



NORTHERN NECK CHAPTER  
Virginia Native Plant Society

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

# NN Native Plant News

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## Spring Ephemerals at Hickory Hollow Natural Area Preserve



On April 19, the Northern Neck Native Plant Society sponsored a field outing at Hickory Hollow Natural Area Preserve in Lancaster County. Ellis Squires, Certified Virginia Master Naturalist, led the group on our annual visit in the search for plants that emerge quickly in the spring, briefly grow and reproduce, then die back to their underground parts before the trees finish leafing out. Last year Squires updated Hickory Hollow's plant list, finding a total of 255 different species of native or introduced plants.



Photos: Earline Walker

## Message from the President

By the time you read this, the snow will be just a memory, Spring fever will be in full force, and dreams of tilling, planting, pruning, and what-to-do-next chores will occupy our time and our minds. The Northern Neck Chapter of VNPS has had an active winter regardless of the long/cold/windy/snowy days and nights. We have introduced ourselves to the local newspapers who have pledged to publish our wonderful Plant of the Month articles. Our lectures have been well attended by Northern Neckers who did not flee the cold and by many visitors who read the newspaper announcements. Our membership rolls have increased. Our tree give-away at the Master Gardener's Gardening in the Northern Neck was a great success and we wish to thank the Senior Lawyers Association of Virginia for their support in acquiring natives from the VA Department of Forestry. We will continue the weekend hikes at various locations; returning for visits later in the year will give everyone an appreciation of the diversity of plants from our early spring ephemerals, summer's verdant displays, and glorious fall foliage. We are outreaching to the public by accepting invitations to public forums, maintaining and expanding our native gardens, and providing literature and displays at schools and libraries.



The enthusiasm expressed by our members has flowed over to local garden centers who are continuing our Go Native—Grow Native campaign by offering discounts to members in good standing. Our web site is incomparable and we will continue the campaign to rid the NN of invasive plants. Our sights are aimed at our always successful plant sale in September and to our participation in Stratford Hall's Native Plant Day in October. I cannot do this by myself. Every member has contributed to our success and our continued success depends upon you, our volunteers. Thank you. We can always use volunteers. If you, or your neighbor, or your week-end visitors asks "What's to do here?" just lead them to our newspaper notices or to our web site. There is never a dull moment in the Northern Neck!

*Ted Munns*

## Go Native—Grow Native

### Native Plant Sales

Several of the Go Native—Grow Native partner garden centers will be holding special "Native Plant Days" this spring when they will offer Northern Neck native plants at a discount and provide space for the Plant Northern Neck Natives campaign team to hand out educational materials and give advice to shoppers. Please stop by and give them your business!

Saturday, May 3, 10-2 at Miller's Greenhouse in Tappahannock  
Saturday, May 17, 10-2 at Murphy's Feed & Seed in Mt. Holly



*Garland Edwards of Edwards  
Produce and Plants,  
Wicomico Church*

Also, Stratford Hall invited the Plant Northern Neck Natives campaign to hold a special event on October 4, 2014 called "Go Native--Grow Native Plants." The program will include speakers and interactive exhibits focusing on backyard habitats, identifying and eradicating alien invasive plants, the history of botany in Virginia and guided trail walks featuring the native plants on the property. Pencil in the date today!

### Native Plant Note Cards Now Available!

Chapter members Carol Hammer and Janet Pawlukiewicz teamed up with Barb Brecher, a local graphic artist, to develop these exquisite note cards. Proceeds will benefit the Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. Look for them soon at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, The Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington and several of our Go Native--Grow Native partner garden centers.



## Past Meetings

### Living Shorelines



At our March meeting, Sue Lindsay explained the Master Gardener's "Integrated Shoreline Evaluation Assistance" (I-SEA) program and showed how there are many things homeowners can do to deal with erosion on waterfront properties." Sue discussed ways to

control water runoff through the installation of rain barrels, drywells, or rain gardens and also discussed how the use of native plants can hold the soil in place and add interest to the landscape.

