

# THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

*September 2007*



Spiderwort  
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)

## September Meeting

**Thursday September 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM**

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

**Our Presentation will be:**

***Taking Pictures of Flowers Big and Small***  
**by Jerry Zaun**

Jerry Zaun has been a member of the Camera Club of Richmond for 4 years and has always had an interest in photography but considers himself an amateur. He only dabbled in photography until he went digital which allowed him to afford to take enough pictures to learn. He loves flower pictures but will take a picture of almost anything as it is free until printed. He has taken over 10,000 pictures in the past four years.

Jerry is currently the digital director for the Camera Club of Richmond and collects and digitally projects member photos at club meetings. He also runs the CCR web site ([www.cameraclubofrichmond.com](http://www.cameraclubofrichmond.com)).

He currently has a Canon 20D, 8MPX camera with several lenses including his favorite, a 100-400mm image stabilized lens. At this time, he is also setting up a portrait studio in his home.

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## NOTICE:

Peggy Keefe announced to the board this summer, that for personal reasons, she would be leaving Richmond. Peggy has been an outstanding president who has worked hard to develop and to offer regularly scheduled field trips, to involve the chapter in projects and associations with other organizations in the community, and to represent the chapter well to the state VNPS. She has been a perceptive and discriminating leader who always focused on what would be in the best interest of the chapter and its members. And to top it all off, she is a genuinely nice person who is easy to work with and fun to be around. She will be sorely missed.

Thank you Peggy for having been our president.

VNPS Pocahontas Chapter Board: Daune Poklis acting president, Ernest Wilson vice president, Judy Sheldon secretary, Pat Brodie membership, Richard Moss newsletter editor.

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Daune Poklis, our past vice president has ben appointed as interim president and has volunteered to finish Peggy's term of office (to June 2008). Ernest Wilson has volunteered to fill the office of vice-president. The membership will be asked to approve these officers at the September meeting.

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# EVENTS

FIELD TRIP September 8, 2007. Ferndale Park, Petersburg, VA. Meet at 9:00 AM at LGBG parking lot for those of us north of the River or 9:30 at the Ukrops at Route 1 & 10 in Chester for carpooling to the park. Learn to use/Practice using Newcomb's Wildflower Guide. Ernest Wilson has agreed to teach a lesson on how to use Newcomb's and incorporate it into the field trip he will be leading to Ferndale Park aka Appomattox River Park in Petersburg, VA. Contact Ernest if you plan to attend. 358-3846 or Ernest\_3@msn.com If you own a Newcomb's Wildflower Guide, please bring it. Bring along lunch and plenty of liquids. This will also be an opportunity to practice the photography tips offered by Jerry Zaun our September Speaker.

Again this year the Pocahontas Chapter will be participating in the Virginia Garden Festival SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in the West Parking Lot from 9:00-5:00.

We have a pop-up tent, tables and chairs, brochures and handouts:

### WE NEED HELPERS

Set up is at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning

Shifts are 9-12, 12-3, 3-takedown

Sign up at the meeting-Sept. 6 or contact Daune Poklis 741-7838 or Daune@poklis.org September 22 from 10:00-2:00 is also the LGBG Good Green Fun day in The Children's Garden. The 4th Saturday of each month, the Pocahontas Chapter has a space (covered) in the Children's Garden where we share information with children and their families about native plants and their uses by the indigenous people at the time of the founding of Jamestown. If you would like to help with this on Sept. 22, or Oct. 27 please contact Daune.

With 2 projects the same day (Sat. Sept. 22) we need extra helpers!! Please check your calendars.

