

# THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



Spiderwort  
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)



*October 2010*

## October Meeting

**Thursday October 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM**

**at the Education and Library Complex of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Classroom 2**

**The room is available at 6:30, come early and Socialize**

**This Month's Presentation will be:**

**“Plants of Israel”**

**by Hal Horwitz**

Hal Horwitz, a native and resident of Richmond, VA, has photographed people, places and things -- above and below water --for over forty years. Twenty years ago he became fascinated with wildflowers and has photographed little else since. Retired from his practice of Pediatric Dentistry, he travels with his wife, Helen, to capture the beauty of wildflowers photographically. This talk will focus on the plants of Israel.

Hal has taught numerous flower photography courses. He has shown multi-media slide presentations and lectured at symposiums, orchid societies, garden clubs, wildflower societies and civic groups. Solo exhibitions have been mounted in private and public galleries and museums in the Mid-Atlantic area, and his images have been published world wide in many magazines, books, advertisements and digital productions. In addition to his work on North American wildflowers, Hal has written a book on the Wild Orchids of Israel and wrote the initial treatment on Orchidaceae for the Flora of Virginia.

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## CHAPTER EVENTS

**Note: We will be electing new Officers at the October Meeting. If you have not returned your Ballot which was in the September newsletter, please bring it to the meeting and you can vote in person.**

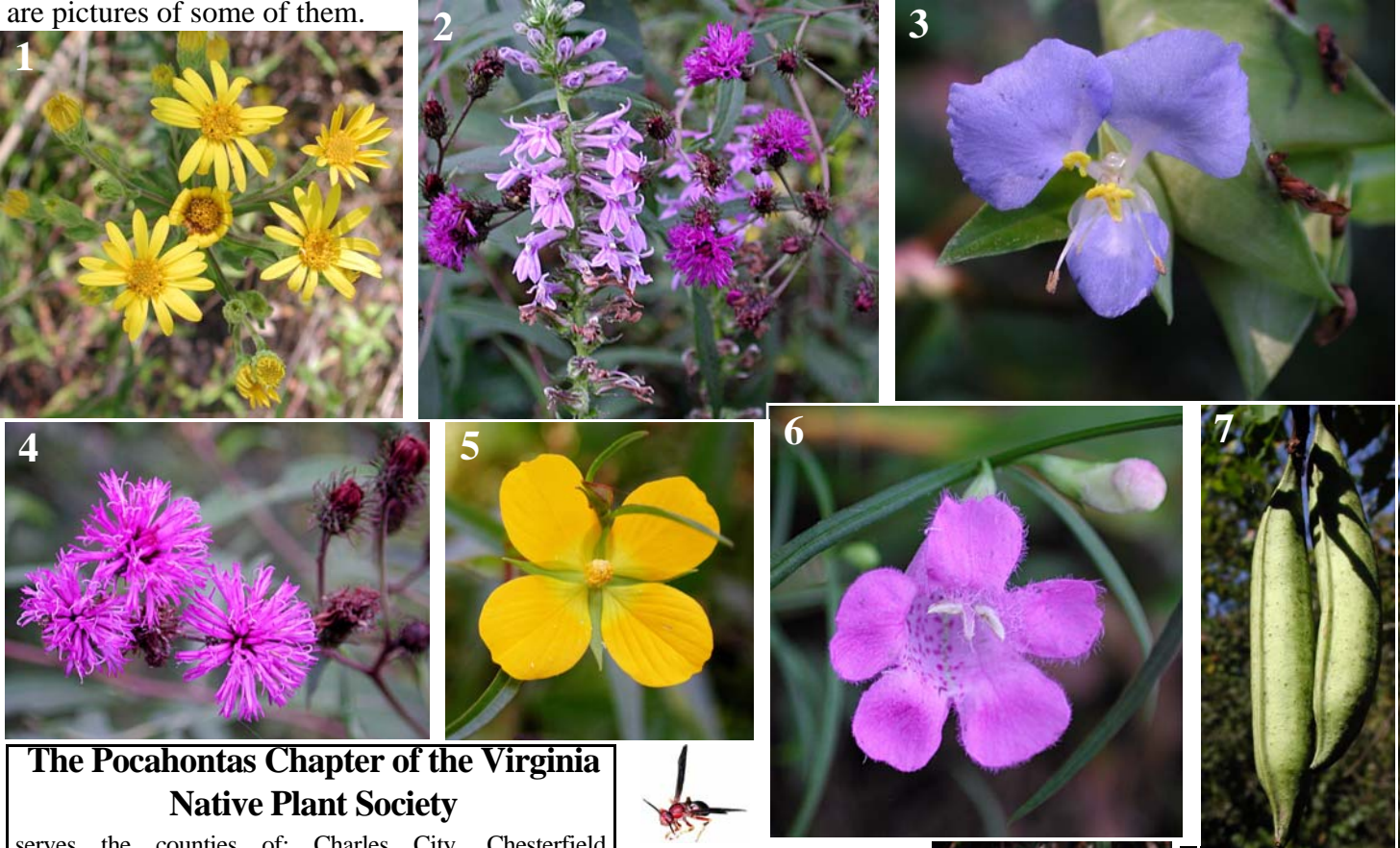
**October 16 Field Trip** - John Hummer's bog garden in Caroline county. We will car pool to go to the garden, meeting at 10 AM at North Park Library. If it's a rainy day (overcast with a steady rain) rain date would be Oct. 23rd! It is requested that you bring a snack food, or small dish of something, if possible....there will be a sandwich tray and potato salad (homemade) and unsweetened ice tea which John will provide. John has a dozen or so stacking chairs but you may want to bring a folding chair just in case.