A keen Master Gardener, Sue developed a horticulture-based after-school program for third graders at Lancaster Primary School and ran it for seven years. She also was responsible for the creation of the ABC (A Backyard Classroom) garden at the school.

*Photo: Sue Lindsay*

### Native Azaleas

In April, J. Jackson of Appalachian Native Plants in Mountain City, Tennessee, gave a presentation on growing native azaleas from seed and provided the group with an overview of propagation techniques for native azaleas.



Lindy Johnson, and their dogs at home in Mountain City, TN.

After the talk, members adjourned to repot 300 plants grown and delivered by Mr. Jackson and his wife Lindy Johnson. The plants, grown from seed collected from azaleas growing in Chilton Woods, were dispersed to members who will tend them until they are ready to offer at our sale in September. (see workshop photos below).

*Photo: J. Jackson*

## Native Azalea Potting Workshop

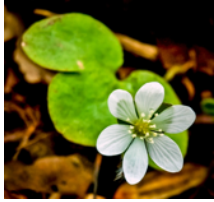


*Photos: Earline Walker*

# Plants of the Month

## March

### Round-lobed Hepatica



*Anemone americana*, commonly known as round-lobed hepatica is a delightful, low-growing wildflower which can be seen in scattered colonies in undisturbed wooded areas of the Northern Neck.

Flowering plants on the forest floor are hard to come by in late winter or earliest spring. Hepatica is an exception because it maintains its three-lobed green leaves throughout the winter and is one of our earliest-blooming native wildflowers.

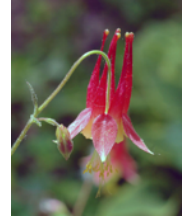
If conditions are right, the six-petaled violet-blue flowers, each about the size of an African violet, sometimes appear amidst a light snow cover in March. The flowers will often persist until May. On my property, round-lobed hepatica grow wild on a north-facing hillside at the base of a very old tulip poplar.

Hepatica will thrive in the home garden if sited in a spot that receives a few hours of sun each day, and in rich, moist, humous soil. They respond well to light fertilization in spring.

You can scatter or mass round-lobed hepatica in a woodland garden but they need to be kept apart from other plants that might smother them. Growing round-lobed Hepatica from seed is difficult but established plants are easily divided.

## April

### Eastern Red Columbine



Eastern red columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), one of our most important and attractive perennial wildflowers, is the only columbine native to the Eastern United States. Growing up to 2 feet in height, the plants thrive in soils with ample moisture but good drainage and prefer partial shade.

The nodding flowers, usually red and yellow but occasionally all yellow, appear in April and May. They provide nectar for butterflies and are an important food source for early arriving hummingbirds.

The leaves, which somewhat resemble those of the maiden hair fern, are somewhat resistant to the leaf miners which can disfigure the foliage of non-native columbines. An added bonus is that deer rarely eat the leaves.

Eastern red columbine can be used in natural woodlands or in flower borders. If a plant likes its location, it will reseed to form a large grouping. Plants are also easy to start from seed but will not flower until the second year after sowing.

Photos: Carol Hammer

### Annual RIP (Remove Invasive Plants) Day is Saturday May 3rd



2012 RIP volunteers at Belle Isle from left, Tanya Bolkhe, Nick Ferriter, Earline Walker, Jim Kurdziel & Nancy Garvey

The Northern Neck Chapters of the Virginia Native Plant Society and Virginia Master Naturalists invite the public to join their members in the annual, statewide effort to Remove Invasive Plants from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3rd. Volunteers can assist Nick Ferriter at Belle Isle State Park, Lancaster County, or Ron Kroll at the Lodge of the Wilna Tract of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Richmond County. Attendees are asked to wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts and, preferably, boots. Bring gloves and, if possible, loppers or a pruning saw or a bow saw.

Non-native invasive species, which are widespread both on land and underwater, are costly threats to healthy ecosystems. Invasive plants, animals, and pathogens negatively impact water quality, wildlife populations, and other natural resources. Everyone can assist by not planting or spreading invasive plants, by removing invasives from their own properties, and by helping to remove them in parks and other public areas.