## Event Calendar 2007 - 2008

Sept. 6 Jerry Zaun- Taking Pictures of Flowers, Big and Small

### 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

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| President        | Daune Poklis   |
| Vice President   | Ernest Wilson  |
| Secretary        | Judith Sheldon |
| Treasurer        | Bucci Zeugner  |
| Membership Chair | Pat Brodie     |

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| Sept. 8     | Field Trip to Ferndale Park- lesson and practice using Newcomb's Field Guide led by Ernest Wilson.                                                                       |
| Sept. 14-16 | VNPS Annual Meeting - at Gloucester Point. "Where the Water Meets the Land". Cosponsored by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and The John Clayton Chapter, VNPS. |
| Sept. 22    | Pocahontas at LGBG children's garden                                                                                                                                     |
| Sept. 22    | Virginia Garden Festival. The Pocahontas Chapter has a booth.                                                                                                            |
| Oct. 4      | John Hummer- evolution, diversity and habitat of my natural wetland system, including the different eco-types and how I manage it, etc.                                  |
| Oct. 20     | John Hummer wetland/ecology day. Tour of his property. Rain date Oct. 27.                                                                                                |
| Oct. 27-28  | Pocahontas at LGBG children's garden for the Good Green Fun day. Gathering food stuffs for the winter. And Goblins and Gourds (the end of the summer programs).          |
| Nov. 1      | Ralph White - The James River Park System                                                                                                                                |
| Nov. 3      | Field Trip: James River Park led by Ralph White.                                                                                                                         |

- Dec. 6 Ernest Wilson- Twig Identification (part 1 of tree id).  
 Dec. 8 Tree ID Field Trip-(Part 2) led by Ernest Wilson.

### 2008

- Jan. 3 John Hayden - "Consider the lilies..." An examination of recent developments in classification of the petaloid monocots (lilies and relatives), focusing on examples native to Virginia, North America at large, and some favorite and familiar cultivated plants.
- Feb. 7 Hal Horwitz - Orchids of North America.
- Mar. 6 TBA
- March TBA Host Workshop at U of R.
- Apr. 3 Pat Brodie - The Lady bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, TX.
- Apr. 20 LGBG Children's Garden - Spring Fling (#1 of 4 day activities at LGBG) corn/squash/bean seed planting in cups.
- May Picnic and Tree/Plant ID (part 3) Field trip-- by flowers and leaves - also practice using Newcomb's. Led by Ernest Wilson.
- May 24 Pocahontas at LGBG Children's Garden. Good Green Fun (#2) Making clay pots with plant decorations/tools.
- Sept. 27 LGBG Children's Garden-Good Green Fun (#3) Seasons, cordage, mats.
- Oct. 23 - 24 **Northern Limits, Restoring the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem in Virginia.** Hosted by Meadowview Biological Research Station ([www.pitcherplant.org](http://www.pitcherplant.org)). Conference to take place at the 4-H Conference Center in Wakefield, VA. Please see the website <http://www.pitcherplant.org/SpecialEvents.html> or upload the PDF document from this site by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vanativeplantsociety/files> and choose longleafconference3.pdf
- Oct. 26 Goblins and Gourds at LGBG (#4) Last of the summer activities-gathering, drying etc. foods for the winter hunting and fishing

## Membership Roster Update

Sixty nine letters asking for contact information were sent to our membership at the end of July. Thirty nine members responded and there were many corrections made to member information. I will now begin trying to contact members who have not responded. We want our records correct and up-to-date.

Thank you to all who responded promptly.

Pat Brodie, Membership Chair

## VNPS Summer Activity Report

Over the summer, the Pocahontas Chapter has continued to participate in the Good Green Fun program the 4th Saturday of each month. The topics included: the Powhatan Indians' incorporation of native plants in clay pot making; their calendar, plants and items connected with each season; and making cordage and mats with plant fibers and cat tails. We are also helping tend and develop the Powhatan/native plant garden associated with the Native American longhouses. Visit the Children's Garden to see what's "coming up."

Field trips included two trips to John Hummer's wetland property. (He will be our October speaker). The much anticipated trip to see the Grass Pink Orchids at the Zuni Pine Barrens was postponed twice and then cancelled because the orchids did not bloom well this year.

We'll try again next summer. Several members traveled to the Bruce Peninsula for the VNPS 2007 scheduled trip. The Grasses for the Masses project came to an end with the planting of our grass' crop' in June. Pat Brodie has been putting together an up-to-date member roster, which will be available soon.

Thanks to all who have participated in these varied activities. We encourage all members to become more involved in chapter events.

See you at the meeting September 6.

Daune Poklis

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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| ___ 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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