



NORTHERN NECK CHAPTER
Virginia Native Plant Society

Northern Neck Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society
"Conserving Wild Flowers and Wild Places"

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NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday
September 7
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Kosteleskyia virginica, seashore mallow

Joan Hattersley (artwork)

Message from the President

Summer is officially upon us with hot humid days and cool humid nights. The garden this year is producing surplus tomatoes that I have made into spaghetti sauces, salsas, juice, and delicious BLTs. The extra peppers, eggplants, squash, and yes, tomatoes, have been delivered to the Gleaners & Blenders in Burgess for distribution to our needy neighbors.

However, what I really want to talk about here is the success of our Go Native—Grow Native campaign. You have certainly seen the colorful signage at nurseries throughout the Northern Neck. I have been approached by acquaintances at the theatre, at my beekeepers club, in the grocery store, and at the Northern Neck Master Gardeners monthly meeting to express their surprise at the detail work that went into the publication and that we give it out for free! If our Northern Neck homeowners heed our advice, we will be on our way to the eradication of invasive plants and repopulated with natives. This is a big effort but the seeds have been planted and we will continue to educate our public.

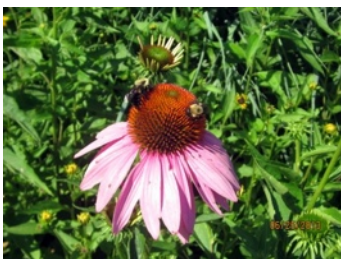


You may have noticed in the local newspapers that our Plant of the Month occupies a prominent spot in the paper's layout plus the color photograph accompanying the write up grabs your attention. The Flora of Virginia has been delivered to our members who will make a presentation to the librarians of our counties. Our next big event is the annual plant sale at Wicomico Church on Saturday, September 7, beginning at 9:00am. We are looking for volunteers to assist on set up and day-of plant sales. Please contact me at 804-453-3621. A meeting will be called prior to then where functions will be assigned to our members. Remember, this plant sale funds our scholarship activities and has previously funded the Flora publication, some AV equipment, our web site, our rent to the church and many other educational activities. Anyone with native plants to donate for our sale will be welcomed to add to our mix. Pass the word! September 7 at Wicomico Church!

Ted Munns

Old Courthouse Demonstration Garden

Pollinators



Photos: Earline Walker

July 2013



Save the Date!

**2013 Annual Fall Conference
Charlottesville, VA**

September 13-15, 2013

**Registration Fee - \$100
Registration Closes Friday, August 16**

**Contact Paula Boundy at
paula.boundy@va.metrocast.net**

Education and Outreach Calendar

February thru November	Ongoing planning for the collaboration between the Native Plant Society and the Boys & Girls Club to assist the club members with learning about and planting native plants. Develop plans and install Native plant borders around Flight Cage at Wild Bunch Rehabilitation Site in Warsaw.
Sept. 7, Saturday	9:00 am - Noon. <i>NNVNPS Plant Sale</i> , Wicomico Episcopal Church. Contacts: Nancy Garvey and Ted Munns
Sept. 14, Saturday	TBD. <i>Edwardsville Fall Festival</i> . Contacts: Ted Munns and Judy Lang
Sept. 15, Sunday	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. <i>Boots, Bids and BQ.</i>
Sept. 21, Saturday Saturday	9:00am - 2:00pm. <i>Kinsale Days</i> . Contacts: Lynn Norris (804-450-7651), John Krainock, and Rhon and Darlene Nelson. Can sell plants and items.
Oct. 13, Sunday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. <i>Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge Open House</i> , Hutchinson Tract

EDUCATION: SUMMER UPDATE

Our chapter's co-education chairs, Nancy Garvey and Carol Hammer, provided an information table with our newly designed board at the Richmond County Library on Tuesday, July 16, 2013.

In addition to our new display board, designed by Barbara Brecher, Nancy and Carol cut individual blooms of local native plants to display for passersby's to see the variety currently in bloom. Nancy Garvey read a book to the children about plants during story time and it was well attended. We handed out coloring books to the children, designed by Joan Hattersley, and *Asclepias tuberosa* or butterfly weed seeds to the adults along with our new Plant NNK Natives Guide. Previously this summer, we visited both the Lancaster Community Library and the Northumberland Library.

In August, the education table will be set up at the Westmoreland County Library on August 10th from 10 to 2. Other members have helped with these education outreach events.



Nancy Garvey

Text/Photo: Carol Hammer

NEW GUIDE TO NATIVE PLANTS

The Plant Northern Neck Natives: Go Native—Grow Native campaign is in full swing. In June, the chapter released a full-color, 48-page guide entitled the Native Plants of the Northern Neck. The book has received rave reviews and is rapidly being snatched up by local homeowners. About one-half of the 5,000 copies in the first printing have already been distributed.



