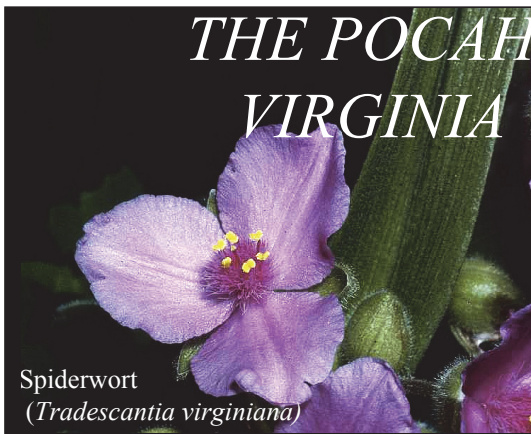
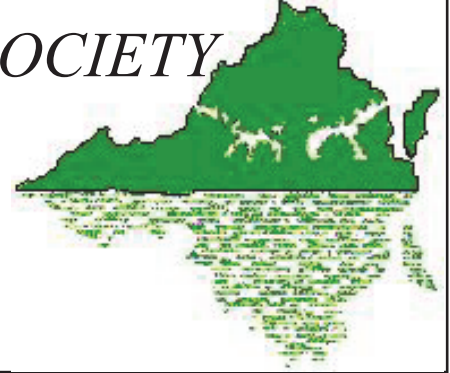


# THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



*March 2012*



## **March Meeting**

**Thursday March 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

**at the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in the Lab  
The room is available at 6:30, come early and Socialize**

**Lou Verner presents**

***Conservation Restoration in the 21st Century – Why Native Plants Hold the Keys to Success.***

Lou Verner is a Region 4 Terrestrial Biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of Illinois. With over 30 years experience as a university professor, ecologist and wildlife biologist, Lou's major interest is educating the public about the ecological and economic values associated with the conservation and restoration of wildlife habitat.

## **Chapter Events**

**April 5, 2012 Chapter Meeting:** Frank L. Robinson President & CEO, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden will discuss "Plans for a Native Plant Garden at Lewis Ginter".

We will discuss and plan the September VNPS Annual Meeting

**May 2012 Chapter Annual Picnic.** Date and location to be announced.

## **VNPS ANNUAL MEETING**

**September 14-16, 2012**

**SAVE THE DATE! RESERVE A ROOM NOW!**

The VNPS 2012 Annual Meeting, hosted by the Pocahontas Chapter, will be held September 14-16, 2012 in Richmond, VA at Wyndham Virginia Crossings, a lovely facility overlooking the site of the Civil War Battle of Yellow Tavern. Rooms are limited; there is no block of rooms saved. You're encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible directly with Wyndham to receive our special room rates. Rates are per room (plus tax), not per person, and include buffet breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday:

Single \$109.00, Double \$119.00 (including 2 breakfasts), Triple \$129.00, Quad \$149.00.

Please give Wyndham the event name "Virginia Native Plant Society Rate Quote" when making your reservation. Call 1-888-444-6553 (toll free).

Focusing on "Then and Now Along the James," field trips will be planned throughout the surrounding metropolitan area. Watch for registration forms for the VNPS meetings & programs in the spring VNPS newsletter with descriptions of field trips and opportunities to select according to your interests.

## Winter Workshop:

The 2012 VNPS Winter Workshop will be held at the University of Richmond, on March 10, 9:15 - 3:15. Speakers will present an overview of Virginia's Ecosystems. Martin Ogle of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority will be the keynote speaker with retired forester, Tom Dierauf presenting forest ecology, Mike Hayslett of Sweetbrier presenting non-tidal wetland ecology and Ben Tracy of Virginia Tech speaking on ecology of grasslands. The fee for this year has been raised to \$45. Registration will begin the last week of January (details later) and will be due March second. However, having sold out the past three years, folks are advised to register early.

If you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please cancel. Each year we have several no-shows who do not cancel. Thus, we have a few empty seats. Participants will be asked to include telephone contacts. If we have a wait list and if space becomes available as late as 6 PM on March ninth, we will make every effort to give the seat(s) to wait listed individual(s). Registration will be available online. Details later.

