

# THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

April 2005



Spiderwort  
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)

## APRIL MEETING

**Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM** in the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens  
This is the final business meeting until September. We will discuss the elections, the upcoming May chapter picnic and plans for speakers and field trips for the next year.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

**The April field trip** will be to the Hardware River Wildlife Refuge on April 17. Meet at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the site. Catherine Tucker will lead the trip.

### ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

A ballot for the election of Chapter officers and an amendment to the Chapter by-laws is on page 3. You may fill in the ballot and mail it to Noreen Cullen, 549 Glenmeadow Rd., Midlothian, Va 23114, vote at the April Meeting on April 7th in person, or e-mail your vote to Noreen at [Ncullen@richmond.edu](mailto:Ncullen@richmond.edu). Results will be published in the May Newsletter.

### Field Trip to York River State Park

The York River State Park consists of 2,550 acres of forest, marshland and river frontage, and more than 20 miles of hiking and biking trails. The park also has a Native Plant Arboretum and a Native Plant Garden both near the Visitor's Center. We visited the visitors Center then walked through the native plant arboretum located on a trail down to the River, then returned for a short tour of the Native Plant Garden by one of the Park rangers. We then walked along one of the trails which looped along the riverbank then through woods and back to the visitor's center. Although few plants were out we did see christmas fern, club mosses, crane fly orchids and strawberry



Visitors Center with Native Plant Garden, on left. The York River is behind the trees.



Left: Start of the trail to the arboretum. The York River is to the right. Taskinas creek which has a canoe and kayak dock runs through the marsh.  
Right: Arboretum Trail going down to the marsh.



bushes, and several blue birds. The members present on the walk decided it would be worthwhile to re-visit the park during the summer or fall, to explore more trails and see the native plant garden which is being upgraded.



Above: Our group looking at the native plant garden in front the Visitors Center.

Center: New Plant ID plaques which will be put in the Native Plant Garden later this Spring.



Bank of the York River along the Trail. Note the large number of fallen trees due to erosion from Hurricane Frances.

## Minutes of the March 3, 2005 meeting of the Pocahontas Chapter of the VNPS

Kristi Orcutt opened the meeting.

**Old Business:** Duane Poklis gave a report on our booth at the Maymont Flower and Garden Show. She said we had a lot of new homeowners who were interested in using native plants in their landscaping. She brought some of the brochures

that were handed out at the booth. Richard Moss's photographs of wildflowers were a great attraction to the booth. Everyone thanked Duane for all of her work in coordinating our volunteers at the Maymont Flower and Garden Show. Our chapter pays \$200 and the state organization pays \$200 for the booth rental. Duane suggested that we ask neighboring chapters to contribute to the \$200 because they benefit from our exposure at the show.

Richard Moss got an e-mail from the state fair asking if the Native Plant Society would be interested in having a booth at the state fair. This will entail a lot more work than the Maymont Show because it runs 2 weeks instead of 4 days. It was suggested to see if any other organizations would like to share the booth with us. Kristi said she will contact organizations like ours to see if they would be interested. It is the consensus of those present that the society needs to be more visible to the public and having booths at events like the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's Plant sale or the Earth Day Celebration may be one way to increase our visibility. Duane observed that the plant selection in the landscaping at the Maymont show was not as abundant as in previous years. A lot of the exhibits were hardscaping like pavers and water features. She suggested that a letter be written to Maymont making this observation. Maybe the society should explore the Home and Garden Show to see if the people attending this event would be more interested in plants and thus be more the audience that the society wants to target for information.

### 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.

#### Chapter Officers

President	Dean Walton
Vice President	-
Secretary	Peggy Furqueron
Treasurer	Bucci Zeugner
Membership Chair	Pat Brodie

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**New Business:** Pat Brodie brought copies of the Chapter's by-laws to the meeting. In the by-laws, elections are to be held in September. Richard Moss made a motion to change the by-laws to have the election in April. Chris Seibert seconded it. Having the election in September doesn't give the newly elected people time to arrange programs or prepare for the annual meeting, which is usually in September. The membership will have to vote on the change and it is decided to put it on the ballot for the election of officers in April. This election is a special case because our president can no longer serve and we do not have a vice-president to succeed him. The slate of officers will be put on the ballot that will be mailed in the next newsletter along with the change in the by-laws. The motion passed on a show of hands.

Pat Brodie brought up a privacy issue in giving out membership lists with addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. She wondered if the chapter shouldn't get members' approval before distribution of this information. Catherine Tucker made a motion that the chapter will not sell or give out our membership list. Chris Seibert seconded it and the motion passed by a show of hands.

Richard said that the newsletter still does not have a name. A contest is being held to name the newsletter. The winner will get a year's membership in the Native Plant Society. Names should be sent to Richard Moss.

The next field trip will be March 19 at the York River State Park. They have a native plant garden at the visitor's center. Meet at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden at 9:00 a.m. to car pool to the park. The April field trip will be to the Hardware River Wildlife Refuge on April 17. Meet at he Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the site.

Catherine Tucker will be leading the walk.

**Program:** Richard Moss and Kristi Orcutt gave a slide program on Field trips Past and Future. Richard showed pictures of some of the plants that we saw on the field trips we took last year. Kristi showed slides from York River State Park. Both had beautiful photographs to share with the group.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Peggy Furqueron, Secretary

### **I. Ballot for the Election of Officers for the Pocahontas Chapter of the Native Plant Society**

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| <b>1. President</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kristi Orcutt</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> _____ |
| <b>2. Vice-President</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Duane Polkis</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> _____ |
| <b>3. Secretary</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Peggy Furqueron</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> _____ |
| <b>4. Treasurer</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bucci Zeugner</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> _____ |

### **II. Change to the By-Laws of the Pocahontas Chapter of the Native Plant Society.**

Reason for Change: The State Organization has elections in September and since the Pocahontas Chapter normally does not meet during the summer, having the election in September doesn't give the newly elected officers time to arrange programs or prepare for the state annual meeting, which is usually in September.

#### **ARTICLE VI Nominating Committee and Election of Officers**

**The annual chapter election of officers will be held in the same month as that of the VNPS election.**

**Change to:**

**The annual chapter election of officers will be held in April.**

**Approve this change.**

**Do Not approve this change.**

**Please send ballot to:**

**Noreen Cullen**

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**Midlothian, Va 23114**

**or e-mail it to [Ncullen@richmond.edu](mailto:Ncullen@richmond.edu)**

**Virginia Native Plant Society Membership Application  
Pocahontas Chapter**

**Make Check payable to VNPS and Mail to:  
Membership Chair, Blandy Experimental Farm, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Unit 2, Boyce, VA 22620**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

___ Individual	\$30.00	___ Sustaining	\$100.00
___ Family	\$40.00	___ Life	\$500.00
___ Student	\$15.00	___ Associate Groups	\$40.00
___ Patron	\$50.00	(Garden Clubs, etc.)	

**I wish to make an additional contribution to \_\_\_ VNPS or \_\_\_ The Pocahontas Chapter,  
VNPS in the amount of:**

\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_ \$20    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$100    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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