



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 6
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Kosteleskya virginica, seashore mallow

Joan Hattersley (artwork)

Message from the President

I am writing this on a beautiful late summer morning. The rains have been good this summer, we have experienced no extraordinary heat, and we approach this fall with renewed optimism. Two major events will occupy our time and talents: First, our annual NN Native Plant Sale; second, an event billed as the first annual “Go Native—Grow Native Plant Festival” at Stratford Hall.

Our Plant Sale is on September 6 at Wicomico Church Parish. Thanks to those of you who have tended to the potted-up plants slated for our sale. This is our key fundraiser and more plants are always welcome. If you have some natives that are too crowded at your home and need to be “thinned out” please contact me to see if they can be offered to other native plant lovers at our sale. We start the sale promptly at 9:00 am and will end at noon. **THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCED SALES.** It’s first come - first serve. We will have a wide selection (as usual) of shade loving/wet loving/sun loving plants. We’ll have trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials, ephemerals, fall blooming plants that will complement any ones landscape plans. If you would like to help out on the day of the sale, we can use your help. We need people to talk about the attributes of our offerings (where they do best), price taggers, plant toters, general set ups, etc. Please contact Paula Boundy if you are interested.



The Go Native—Grow Native Festival is an event that we are sponsoring and Stratford Hall (Robert E. Lee’s birthplace in Westmoreland County), is hosting on October 4. Stratford Hall has reserved the site for us on that date and made available their DuPont Library for presentations. Janet and Paula will be featured speakers along with actor Richard Cheatham who will portray John Clayton. Carol Heiser of DGIF will talk on habitats using native plants and will dedicate a portion of the estate to natives by providing plants for installation. Plant vendors will be on site as well as the NN Master Gardeners and NN Master Naturalists. There will be something for everyone! Kids will have activities, garden planning advice will be given, a tent to help ID exotic invasives and recommendations for native replacements will be offered, native plants for sale by local nurseries, and a chance to visit one of America’s historic estates will make October 4, 2014 a day to remember.

As always, we will begin our monthly Thursday meeting at Wicomico Church soon. We will be having election of officers for the next two years, our lecture series and hikes will begin anew, and our getting to see old friends and meet new ones is always exciting. Fall is always FUN!!

Ted Munns

Do you know the answer to the name of the plant in this poem?

Ghost Flower

by Mary Thatcher Higginson

In shining groups, each stem a pearly ray,
Weird flocks of light within the shadowed wood,
They dwell aloof, a spotless sisterhood.
No Angelus, except the wild bird’s lay,
Awakes these forest nuns; yet night and day
Their heads are bent, as if in prayerful mood.
A touch will mar their snow, the tempests rude
Defile; but in the mist fresh blossoms stray
From spirit-gardens just beyond our ken.
Each year we seek their virgin haunts, to look
Upon new loveliness, and watch again
Their shy devotions near the singing brook;
Then, mingling in the dizzy stir of men,
Forget the vows made in that cloistered nook.

Orchid and Azalea Protection



VDOT's Bob Harper has had signs installed in Chilton Woods State Forest on Field Trial Road that will protect the azaleas and orchids near the road.

Please see the azalea bloom in April/May 2015.

2014 Tentative Education and Outreach

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. Install Native plant borders around Flight Cage at Wild Bunch Rehabilitation Site in Warsaw pending grant funding. Farmers' Markets (tentative)
Sept. 6, Saturday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm. <i>NNVNPS Plant Sale.</i> Wicomico Episcopal Church
Sept. 13, Saturday	TBD. Edwardsville Fall Festival. Contacts: Nancy Garvey, Ted Munns, and Judy Lang
Sept. 14, Sunday	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. <i>Boots, Bids and BQ.</i> Gascony Estate in Northumberland County (on the shores of Mill Creek and Ingram Bay at the home of Paul and Rosemary Tribble).
Sept. 20, Saturday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm. <i>Kinsale Days.</i> Contacts: Lynn Norris (804-450-7651) and Rhon and Darlene Nelson. Can sell plants and items.

WILDBUNCH WILDLIFE REHABILITATION REFUGE



Ron Moon of Wildbunch Wildlife Rehabilitation receives rain barrels from Nancy Garvey of the Northern Neck Native Plant Society and Edna Roberts of the Northern Neck Master Gardeners.

The Northern Neck Audubon Society approved a grant application for a Plant Northern Neck Natives demonstration garden at Wild Bunch Wildlife Rehabilitation Refuge near Warsaw, Virginia. The project involves installing gutters, downspouts, rain barrels, a drip irrigation system and landscaping around the perimeter of a recently constructed 3200-square foot flight cage designed to house large birds of prey during the time they are being rehabilitated.

Thanks to the grant, the Northern Neck Master Gardeners were able to provide eight rain barrels for the facility. The captured rain water will be used to water a demonstration native plant garden being established at the site by the Northern Neck Native Plant Society (NNNPS). Nancy Garvey of the NNNPS wrote the grant request and was instrumental in coordinating the efforts of the various organizations.

Ron Moon of Wildbunch and Martha Berger, a Virginia Master Naturalist volunteer at WBWR, received the barrels on Thursday, June 26 at the Wildbunch Wildlife Refuge. The grant provided for gutters and downspouts to be installed on the Flight Building to channel water into the rain barrels. The Flight Building contains a number of cages for large birds that are recovering from various injuries. The building also has a circular fly-way around the outside of the rehabilitation cages so the birds can fly non-stop as they recover their strength and flying ability. At the present time, there are a number of owls and hawks and an osprey housed

in this building. In other buildings at the site are a number of baby raccoons and possums, a baby skunk, a baby turkey vulture, a fox, and various other animals in different stages of recovery. To learn more about Wildbunch go to www.wildbunchrehab.org, or call 804-313-2240.