The Pocahontas Chapter will provide refreshments etc. as in the past.

## Minutes of the Pocahontas Chapter Virginia Native Plant Society Meeting February 2, 2012

The meeting was opened by the president, Catharine Tucker who welcomed all.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Announcements:

Posted: 2/10 Darwin Day at VCU

3/17 Dept of Forestry- New Kent Walk in the Woods more info at next month's meeting

3/10 VNPS Workshop at U of Richmond

Calendar:

3/1 Lou Verner "Conservation Restoration in the 21st Century- Why Native Plants Hold the Keys to Success".

4/5 Speaker TBA and Annual Meeting Field Trip Planning Session.

5/5 Chapter Picnic.

9/14-16 Host Annual Meeting.

Hal Horwitz's "Our Native Orchids" photographs will be on display in conjunction with the United States Botanical Garden show "Orchid Mystique". His photographs will be on display from February 18 - April 29.

John Hayden's photo will be part of the University of Richmond's show "Frames of Reference" at the International Center Gallery

Old Business:

Catharine and Randee Humphrey of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden reviewed the Pocahontas Chapter, VNPS Memoranda of Understanding with the garden. The obligations on both parts were clarified and are being brought up to date.

Catharine reviewed the progress of the Annual Meeting plans.

Friday: Registration, dinner, speaker Leonard Adkins

Saturday: Breakfast for lodgers, Field trips, dinner, business meeting, speakers -Robert Wright and Mathias Lee.

### The Pocahontas Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

serves the counties of: Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, New Kent, Powhatan and the cities of Ashland, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond. It meets the first Thursday of September through April at 7:00 PM in the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, unless otherwise stated.

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Sunday: Breakfast for lodgers, Field trips

## **We Will Need Volunteers To Aid And Accompany Field Trip Leaders**

Pat Brodie introduced Laura Greenleaf who spoke on the basic causes and consequences of light pollution, how it affects human health, wildlife, and plant growth, and why improved outdoor lighting is better for us, our communities, and our environment. For more information contact: International Dark Sky Association at <http://www.darksky.org/about-ida>.

Daune Poklis, Secretary

## **The Virginia Native Plant Society is sponsoring 2 trips this Spring**

### ***1. Florida Panhandle Field Trip***

A week-long VNPS trip to the Florida Panhandle is planned for March 25-31, 2012

Trip highlights are expected to include visits to Florida Caverns, Angus Gholson Park, several sites in the vicinity of Torreya State Park, stops in the Apalachicola National Forest, a boat tour of the Apalachicola Basin (limit 13, first-come, first-served), and a guided trip to a dune habitat on St. George Island.

We expect to see trilliums, flowering shrubs, carnivorous plants, a dwarf cypress forest, and a multitude of other plants. The cost of the trip will be \$675 and will include lodging, lunches, guides, and admission fees. To reserve a place, send a deposit of \$100 to the VNPS office [VNPS Florida Trip, 400 Blandy Farm Lane #2, Boyce, VA 22620]. Sign-ups will be in the order in which deposit checks are received.



### ***2. Visit Virginia's Southern Appalachian Mountains***

This year's tour to Southwest Virginia will take place May 6 to May 11, 2012 and will focus on old favorites and some new special places in Wise County. We will likely spend our first three nights in Norton visiting High Knob, Roaring Branch and other sites in the Jefferson National Forest. Return visits to Natural Tunnel State Park and White Top Mountain are a must. Other sites are still under discussion, but we will complete our tour at Abingdon, with the option of attending the Mt. Rogers Naturalist Rally on Friday night and Saturday.

Plant lists and more information about the places we will visit will be provided to registrants. We try to make these tour hikes fairly slow and easy, but hikes in this area can be steep and rocky, and there may be two to four miles of walking in a day.

Cost of the trip will be \$550. This includes lodging, lunches and guided hikes, and a donation of \$150 to VNPS. Registration for the trip opens on March 10. Please reserve by mailing a check to VNPS, or call the office to pay with credit card. A deposit of \$100 will hold your place, and full payment is due by April 7.

Send payment to: Virginia Native Plant Society, SWVA Trip, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, #2, Boyce, VA 22620



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