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## **Upcoming Monthly Meetings**

"MNPS Field Botany Surveys"
Tuesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.
White Oak Library-Large Meeting Room
Montgomery County

A discussion and slide presentation of ongoing MNPS surveys of native flora and plant communities throughout the state, including Hollywood Swamp/Indian Creek – braided stream area, Terrace Gravel Forests of the D.C. Civil War Fort sites, Magnolia Bogs, Diabase communities, and others. Posters, reports, and flora lists will be displayed.

Directions: Exit the Washington Beltway at New Hampshire Avenue (exit 28). Go north about 2 miles. The library is the first building on the right, once you have passed under Route 29, just after the Sears store.

"Conserving Older Trees in the Landscape"
Tuesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center
Millersville, MD

Seniors have needs that clearly differ from adolescents. Learn how to look at mature trees to see where they are in their life cycle and how professional arborists would best care for them. Environmental educator, Eileen O'Brien, will provide tips homeowners can use to keep these valuable pillars of the landscape in top form. Ms. O'Brien is an avid naturalist who has taught horticulture and natural science workshops to innumerable groups over the past 20 years. Eileen earned her B.S. in landscape horticulture at Michigan State University and studied plant pathology at Clemson University. She has worked for garden centers, nature centers, and the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture. She was Assistant Superintendent of the Norfolk Botanical Garden and Executive Director of the Severn River Land Trust. Ms. O'Brien is now an environmental education consultant based in Crownsville, MD.

Directions to Arlington Echo: From the West, take Rt. 32 East to Rt. 3 North exit. Stay in the right lane (your exit comes up very quickly). Take exit for Veterans Hwy and "All Services." Make right onto Rt. 178 So. Travel one mile to left at light onto Indian Landing Rd. Travel 1.4 miles to right at brown Arlington Echo sign, 975 Indian Landing Rd. in Millersville. Field Hall is a few buildings down on your left. From the North, Take I-97 South to exit 10A (Benfield Blvd East). Turn right at light onto Veterans Hwy South. After about 1.6 mi, make left onto Rt. 178 So. Continue as above. From Annapolis area, take Rt. 178 North (Generals Hwy) from the Annapolis Mall through Crownsville. After the light at Dorr's Texaco, Rt. 178 jogs right at light. Continue on Rt. 178 about two miles. Turn right at the light by the stone church onto Indian Landing Rd. Continue as above.

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### President's Letter

Friends,

I write this on a chilly May evening. Where has spring gone? Has it ever been here? I do recall some days in March and April that felt more like summer. Many spring ephemerals bloomed about two weeks earlier than normal, and disappeared faster than I recall. Trees leafed out early as well, making it difficult to admire the spring migrants (birds, for those of you whose eyes are always on the ground) traveling to their breeding grounds up north. I often feel that May needs a few more weekends, because there are always too many things to do and places to visit. The unusually cold and stormy weather made the month seem even shorter, and the time spent outdoors even more precious. I'm looking forward to more seasonal weather to enjoy the cool woods and stream valleys around the state.

Society members have kept busy this spring. We co-sponsored a meeting with the Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Rod Simmons provided an excellent slide presentation on the value of long-lived native trees and the ease of incorporating many native plants into landscapes. ASLA members were excited to discover the resources MNPS has to offer. We're happy to be connected with a group of professionals who can be our staunchest allies. Landscapers have a tremendous impact on our native ecosystems. We hope that by forging this relationship, natives can be an even greater presence in gardens and urban plantings.

Marc Imlay, chair of our Invasives Committee, arranged a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary Chuck Fox to create a partnership to address the invasive plant crisis affecting state parks, forests, and other public lands. Carole Bergmann provided an eye-opening slide show on the problem invasives cause in natural areas. Louisa Thompson discussed three models for involving volunteers, while Marc stressed the need for additional state and federal policies and initiatives to support invasive removal projects. Secretary Fox was very excited about working with MNPS, The Nature Conservancy, Audubon Naturalist Society, Maryland Conservation Council, Sierra Club, and other groups. MNPS will work with Edith Thompson, Exotic/Invasive Species Biologist with DNR's Wildlife and Heritage Service, to offer training workshops for DNR land managers on invasive plant identification, their impacts on natural areas, and how to control them with the use of volunteers. I'll keep you informed of the progress, and we'll need assistance as the partnership develops.

A third Gardener's Guidelines is being written: *Using Native Plants to Attract Butterflies*. We hope it'll be available by the next printing of *Native News*.

Two *Washington Post* articles highlighted the actions of our members: John Parrish's efforts opposing the Inter-County Connector (which MNPS also opposes) and the work of Rod Simmons and Mark Strong identifying Magnolia Bogs. We are expanding our efforts to promote the Society and our mission. We look forward to more articles that highlight the Society's work.

