



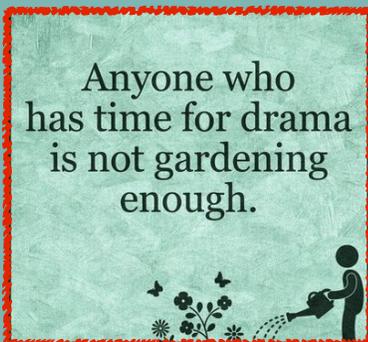
South Hampton Roads Chapter Conserving Wild Flowers and Wild Places

Upcoming Events

At A Glance



Feb 27: General meeting,
Garden Auditorium in the
Old Admin Bldg, NBG.
Speaker: Janet
Pawlukiewicz



COASTAL PLAIN TALK

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President's Column

Apparently the memo welcoming winter was torn in half sometime the past few weeks. Our neighbor has a cherry tree in full blossom the first week of February. My paper whites are past their prime and will be relegated to capturing energy from the sun for their 2021 bloom. I have hellebores and daphne blooming as expected...of course, none of these are natives, but I do have striped wintergreen, toothwort and cranesfly orchids (green on top, purple leaves under) adorning many locations in my yard.

The Flower and Garden show at the Virginia Beach Convention Center was absolutely outstanding. Amy Jones put together an incredible display, featuring many of her wildflower of the year posters and plants representing our local natives. The show was a success, and we handed out hundreds of flyers for the April 4 plant sale at Frances Land House in Virginia Beach, as well as very timely pamphlets highlighting Wild Geranium, the 2020 Wildflower of the Year. The many volunteers we had covering the booth were also outstanding! Thanks to all who pitched in.

Our speaker for the February 27 meeting at Norfolk Botanical Garden will be Janet Pawlukiewicz, who will show a major grounds renovation at Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay, using many plants native to Hampton Roads. Janet has a BA in Biology from Long Island University, as well as a Masters in Public Administration from The George Washington University. She is currently Chair of the Landscape Committee at Westminster Canterbury. Janet recently retired from her position as First Vice President of the State VNPS body. We are looking forward to an excellent presentation on use of natives in a larger setting.

We will need all hands on deck for the 4/4/2020 plant sale. Set up (7am) and the first couple hours of the sale are critical, we

need people who can set out plants and count incoming inventories, as well as count and tally plants for the cashier(s). Please sign up and join in the fun!

—Steve Stasulis, SHR VNPS President



2020 Wildflower of
the Year:
Geranium maculatum

Flower and Garden Expo

Turnout was great. Visitors were drawn to our booth and asked lots of good questions. Amy Jones created another beautiful and eye-catching booth: “*Native Plants Bring Wildlife to the Backyard Party*”. The display for her Wildflower of the Year posters sparked conversations and lots of specific questions on using natives.



Thank you, Amy, for all of your hard work! And Thank You to all volunteers who did shifts at the booth, helped to set up and break down, provided display plants, and so many other tasks to make it a success.



Amy Jones





Reminder: Bee Byway Project Planting.

Creating the way-stations is a very large community effort which will take 50-100 people to plant at 36 points on The Bee Byway on the morning of March 7th. Each site will take approximately one hour to finish. All the sites are within one third of a mile apart. Volunteers are welcome to plant one site or multiple depending on their time availability.

If you are interested in volunteering for this effort, please let Josh and Luke know, along with how many hours you are available, and they'll add you to their list! They have created an event on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/585850218646450/>.

For more information on the project, see the January 2020 newsletter.

Recent Contribution from VNPS SHR Put to Good Use

Paradise Creek Nature Park playground added five large native trees January 2020. A green goal to start the new year. Three Tulip Poplars and two Red Oaks will provide most needed natural shade at the TowneBank River Playground.

Come celebrate Arbor-Earth Day with us at the park on April 25 from 11-2. More tree planting, games, art, and park tours are planned.



Schedule of Chapter Meetings and Events

Chapter meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, September through May, except as might be 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 changes will be noted in the schedule.

All meetings will be held in the refurbished Old Administration Building, Garden Auditorium, 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. Also, verify the room at the NBG gate.*

2020 Meeting and Event Schedule

February 27: General meeting.
Speaker: Janet Pawlukiewicz
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

Early Heads Up: Virginia Beach Master Gardeners **Fall Gardening Festival on October 3, 2020**, Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center in Virginia Beach. Rain date is October 10.

Speakers

We need your help with 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 in speaking at a meeting and pass the info on to Steve Stasulis at stasuliss@hotmail.com

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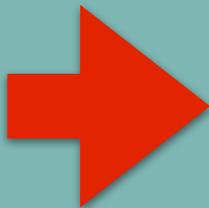
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Vacant - One position



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 stasulisss@hotmail.com.

Newsletter

I hope you enjoyed this newsletter. I welcome any feedback and suggestions. If there's a topic you'd like to see covered, please let me know.

I do my best to proofread the final product, but sometimes we humans see what should be there rather than what is there. Any errors are mine. Please let me know if a correction should be included in the next issue.

Thanks, M.C. King

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