



South Hampton Roads Chapter Conserving Wild Flowers and Wild Places

Upcoming Events

At A Glance



Nov 7: Rose Garden Hall.
Note both date and room change. General meeting and seed exchange so harvest seeds from your favorites to share.

Presentation on a bee feeding waystation project.

Dec. 16: Gathering of the Gardeners potluck at Norfolk Botanical Garden, Rose Garden Hall.

COASTAL PLAIN TALK

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President's Column

Our October meeting was outstanding! Vickie Shufer, a long time member of VNPS and a SHR board member, gave a wonderful presentation on the "Magic of Mosses – Carpet of Green.". She brought a diverse set of mosses for us to ooh and ahhh over. Mosses are ideal for shady locations with a wee bit of moisture. They are pest and disease resistant and provide habitat for insects, salamanders and frogs. Many of you are aware that Vickie has taken over the Virginian Pilot column covering wild and native things. Her column has been outstanding and she retains the photos and descriptions which have been a mainstay in the paper.

Our November meeting has changed to Thursday, November 7, due to the start of the Million Bulb Holiday Walk at Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG). It will be held in **Rose Garden Hall** starting at 6:30 pm with refreshments and social time. We will have a *seed exchange* so please bring seeds from the natives in your gardens! We will also have a presentation by the Ruling Robot Falcons, a youth team which is planning a set of bumble bee habitat projects, mostly in Newport News to establish bee feeding waystations on public land to reduce fragmentation between areas where bees can forage and nest. Amy Nichols is leading the project; we will likely have to coordinate this with the John Clayton chapter, but we should view this as an opportunity to add South Hampton Roads to the target area.

We did have elections and approved donations at our October meeting. I agreed to stay on as President and Kathleen will continue as treasurer for two years. We still need a vice president as well as a social media chair. Susan Marens has agreed to join the board as a Director at Large.

We approved donations totaling \$1700 to several local groups and to the state VNPS organization to assist in printing local

native plant brochures for those areas which have limited members and funding for those brochures.

I do hope we can see each other at the November 7 meeting, as well as the Monday, December 16 Gathering of the Gardeners POTLUCK dinner, 6pm at the Norfolk Botanical Garden Rose Garden Hall. Please send me an email (STASULISS@HOTMAIL.COM) if you wish to attend on December 16 so we can get a good headcount for the Garden. Or just sign up at the November meeting! In the past NBG has sent participants of the Gathering through the light show at no charge...not sure if that continues but we can hope!

Hope you had an awesome Halloween! Bring a friend to the meeting...we are always looking for new members.

—Steve Stasulis

Speakers

We still need speakers. If you know someone who is plant, conservation or nature oriented, especially if they are a compelling speaker, please ask them if they would be interested and pass the names on to Steve Stasulis at stasuliss@hotmail.com

“There is always music in the garden but our hearts must be quiet to hear it.”

—Unknown

Chapter Board of Directors

We still need a Vice President and a Social Media person. Please consider volunteering and submit your name to Steve Stasulis at stasuliss@hotmail.com.

Home Gardener Day

Mark your calendar! The 2020 Home Gardener Day sponsored by Norfolk Botanical Garden is scheduled for January 13, 2020.

Schedule of Chapter Meetings and Events

Chapter meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, September through May, except as noted below. Meetings are free and open to the public so bring a friend. Light refreshments are served before the meeting at 6:30 pm. The speaker starts at 7:00 pm followed by a brief chapter meeting. Any time changes will be noted in the schedule.

—Gates close at 7 pm so arrive in time to get in.—

All meetings will be held in the refurbished Old Administration Building, Garden Room, at Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG). Note that occasional scheduling conflicts at the Garden may necessitate a room change. The alternate room will be listed in the schedule and in the sidebar on the first page of this newsletter. *Please check the schedule each month to verify the location of our meeting.*

2019-2020 Meeting and Event Schedule

- October 24: General meeting. Speaker: Vickie Shufer on Native Mosses of Southeastern Virginia. **Note: time change.** Vickie needs to begin promptly at 6:30 so please make an effort to be there a bit before so we can begin on time. Thanks.
- November 7: General meeting. Rose Garden Hall, Main Bldg, NBG. *Please note date change to accommodate Festival of Lights.* Presentation on bee feeding waystations.
- December 16: *Gathering of the Gardeners.* NBG's thank you to all of the societies that support the garden during the year. It's held in Rose Garden Hall, at 6 pm. If you haven't been to this event yet, it's a fun evening with great food and a free trip through the Festival of Lights. (There is no general meeting in December.)
- January 23: General meeting. Speaker TBA.
- February 27: General meeting. Speaker TBA.
- March 26: General meeting. Speaker TBA.
- April 23: General meeting. Speaker TBA.
- May 28: General meeting. Speaker TBA.

Plant Sales:

- April 4: *Plant Sale* at Francis Land House.
- May 1-2: *Plant Sale* at Norfolk Botanical Garden

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