A finally, save Saturday, October 12, for our annual fall conference **Native Plants, Natural Communities, and Geology of the Fall Line**, to be held in Laurel.

Details and registration information will be available in mid-summer

With all these ambitious projects, I hope that you'll consider why you admire our native plants, value their habitats, and care for their survival, and become involved and do your part in conserving Maryland's natural heritage.

Warmest wishes, Karyn Molines

#### **Volunteer Needs**

Nominations for the Board of Directors: We're looking for a few good men and women who aren't afraid of meetings! Several of our Board members will not be seeking reelection, so we need others who will fill their shoes. We're looking for people who will play an active role in making the Society an effective statewide voice for the protection and conservation of Maryland's native plants and their habitats. Board members must serve on at least one Committee, and attend at least three of the six board meetings. We are looking for members who live in the Baltimore, Southern Maryland, Frederick, and Eastern Shore regions of the state. If you or someone you know is interested in being at the heart of most Society activities, send your name, address, phone numbers, and email to mnps@toad.net or to MNPS, P.O. Box 4877, Silver Spring, MD, 20914.

Membership Renewal Volunteer: If you have a computer and an internet connection, and are somewhat familiar with the Mail Merge function of Word, we can use you to mail out membership renewals. Our database is in Microsoft Access 97 and is designed to be very user-friendly. All the postage, envelopes, paper, and even printer cartridges are paid for by the Society. This job takes from two to four hours per month and can be done easily from your home computer. Please contact Karyn Molines at kmolines@chesapeake.net or 410-286-2928 if you'd like to help with this.

### **Chapter Updates**

#### **Southern Maryland Chapter Meeting**

Southern Maryland's Natural Heritage Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Calvert County Library: Prince Frederick (Main) Branch
The Chesapeake Bay, the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers, and
a history of agriculture dominate the landscape of southern
Maryland. Diverse and unique ecosystems are found in this
region—Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Parker's Creek,
Chapman Forest, Araby Bog, Myrtle Point. Come discover
the native plants and animals that call these places home.
We'll highlight some of these places, and discuss the need for
preservation and restoration of areas. An organizational
meeting of the Southern Maryland Chapter will take place at

Directions: From Route 2-4 in Prince Frederick, turn onto Duke Street. Library is on the left. Contact: Karyn Molines, 410-286-2928 or

kmolines@chesapeake.net

#### **News from the Catoctin Chapter**

The New Catoctin Chapter is off to a good start with plenty of folks attending a walk with Joe Metzger on May 12, 2002. We are anticipating some great projects and field trips this year. One such event will be a July visit to the new native plant demonstration gardens at the Frederick County extension offices. This Demo garden is brand new and "still

growing" and will be used to show homeowners some of the native plants they can use in their landscaping projects. We are also excited about a joint venture with Eastern Panhandle Native Plant Society (WVNPS) and invasive removals at Harpers Ferry. Stay tuned for details!

-Jim Gallion

### "Habitat Stewardship Program" Proposed

Marc Imlay, Carole Bergmann, Louisa Thompson, Karyn Molines, and some twenty other people met with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary Charles Fox to discuss the impact of invasive non-native species on our state lands. One purpose of the meeting was to create a partnership between MNPS, DNR, The Nature Conservancy, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Master Gardeners, and other groups. We proposed a State Parks "Habitat Stewardship Program" to achieve this goal. We envision that DNR will:

- Oversee the program; develop agency-wide guidelines.
- Authorize sites and activities.
- Refer volunteers.
- Encourage support by Friends groups.
- Authorize MNPS to offer training to park staff and volunteers on the problem of invasive plants and identification and control of invasive plants.
- Authorize a statewide volunteer manual describing relevant policies and procedures.
- Request development of a volunteer pesticide certification by the MDA.

MNPS is willing to undertake the following:

- ◆ Collaborate with DNR in developing agency-wide guidelines and a manual for volunteer invasive plants management.
- Coordinate a statewide volunteer program to control invasive species.
- Recruit and supervise volunteers.
- Write grant proposals.
- Collaborate with Friends groups in fundraising.
- ♦ Conduct community outreach programs.
- Offer training to park staff and volunteers on the problem of invasive plants and identification and control of invasive plants.
- Coordinate with other local, regional, and national groups.
- Provide expert testimony in support of the DNR budget and initiatives.

MNPS and its partners are strong supporters of the Department of Natural Resources' mandate for protection and stewardship of Maryland's native species, habitats, and natural areas. We welcome this opportunity to create a strong coalition to manage the invasive plant populations within state lands, and to work towards maintaining and restoring our public lands into viable ecological communities.