The April/May 2014 issue of House & Home features an article by our member Judy Ripley on Native Orchids with photos by Carol Hammer.

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 6

9:00 to Noon

Annual Native Plant Sale!!!

Wicomico Episcopal Church

Wicomico, VA

## 2014 Tentative 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. Install Native plant borders around Flight Cage at Wild Bunch Rehabilitation Site in Warsaw pending grant funding. Farmers' Markets (tentative)
Spring thru Summer (TBD)	<b>10:00 am - 2:00 pm.</b> Information tables at Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland libraries.
May 18, Sunday	<b>11:00 am - 4:00 pm.</b> <i>Go Wild Event.</i> Rappahanock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Hutchinson Tract,
May 24, Saturday	<b>9:00am - 3:00pm.</b> <i>St. Stephens Strawberry Festival.</i> St. Stephens's Episcopal Church Grounds, Heathsville, VA
Sept. 6, Saturday	<b>9:00 am - 1:00 pm.</b> <i>NNVNPS Plant Sale.</i> Wicomico Episcopal Church
Sept. 13, Saturday	<b>TBD.</b> <i>Edwardsville Fall Festival.</i> Contacts: Nancy Garvey, Ted Munns, and Judy Lang
Sept. 20, Saturday	<b>9:00am - 2:00pm.</b> <i>Kinsale Days.</i> Contacts: Lynn Norris (804-450-7651), John Krainock, and Rhon and Darlene Nelson. Can sell plants and items.
Sept. 14, Sunday	<b>3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.</b> <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).

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### Membership Fees

**Individual: \$30**  
**Family: \$40**  
**Secondary: \$5 (goes to another chapter)**

Send your check to:

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 400 Blandy Lane, Unit 2  
 Boyce, VA 22602

In the lower left hand corner of your check add:

**"Membership, Northern Neck Chapter"**

All memberships are good for one year from the month you join. The state office of VNPS will send you a renewal reminder.

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

### Please Help Us Keep in Touch with You!

Whenever your email address, phone number or postal address changes, please contact:

John Krainock at jkrainock@usa.net or  
 (804) 472-3051

**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**

May 14, Saturday	<b>10:00 - Noon.</b> <i>Hickory Hollow's Cabin Swamp Plants.</i> Guide: Glyn Surdam, Certified Virginia Master Naturalist. Wear appropriate footwear and bring your walking stick.
May 17, Saturday.	<b>10:00 - Noon.</b> <i>Old Man's Beard at Baylor Park Nature Trail.</i> Leader: Paula Boundy, Certified Virginia Master Naturalist. Wear appropriate footwear and bring your walking stick..
May 31, Saturday	<b>10:00 - Noon.</b> <i>Laurel Grove in Bloom.</i> Laurel Grove Tract, Rappahanock River Valley National Wildlife Preserve, Farnham. Guide: Marie Minor, Chapter botany specialist. Meet at parking lot near end of Laurel Grove Rd.
June 14, Saturday	<b>10:00 - Noon.</b> <i>Geology Of Dameron March &amp; Hughlett Point.</i> Guides: Rebecca Wilson, Va. Dept of Conservation, and retired geology professor, Dr. Lynton Land. Wear appropriate clothing & insect repellent; bring water. Meet at Shiloh School.

**Welcome to Our  
Newest Members**

*Anne Cotter, Marie Carstensen,  
Judy McBride, and  
Elizabeth & Clifford Harris*

**Visit Our Chapter Website at:**

<http://www.nnnps.org>

**Other Websites of Interest**

<http://vnps.org>  
<http://www.nativeseednetwork.org>

**Newsletter:** three issues annually.

**Send ideas, articles, photos, etc.,  
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***Be Sure to Check Your Local Paper for More Details on  
NNNPS Meetings and Events***

***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](mailto:tedmunns@kaballero.com)***



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