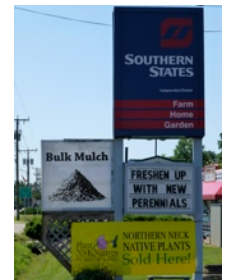
Paula Boundy, Jeff Wainscott and Janet Pawlukiewicz featured the book at the Irvington Farmer's Market on July 6. Even with the temperatures in the high 90's, about 100 people stopped by to collect their copies. Some told us they saw the beautiful ad in the paper, others were delighted because they have new homes in the area and are just now planning their gardens. Many said they always wanted to use native plants but did not know which to plant.

We also have a new exhibit that made its premiere at the Irvington Market. Since then Carol Hammer and Nancy Garvey have taken it on the road to the Montross and Westmoreland libraries. (see Education: Summer Update).



plants are Northern Neck Natives.

Finally, Go Native—Grow Native retail partners are not only doing a spectacular job of giving out the guides, they are also proudly displaying their banners and using the special plant tags showing which



Be sure to check the website www.nnnps.org for new Go Native—Grow Native partners and other information as it becomes available.

Text: Janet Pawlukiewicz/Photos: Carol Hammer

Dedication to Amy Wilson



The Northern Neck Virginia Native Plant Society recently remembered the late Amy Wilson, honoring her with a park bench erected at the Old Courthouse Demonstration Garden in Heathsville, Virginia. Jane Peterson, a longtime friend gave an oral tribute to Amy, as well as Earline Walker who represented the Northern Neck Chapter of the society. Guests told stories involving Amy and her accomplishments in the Northern Neck. In addition to the bench, a purple heliotrope was added to the native plant garden. "Purple was Amy's favorite color," said Carol Hammer, past president of the chapter, who coordinated the remembrance.

Amy was a co-founder of the Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society and an active member for several years. She, along with Reta Stover, helped design and sew the banner that is displayed at the meetings throughout the year. Amy and her dog Peter were a familiar sight together as they greeted members at the general meetings.



Sitting: Jean Logan (Amy's daughter); **Standing left to right:** Lolly Riley, Pam Collins, Judy Lang, Jane Peterson, Diane Cichowicz, Earline Walker, Jean Ryan and Emily Pomerleau.

The public is welcome to visit the garden at any time and sit a spell to see the ever changing colors of the native perennial plants as the summer progresses.



*Text: Jane Peterson
Photos: Carol Hammer & Earline Walker*

NNVNPS Out Working



Ophioglossum vulgatum
Adder's Tongue

Botanizing at Menokin



Betula nigra
River Birch



Epifagus americana
Beech Drop



Polygonatum biflorum
Solomon Seal



Lyonia lucida
Fetterbush



Galearis spectabilis
Showy Orchid

Photos: Earline Walker

Walks and Talks in the Northern Neck

Hickory Hollow



On Saturday, May 25th, the Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society sponsored a field outing at Hickory Hollow Natural Area Preserve in Lancaster County. Certified Virginia Master Naturalist (NN Chapter), Ellis Squires, explained how the unique geology of Hickory Hollow allows some characteristic "mountain plants" to thrive here in "disjunct populations."

Special attention was given to the tall, stately Kentucky lady's slipper orchid which should be in bloom and is found nowhere else in Virginia. "This has the largest flowers of any lady's slipper," said Squires. "One seen they are never forgotten."



Text : Ted Munns /Photos: Earline Walker

HIKING THROUGH WEST VIRGINIA

A Fun Trip to Beat the Heat

What to do when it gets hot in the Northern Neck and you want to be outdoors and see native plants? Drive to West Virginia and visit Canaan Valley, Dolly Sods and Bear Rocks for a cool hike through grassy areas and cranberry bogs and view lovely vistas from up high. In 2014, a trip similar to this may be offered through our VNPS as a 4- or 5-day trip.

The state VNPS offered a joint venture with the West Virginia National Park Service (NPS) from July 5 through July 8 that covered these geologically interesting areas. My husband, a golfer, accompanied me on the trip along with our dog Lila. While I spent 2 days viewing plants quite different from our area, my husband golfed at the Canaan Valley Golf Course. Nancy Vehrs, our President, stayed with us for 2 nights in an A-Frame we rented on Mirror Lake, not far from Canaan Valley State Park.



Carol Hammer

Day one we walked several areas of Canaan Valley, the largest wetland complex in West Virginia, through grasses higher than the waist. Worried about ticks and chiggers, I wore long pants with socks over the cuffs. I noticed some folks in shorts and worried about how they would do. In the two days of hiking, I don't know of anyone who experienced a tick, chigger or mosquito bite. I am sure the elevation had a lot to do with this phenomena. Plants we saw are too numerous to mention--just in the carex family alone we were inundated! Our hosts provided a comprehensive list of species we might see along the walks.



