

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE (Day or Evening?) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE FEES:

Native Plant Society Members\* \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Members \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Discount before Sept. 17 - 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 I prefer a vegetarian lunch  
Saturday Dinner - choose 1 entrée below \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CRAB BALLS  
 CHICKEN  
 VEGETARIAN  
Membership Dues \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to Conference Scholarship Fund\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve a free copy of *The Vascular Flora of Loch Raven Watershed* for me, courtesy of the City of Baltimore Reservoir Natural Resources Division (100 pages - for serious botanists).

Make checks payable to Maryland Native Plant Society  
Mail to: MNPS Conference  
P. O. Box 4877  
Silver Spring, MD 20914

I would like to join MNPS now.  
 I am a current MNPS member.  
 Please renew my membership.  
 \*I am not a member of MNPS but I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Native Plant Society

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$15 Student/Limited Income  
\$25 Individual  
\$35 Double: 2nd Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\$250 Lifetime

\*\*The Maryland Native Plant Society is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations may be tax deductible. Conference proceeds support the society's activities and programs.

## REGISTRATION

Early registration is advised. Pre-registration fee includes lunch. Registration at the door does not include lunch.

Scholarships and reduced fees are available. Contact Louisa Thompson, louisathompson@erols.com.

### DIRECTIONS TO OREGON RIDGE

From the BALTIMORE BELTWAY, I-695:

Take Exit 24 onto I-83 NORTH.

Take Exit 20-B onto SHAWAN RD. WEST

At 1<sup>st</sup> light turn LEFT onto BEAVER DAM RD.

Go approx. 1/2 mile. PARK ENTRANCE is on the RIGHT.

The LODGE is the building with the flag in front of it.

### DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, & SOCIAL

Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum  
300 Oella Ave., Oella, MD, 21228, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Trails & restrooms will be open before the social.

This year we have planned a BUFFET dinner to make it easier to socialize. Visit with old friends and meet new ones who share your love of native plants. Soft drinks provided, BYOB.

SILENT AUCTION - your chance to support the society and find a bargain on hard-to-find books, art and craft works, specimen plants. . . who knows what will be donated?

### TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE SILENT AUCTION

Contact Joyce Holmes, joyceholms@juno.com. Deliver items to the Banneker Museum on Sat. Oct. 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### DIRECTIONS TO BANNEKER PARK

From BALTIMORE BELTWAY I-695:

Take Exit 15 onto US-40 (Baltimore National Pike) WEST towards Ellicott City. Go .9 mile to a major intersection.

Turn LEFT (South) onto N. ROLLING RD. Go .3 mi.

Turn RIGHT (West) onto OLD FREDERICK RD. Go 1.3 mi.

Turn RIGHT (NW) onto OELLA AVE. Museum is on the corner.

Be sure to view the exhibits on Benjamin Banneker, a free African-American born in 1731, self-taught clockmaker, astronomer, and land-surveyor who assisted and later replaced Pierre L'Enfant as surveyor of Washington, DC. Except for his years surveying DC, he lived in Oella.

## FIELD TRIPS OCT. 1 AND 2

Field trips will be held in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Field trips illustrate conference themes:

- \* *Different plant communities on different soils*
- \* *Ecosystem services provided by native plants*
- \* *Safeguarding and restoring ecosystem functioning*
- \* *Bringing native plants into human landscapes*

Choose from introductory or advanced field trips.  
See conference website at [MDFlora.org](http://MDFlora.org) for details.

Sign up Saturday morning for both Sat. and Sun. field trips. There will be enough field trips to accommodate everyone but the number of participants per trip may be limited.

### Field trips to Natural Areas

- The best city, county, and state parks
- Globally rare habitats
- Swamp forest & other wetlands
- Canoe trip through tidal marsh

### Tours of Designed and Managed Landscapes

- Native plant garden tours
- Gardens for stormwater management
- Restoration sites - professional and volunteer
- Invasive plant removals - see the results

Saturday afternoon field trips will end in time for the social. Lengthier field trips and those to more distant sites are scheduled on Sun., Oct. 2. Some Sunday field trips will begin at 10:00 a.m., others in the afternoon.

### ACCOMODATIONS

A short list of accommodations close to Oregon Ridge or Banneker Park will be posted on the MNPS website, [MDFlora.org](http://MDFlora.org).

**MISSION:** The Maryland Native Plant Society uses education, research, and community service to increase awareness and appreciation of native plants and their habitats leading to their conservation and restoration. Membership is open to all who are interested in Maryland's native plants and their habitats. Preserving Maryland's natural heritage, increasing knowledge about native plants, and helping to further the society's mission are our goals. The Maryland Native Plant Society sponsors evening talks, workshops, field trips, and an annual fall conference.