due to several conflicts in September! If the weather is nice we will sell posters, books and cards as well.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 24 at Norfolk Botanical Garden at 6:30 pm. It is supposed to be in the Holly Room in the main building...same place we have met before. Dusty Bourgeois from Virginia Aquarium will be our speaker. We hope to see you there! LanternAsia is still going on...they extended into June and this may create unforeseen issues. NBG assured us that we are still good for using Holly Room. Please ask at the guard shack if you are uncertain where we are meeting.

Steve Stasulis

THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION AT NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR 2018 HAS BEEN POSTPONDED.- AGAIN

We are back in the Holly Room. The Garden is still busy with LanternAsia which has been extended into June so plan your arrival accordingly. There may be a line waiting to enter the garden. Now, as a reminder, 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. We now anticipate that our September 27th meeting will move to the newly renovated Auditorium with a beautiful room and vastly improved parking. We will let you know in our September newsletter

FALL PLANT SALE FOR VNPS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 AT AREC

Pat Quinn is planning to join the Annual Fall Gardening Festival hosted by the Master Gardeners at AREC. We have plants left over from our spring sales which are being taken care of by various members. Volunteers are needed. Sign up at the next meeting or contact Pat Quinn for information at 757-321-8137 or paquinn726@gmail.com..

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

Barb Ryan, our Webmaster, needs your pictures. She is always updating our webpage on the VNPS website and our Facebook page with our recent activities. 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 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**

Sat, June 2 All Day Clean the Bay Day. Organized by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Fri - Sun, June 22-24 Wilderness Survival Weekend at False Cape State Park. Details following.

Summer 2018 South Hampton Roads VNPS Planning Meeting. Date to be announced. See below for details.

Fri - Sun, Sept 14 - 16 VNPS State Annual Meeting in Williamsburg. Details to be posted soon to VNPS.org.

Sat, Sept 15 10 am - 3 pm Master Gardeners Annual Fall Gardening Festival with VNPS Plant Sale at AREC. See details above.

Sat, Sept 15 11am-4pm RiverFest 2018 hosted by the Elizabeth River Project. Details to come.

Thu, September 27 6:30-9 Membership meeting at NBG. Jessica Ruthenberg, Watchable Wildlife Biologist, VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries. Postponed from March.

****** SUMMER PLANNING MEETING ******

****** WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN ******

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 the newsletter or as a Director-At-Large. The Board will be meeting this summer to plan the events for 2018-19. This meeting is open to all members and we encourage participation. Contact Steve or Kathleen Stasulis at 757-486-5485 or stasuliss@hotmail.com and let us know what you would like to do. This meeting will be held during the week in the evening at the Stasulis residence in Virginia Beach. Pizza will be served.

See you on Thursday, May 24th!

Kathleen Stasulis

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Wilderness Survival Weekend False Cape State Park

June 22-24, 2018

with Vickie Shufer & Evan Rhodes

Immerse yourself in a weekend developing survival skills while hiking and exploring the dunes, maritime forests, and marshes on this coastal barrier spit. Identify coastal plants and learn how they can be used for survival. Participate in wild food preparation, medicine making and more. The cost is \$225 per person and includes food, lodging, bus transportation, & education materials. To Register: Payment is due upon registration and can be done by credit card by calling 757-421-3929 or by sending a check for \$225 to P.O. Box 61413, Virginia Beach, VA 23466. www.ecoimages-us.com • wildfood@cox.net