## **Summer Field Trips**

#### **Indian Creek/Hollywood Swamp**

Leaders: Lou Aronica, Rod Simmons, and Meghan Tice Saturday, July 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We will explore very old stands of swamp chestnut oak and sweet pepperbush along the floodplain of Indian Creek and a large, wet meadow with a great variety of wildflowers, including Turk's cap lily, blue flag iris, and virgin's bower. We will also see many butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies. Our visits will expand the biological inventory of the site.

Co-sponsored by CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek). CCRIC also has bird walks to the site June 2, August 11, and October 13.

Visit our Website for details: www.mdflora.org.

**Directions**: Take Greenbelt Road east of Route 1. Turn left at Cherrywood Road, go a short distance and park in shopping center corner near Petsmart. If you reach Breezewood Dr., you've gone too far.

**Bring**: Watertight footwear or boots for stream crossings, water and lunch.

**Contact**: Lou Aronica 202-722-1081 (evenings) or Meghan & Rod at cecropia13@msn.com.

#### **Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary**

Leader: Karyn Molines

Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Summer is when freshwater tidal wetlands are the most lush. Pickerelweed, arrowhead, wild rice, turtlehead, and over 60 other species can be found in the marshes and swamp along the Patuxent River. We won't even need to get our feet wet, because we'll be on boardwalks and trails. Ospreys, turtles, frogs, and snakes are likely to be found on this easy hike.

Directions: From Washington DC: From the Washington

Beltway take Pennsylvania Avenue (Route 4) south. In about ten miles take exit for Plummer Lane. Continue for half mile and turn right on Wrighton Road. In a half-mile turn left onto gravel drive and proceed to the Wetlands Center.



From Annapolis: Take Route 2 south of Annapolis (approx. 15 miles). Turn right at light for Route 258. Continue 4.5 miles to the end.

From Calvert/St. Mary's Counties: Take Route 2-4 North. Continue on Route 4 north at the 2-4 split. Take the Bristol/Deale exit (Route 258). At top of ramp turn left. Travel over Route 4 to the stop sign. Turn left onto Wrighton Road. Continue for 1.5 miles and turn left onto gravel drive and proceed to Wetlands Center.

**Note**: Trip is on, rain or shine. **Bring**: Water and a bag lunch.

Contact: Karyn Molines 410-286-2928 or

kmolines@chesapeake.net (preferred) or call the Sanctuary, 410-741-9330.

#### Fern ID Workshop at Fernbrook Cabin near Catoctin Mountain Park

Leader: Joe Metzger

**Saturday**, August 3 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (2 sessions)

Use visual and written keys to identify ferns. Should see more than 20 species of ferns occurring naturally. Afternoon session is co-sponsored with the Eastern Panhandle Native Plant Society.

**Directions**: From I-495 (Washington Beltway) take I-270 to Frederick where it joins U.S. 15. Or from I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) take I-70 to Frederick where it crosses U.S. 15. Take U.S. 15 north about 18 miles to MD 77 in Thurmont. Take MD 77 west about 3 miles to Park Central Road. Turn right and then turn into Visitor's Center Lot. Meet at 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. in front of Visitor's Center.

Note: Reservation Required.

**Bring**: Water, lunch (opt.), and Peterson's Field Guide (10) to Ferns by Cobb.

**Contact**: Joe Metzger 410-775-7737 or jmetzger50@hotmail.com (preferred).

#### **Chesapeake Native Nursery Farm Tour**

Leader: Dr. Sara Tangren

Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please join Dr. Sara Tangren for a tour of the Chesapeake Native Nursery farm fields. At this time of year many plants will be in bloom, including butterfly milkweed, New England aster, panicled tick-trefoil, hairy tick-trefoil, mist flower, hyssop thoroughwort, flowering spurge, purple sneezeweed, woodland sunflower, Jerusalem artichoke, slender lespedeza, shaggy blazingstars, downy blue lobelia, fall phlox, narrowleaved mountain mint, orange coneflower, sweet goldenrod, gray goldenrod, pink fuzzy beans, New York ironweed, and Culver's root. Wild grasses and sedges are also cultivated there, including blue sedge. Virginia wild rve, wool grass. broom sedge, and split-beard bluestem. Dr. Tangren will discuss the uses of many of these plants in meadows and formal landscapes, as well as their historical use by humans. You may be able to observe first hand the natural interactions

among the plants and animals, including caterpillars, butterflies and many other pollinators, spiders and goldfinches.