Paula Boundy has developed garden plans for each of the eight sides of the building. After the installation of the gutter and drainage system, volunteers from NN Audubon Society, the Northern Neck Chapter of the Native Plant Society, Northern Neck Master Naturalists and others will be recruited to plant and maintain the garden. This demonstration garden will provide an attractive landscape around the building and will demonstrate how native plants can be used in residential landscaping, how storm water can be managed and conserved, and will provide habitat and food for native wildlife especially birds and insects. Members are encouraged to join in the fun when this project gets underway. Watch for notices and plan on pitching in when we start moving mulch and planting shrubs and over 150 perennial native plants and grasses. We will also be looking for contributions from members gardens. This is an exciting project at one of the Northern Necks' most interesting sites especially for those who love birds and wildlife.

The Northern Neck Master Gardeners hold workshops to teach the public how to make rain barrels. Their final workshop of the season will be held at Menokin on Saturday, August 23rd. Registration is through the Northumberland Extension Office at 804-580-5694. Readymade rain barrels and composters are also available by calling Edna Roberts at 804-435-6086.

Text/Photo: Nancy Garvey

NNVNPS Out Working

Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury



On May 9th, Tom Teeples sponsored a field outing at Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury to see 3 large trees he discovered and help clear a walking loop trail that passed by them. The trees are a Southern Red Oak (which was damaged by a storm last summer), a Mocker Nut Hickory, and a Willow Oak. Byron Carmean, a retired horticulturist, has contributed over 270 trees to the Virginia Big Tree data base and has over 60 trees in Nancy Ross Hugo's Remarkable Trees of Virginia. Byron has been to see these trees and says that the Southern Red Oak is the second largest Southern Red Oak in Virginia!

It was fun and productive event and worth an afternoon of "tick picking".



Text: Margaret Gerdt/Photos: Earline Walker

Triodansis perfoliata [prev. *Specularia perfoliata*] Venus' Looking-glass

There is a plant in bloom in my front garden that I recognized from my botanizing with Marie Minor in 2007-2008. I encouraged it benignly last year due to its uniqueness and because it is bluish purple, a desirable bloom color. It also volunteered = no \$\$ involved! I thought I remembered its name but did not go check on it. Yesterday a friend came by and wanted to walk the yard. I enthusiastically showed off the plant and stated that it is a native. She expressed some doubt so today I formally researched it.



First I went onto the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora (DAVF) [vapplants.org] and searched for Venus' looking glass as the common name. Well you have to be very specific on this site's search so it said "Sorry, there were no results found for your search." So, I have to go to my old Peterson's Field Guide where I know it is included. Once I found the book, sure enough, there it is! So why not in Digital Flora?

Returning to the computer, I try the USDA Plants Database [plants.usda.gov], which can cross search if you are not very specific and typed in the latin bi-nomial from Petersons: *Specularia perfoliata* & shazam it is now named *Triodansis perfoliata*! - like Asters being renamed *Symphyotrichum* (I like the old names better!). Now I copy and search DAVF and this time I have success.

The plant is in the *Campanulaceae* - Bluebell Family and is an annual. Perhaps this is why not many know this plant. It is a native and occurs in almost every county in Virginia with its habitat "Dry, open forests, woodlands, barrens, rock outcrops, and various weedy, disturbed habitats." (DAVF) I love having a weedy disturbed habitat. It suits my personality.

According to Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center site [wildflower.org] this is a plant for dry shade another very desirable characteristic for a plant. Last, I want to know whether seeds are commercially available and no 'hit' came up in a general Google search, so I went to Dave's Garden [davesgarden.com] to use the Plant Files tool to do a specific search. There I found its preference for a sunny garden, a warning of weediness, and 2 vendors offering seed.



I'll save some for you.

Text: Paula Boundy / Line drawing & Photo: plants.usda.gov

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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. 6, Saturday	9:00 am - Noon. <i>NNVNPS Plant Sale.</i> Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church. Member setup will be on Friday from 9:00 to noon. Contact: Paula Boundy.
Sept. 18, Thurs.	Noon. <i>TBD.</i> Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church. Bring bag lunch. (Board meeting starts at 10:00)
Oct. 4, Saturday	9:30 am - 4:30 pm. <i>Go Native-Grow Native Festival.</i> Stratford Hall. (\$10 adults, children under 12 free)
Oct. 16, Thurs.	Noon. <i>Chapter Officer Elections & Accomplishments Program.</i> Wicomico Parish (Episcopal) Church. Bring bag lunch. (Board meeting starts at 10:00)
Oct. 17-19 Fri. - Sun.	<i>Annual VNPS Fall Conference, Virginia Beach, VA.</i> See VNPS Bulletin or go to VNPS.org for info. Contact: Steve Stasulis, Committee Chair
Nov. 20, Thurs.	Noon. <i>The Flora of Virginia: Let's dig in and get to know the book.</i> Speaker: Chris Ludwig, DCR. 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>
goorchids.northamericanorchidgoorchi

**Welcome to Our
Newest Members**

Carol Byrd and Marlene Bott

Newsletter: three issues annually.

Send ideas, articles, photos, etc.,
by December 1st to
bayfishers3@aol.com

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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

***Be Sure to Check Your Local Paper for More Details on
NNVNPS Meetings and Events***

Answer to poem on page 2 - *Monotropa uniflora* or Indian Pipe



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