

THE POCAHONTAS CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

September 2008

Spiderwort
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)



September Meeting

Thursday September 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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

Room is available at 6:30, come and Socialize

**This Month's Presentation will be: *Delving Deeper into Butterflies and Moths*
by Ruth Burch**

Ruth will discuss the life cycles of not so common Butterflies; spectacular moths, predators, the importance of native plant habitat and the "Raise and Release" program information.

Ruth is an avid butterfly enthusiast and dedicated butterfly gardener. She and her family maintain a half-acre butterfly habitat and have raised and released numerous species of butterflies and moths, providing the opportunities to study and photograph their many stages and changes. She is a charter member and past president of the Butterfly Society of Virginia. At present, she is an at-home medical transcriptionist for a surgical practice in Virginia Beach and a frequent presenter of programs about butterflies and butterfly gardening to groups of all ages.

President's Message

Welcome back!!!!

Here it is September again and the Pocahontas Chapter is "open for business". I hope each and every one of you had a pleasant summer and have the first Thursday of the month (September thru April) marked for "Pocahontas meeting at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden - 7:00" but come early for time to visit.

I am so excited!!! Richard has worked over the summer and we now have a web site. It is still a work in progress but please put this address among your favorites: pocahontaschapter-vnps.org

You will soon be able to see the most current calendar of events, including speakers, field trip information, a wide variety of plant photos and field trip check lists, information about other chapter and organization events, past newsletters.... just on and on. I hope that as the year progresses, this web site will serve as an "instant information" source. Of course the newsletter will remain a constant but a web site can allow for a quicker exchange of information. I hope it will provide members the ability to share information and observations. This all takes time to put in place, but we have taken the first step on the road. THANK YOU RICHARD --GOOD WORK!

There will be an election of officers for the 08-09 year. You will receive your ballot in this newsletter with return postage paid by the chapter. Please return it by September 26, 2008 with your vote and include any suggestions you have for future officers or board members. Every organization needs an active membership to thrive; ours is no exception. The final tally will be announced at the October meeting.

Welcome New Members

Ron and Sandy Marshall, Chester, VA

William Glasheen, Glen Allen, VA

Caroline Meehan, Richmond, VA

As you will notice on the ballot and from last fall's announcement, we will be electing a new treasurer. Bucci Zeugner, has served as our treasurer for longer than I can remember. She has done an exceptional job as is attested to by the fact that we have never had financial worries. The bills were paid on time, the books were kept accurately and our investments made money. What more could one ask!!! We will miss her. I don't know how to thank her and her assistant Kim Blanchard enough for what they have done for our chapter over the years.

Each year Pocahontas donates books to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Library. We gave them the following books for 2007-08: *Native Plants of the North East*, *Bringing Nature Home*, *Atlantic Coastal Plain Wildflowers*, *Chasing Wildflowers*, *100 Easy to Grow Native Plants* and *Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants*. I encourage you to check them out and take advantage of the LGBG library. If you are a member you can check books out for 3 weeks, if not you are welcome to take advantage of their reading room and library facilities.

We have a new chapter banner. We will be displaying it any time we are participating in an event. It has more "pizzazz" than our old one and the spelling error has been corrected.

The board has been working hard to line up a variety of field trips and speakers. Some of the walks and speakers will compliment each other, some are independent. The events calendar will announce our monthly activities. It will be updated throughout the year as more possibilities come our way.



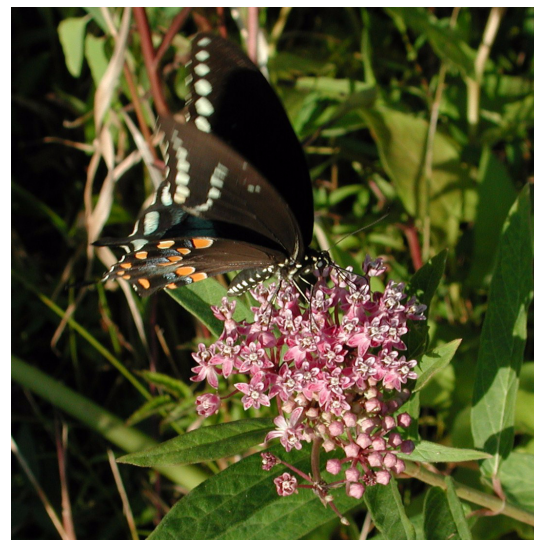
Our new Chapter Banner

We are also going to offer at least one Wednesday field trip each month. See calendar.

Also this year, now that our joint program with LGBG about native plants used by the Powhatans is coming to a close, we will be participating with the Garden in their anniversary celebration. We will be involved with an education/promotion of native plant habitat for butterflies program. Then too there is our continued development of the Butterfly Garden at the James River Park visitor's center. We also hope to get our James River Park invasive clean up project off the ground this year.

These are just some of what is happening this year. I invite you to join in as many of the activities as you can. I also invite you to contact me with any suggestions or ideas you have. I hope to see you soon.

Daune



Butterfly on swamp milkweed, Point of Rocks Park, Chesterfield Co., VA

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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2008 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Monthly Meeting:** Ruth Burch "Delving Deeper into Butterflies and Moths"
- 6 Field Trip: 9:00 AM - **Point of Rocks Park**
- 10 Field Trip: 9:00 AM - **Ferndale Park**
Both field trips will leave from the Ukrops at Rt. 1 and 10, Chester VA at 9:00 am. Contact Ernest Wilson - ernest@msn.com or (804) 502-6346
- 12-14 **VNPS Annual Meeting** Potowmack Chapter host
- 20 9:00-4:00 - Virginia Green Garden festival Science Museum, 2500 W. Broad St. Need volunteers to help. contact Daune Poklis - daune@poklis.org or (804) 741-7838.
- 27 10:00-2:00 - Good Green Fun at LGBG



Point of rocks Park - Walking down the hill to the boardwalk through a patch of mountain laurel.

OCTOBER

- 2 **Monthly Meeting:** Sheila Hayden "Slime Molds"
- 11 Field Trip: Blue Ridge/Shenandoah Park
- 18 Field Trip: Cumberland Marsh
- 25? Field Trip: Crabtree Falls
- 26 1:00-4:00 Goblins and Gourds at LGBG



Point of Rocks Park - Along the Boardwalk.

NOVEMBER

- 6 **Monthly Meeting:** Friends of James River Park
- 8 Field Trip: Newport News Park
- ? Dutch Gap Conservation Area
- ? Rice Center



Ferndale Park: **1.** The River
2. *Veronia noveboracensis*, New York Ironweed
3. *Monarda punctata*, Horsemint



Point of Rocks Park - *Solanum carolinense*, Horsenettle.

Photographs from the May Forest Hill Park field Trip and the May Picnic and Field trip to James River Park



Forest Hill Park Field Trip:

1. *Toxicodendron radicans*, Poison Ivy in bloom
2. *Polygonatum biflorum*, Solomon's Seal
3. *Vaccinium stamineum*, Deerberry



James River Park, May Picnic and Field Trip:

Left - *Heuchera americana*, American alumroot.

Right - *Polygonatum biflorum*, Solomon's seal on left, *Maianthemum racemosum*, Solomon's plume or false Solomon's seal, lower right and *Polystichum acrostichoides*, Christmas fern, upper right.



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**Ballot for Election of Chapter
Officers enclosed. Please
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