**November 4 Chapter Meeting**, 7:00PM Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Larry Wilcox To be announced

**November 6 Field Trip** - Pocahontas state park (Beaver Lake). Meet at 9:30AM at the parking lot. Note: Pocahontas Park charges a \$2.00 entrance/parking fee.

**December 4, 2:00 pm Chapter Christmas Party**- At Ernest Wilson's house. More information later.

On September 15, Ernest Wilson, his dog Chester and I explored Appomattox River Regional Park (Ferndale Park). Since the weather had been very dry we did not expect to find much, but apparently the park had recently gotten a very localized shower because it did not appear that dry, and we found lots of plants in bloom. Below are pictures of some of them.



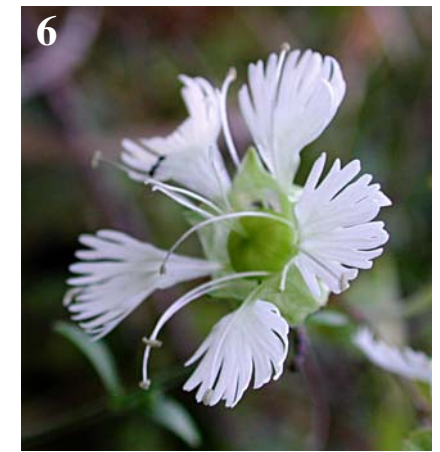
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 serves the counties of: Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, New Kent, Powhatan and the cities of Ashland, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond. It meets the first Thursday of September through April at 7:00 PM in the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

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1. Maryland golden aster, *Chrysopsis mariana*
2. Lobelia, Spiked, *Lobelia spicata* and New York ironweed, *Vernonia noveboracensis*
3. Dayflower, Virginia *Commelina virginica*
4. New York ironweed close up, *Vernonia noveboracensis*
5. Seed Box, *Ludwigia alternifolia*
6. Gerardia, *Agalinis tenuifolia*
7. Trumpet-creeper seedpods, *Campsis radicans*
8. Meadow Beauty, Virginia, *Rhexia virginica*
9. Jack-in-the-pulpit fruit, *Arisaema triphyllum*
10. Dodder, *Cuscuta gronovii*

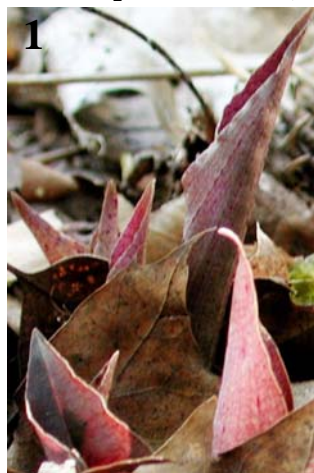
More Appomattox Regional Park photos.



1. Hempweed, Climbing, *Mikenia scandens*
2. Evening primrose, *Oenothera biennis*
3. Fetterbush, *Leucothoe racemosa*
4. Leatherflower, *Clematis viorna*
5. Jewel Weed, Orange, *Impatiens capensis*
6. Champion, Starry, *Silene stellata*
7. Pencil Flower, *Stylosanthes biflora*
8. Blue Curls, *Trichostema dichotomum*
9. Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia cardinalis*
10. Spurge, Flowering, *Euphorbia corollata*
11. Sneezeweed, *Helenium autumnale*
12. Horsemint, *Monarda punctata*



**Field Trip on October 2, to Forest Hill Park in Richmond**



**1.** Cranefly orchis, *Tipularia discolor*, leaves just coming up.

**2.** Hearts-a-busting, *Euonymus americanus*

**3.** Ebony Spleenwort (*Asplenium platyneuron*)

**4.** Silverrod, *Solidago bicolor*, the only white goldenrod

**5.** Seed pods of probably downy false foxglove, *Aureolaria virginica*

**6.** Pussytoes *Antennaria plantaginifolia*

**7.** Zigzag goldenrod, *Solidago flexicaulis*

**8.** Wavy leaved Aster, *Aster undulatus*



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