Nancy Vehrs

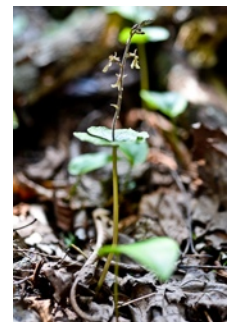
Dolly Sods, at 3,734 feet, is a rocky, high-altitude plateau with sweeping vistas and lifeforms normally found much farther north in Canada. To the north, the distinctive landscape of "the Sods" is characterized by stunted ("flagged") trees, wind-carved boulders, heath barrens, grassy meadows created in the last century by logging and fires, and sphagnum bogs that are much older. To the south, a dense cove forest occupies the branched canyon excavated by the North Fork of Red Creek. The name derives from an 18th-century German homesteading family — the Dahles — and a local term for an open mountaintop meadow — a "sods".

Each day of hiking offered us another local plant expert. On Saturday, Elizabeth Byers, a Natural Heritage Vegetation Ecologist from West Virginia Division of Natural Resources led our group to several areas, sighting dozens of lovely flora. Sunday was led by Brian Streets, Wildlife

Diversity Biologist with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, who not only was well versed in what we saw, but was delightful with his sense of humor.

Sunday offered lovely vistas up high on Bear Rocks. It is an open rocky heathland and offered up blueberries to eat as we traversed the rocks. The winds picked up, a short bit of rain fell, and then all cleared above us. We could see off in the distance the rain falling on other mountain tops. This made for spectacular picture taking.

My favorite wildflower in bloom was the *Listera smallii*, a lovely small orchid that we did not expect to locate. This find along with the cooler bug free weather made this trip one I plan on making again in the heat of another summer.



Listera smallii

kidney leafed twayblade

NNNPS Plant Sale September 7, 2013 at Wicomico Parish Episcopal Church 9am-Noon



Hibiscus moscheutos

Our annual native plant sale has been in the planning, potting, growing, and advertising stages since last spring! There were potting “parties” for *Rudbeckia sp.*; *Kalmia latifolia*, Mt. Laurels, and ferns. Members individually potted up their contributions such as *Magnolia virginiana*, swamp magnolia; *Asclepias tuberosa*, butterfly weed; *Callicarpa americana*, beautyberry; *Kosteletzkia pentacarpos*, Seashore mallow; various *Monarda sp.*; *Clethra alnifolia*, sweet pepperbush; *Muhlenbergia capillaris*, pink muhly grass; *Rhododendron atlanticum*, dwarf azalea; *Physostegia virginiana*, obedient plant; and many more. A group met at the Old Courthouse garden and divided/thinned out *Coreopsis verticillata*, threadleaf coreopsis; *Echinacea purpurea*, purple coneflower, and others. Again this year, Denise Green of Sassafras Farm, will be one of our suppliers.

Many thanks in advance for all members growing and contributing plants, and plant sitting (our phrase for watering potted plants over the summer). There is much behind the scene work too, keeping inventory, ordering, pick-up and delivery of purchased plants, plant tag printing and photography. Then there is set-up on Friday, usually 9:00 am until finished. All are invited to help receive, identify and organize our plants for sale. Volunteers are needed again on Saturday for the sale, usually 9:00 am until finished. There is a job for everyone and anyone!

This year, excitement about natives is building due to the “Plant Northern Neck Natives, Go Native, Grow Native” campaign that officially kicked off July 6th at the Irvington Farmers’ Market when the full color, glossy pictures guide became available. The ‘Northern Neck Native Plants Sold Here’ banner will be a feature at this year’s sale along with the campaign plant tags identifying indigenous natives. Copies of the guide and even planting designs will be available. Both are available on-line at www.nnnps.org.

Plan and plant your Northern Neck native plant garden this fall!

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In the lower left hand corner of your check add:

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All but \$5.00 of any membership is tax deductible.

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Whenever you can, please carpool to our meetings, field outings and other activities.

**NN Chapter of the VNPS Outings and Meetings Calendar:
Chapter Meetings & Saturday Outings are open to the public**

Sept. 7, Saturday	9:00 am - Noon. <i>Native Plant Sale.</i> Wicomico Parish Church.
Sept. 13-15, Fri. - Sun.	Annual VNPS Fall Conference, Charlottesville, VA. Contact: Paula Boundy.
Sept. 19, Thursday	Noon. <i>TBD.</i> Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church. Bring bag lunch. (Board meeting starts at 10:00).
Oct. 17, Thursday	Noon. <i>New Garden Plans Using Native Plants,</i> Paula Boundy. Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church. Bring bag lunch. (Board meeting starts at 10:00).
Nov. 21, Thursday	Noon. <i>Native Azaleas,</i> George McClellan. Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church. Bring bag lunch. (Board meeting starts at 10:00).

Visit Our Chapter Website at:

<http://www.nnnps.org>

Other Websites of Interest

<http://vnps.org>

<http://www.nativeseednetwork.org>

NOTE: Belle Isle State Park will be closed on the following days for managed deer hunts:

November 13-14

December 16-17

Expect More!

Additional outings will be announced to our members via email.

All walks are weather permitting. If any doubt, call Paula Boundy at 804-436-4944

Driving directions will be emailed to members in the week before each outing.

To learn more, contact: Ted Munns, 453-3621 or tedmunns@kaballero.com

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