All tour participants will receive a 10% discount coupon good for any purchase at Homestead Gardens. Only 2 miles from the farm, Homestead Gardens is the third largest garden center in the United States, and carries an excellent selection of approximately 30 species of local ecotype native plants. **Directions**: From 495 take Rt. 50 East and take the Rt. 424 exit south toward Davidsonville. After 4.5 miles, turn left onto Governor Bridge Road at a blinking traffic light. After 2.8 miles Governor Bridge Road ends at Riva Road. Turn right onto Riva and go 0.1 miles and turn left onto Aisquith Farm Road. The farm field is on Aisquith Farm Road - the trick is to get to the fields without accidentally going down someone's driveway first! Once you enter Aisquith Farm Road, follow the bend to the right. This will lead you into an open area with subdivision on your left and farm fields on your right. Near the end of the farm fields, follow the bend in the road to your left. This will take you through a small woods and over a creek. As you emerge from the woods you will see two barns standing side by side on your right. Take any of the dirt roads that lead to the barns. The wildflower farm is on the other side of the barns.

Contact: Sara Tangren 703-675-3673.

#### Indian Creek/Hollywood Swamp

**Saturday**, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please see info listed for the July 13 trip.

#### **Battle Creek Cypress Swamp**

Leader: Karyn Molines

**Sunday**, August 18 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In the heat of summer enjoy the cool dark hollows of bald cypress, lizard-tail, turtlehead, and cardinal flower. An easy hike along the swamp boardwalk and trails through fallow fields makes for a pleasant Sunday afternoon stroll in one of Maryland's most unique habitats.

**Directions**: From Routes 2-4, turn on Sixes Road (Rte. 506). Turn left onto Gray's Road. Park entrance is on the right.

Note: Rain or Shine.

**Contact**: Karyn Molines 410-286-2928 or kmolines@chesapeake.net (preferred).

#### **Gunpowder State Park - Hereford Area**

Leader: Dwight Johnson

**Saturday**, August 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be a 6-mile nature hike from Bunker Hill Rd. to Prettyboy Dam. The trail at times will be steep and at times very rocky. We will stop for anything that is interesting. **Directions**: From the Baltimore Beltway go north on I-83 for 12 miles and take exit 27 east onto Mount Carmel Rd. Proceed east for 0.4 miles and take a left on to York Rd (Rt. 45) and proceed for about 0.9 miles and take a left onto

Bunker Hill Rd. Proceed on Bunker Hill for about a mile. The parking lot is one the left side of the road, before you get to the river.

**Note**: Hike will take place rain or shine.

Bring: Lunch and water. Binoculars might be handy. Hiking

boots are highly recommended.

Contact: Dwight Johnson 410-366-7239.

#### **Konterra Site**

Leader: John Parrish

Saturday, August 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Konterra offers a variety of interesting habitats including a Magnolia Bog, ponds with rare wetland vegetation, and open fields and low sandy swales with lots of native legumes, composites, grasses, sedges, and rushes. Lots of flowering plants to enjoy! Also loads of frogs and dragonflies. Most of this site, except the Magnolia Bog, was a sand and gravel mine a few decades ago. This is an excellent opportunity to see how nature reclaims the land in a marvelous way. Several areas have reverted to bog-like conditions with bog clubmoss, poison sumac, spaghnum mosses, heaths, ladiestresses, pitch pine, sedges, and rushes. Exposed sand and gravel sites harbor milkworts, wild indigo, eupatoriums, blue curls, hypericums, and others. The shady Magnolia Bog shows us what the area looked like prior to mining.

**Directions**: meet on Muirkirk Rd just west of the intersection with Virginia Manor Rd. We will park at the business center parking lot and carpool to the end of Muirkirk Rd if we have a large turnout. There is only limited parking available at the end of Muirkirk Rd. From I-95, go east on Powder Mill Rd, make a quick left on Old Gunpowder Rd. Make immediate right on Ammendale Rd and bear left onto Virginia Manor Rd. Go left at Muirkirk Rd and look for us gathered at the carpool spot.

**Bring**: Snack, water, sun hat and sunglasses. **Contact**: John Parrish 301-565-2025 or lifeonearth@juno.com

The **Civil War Fort** field trips will not be held in July and August but will resume in September. Please watch this space and the Website for details on the September and October trips.



## **How Exotic Plant Invasions Affect Soil Properties**

For many years environmentalists have been concerned about the relentless invasion of exotic plants into natural areas. The fact that alien species invade areas once inhabited by native species is obvious. What may not be so obvious are the changes taking place underground.

Recently, the USDA sponsored a research forum in Annapolis. Dr. Joan Ehrenefeld of Rutgers University was among the speakers. Her topic was "Soil Properties and Exotic Plant Invasions: A Two-Way Street." Dr. Ehrenfeld studied soil properties in three New Jersey sites. Species growing in these sites were Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) and stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*). The following are some of the observations presented in Dr. Ehrenfeld's talk:

- Soil pH is significantly elevated under both *Berberis* and *Microstegium*, as compared to native vegetation.
- Nitrification rates are higher in the presence of the exotic species. This increase is associated with increased soil pH.
- Extractable NH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were higher under the exotics.
- Leaf litter under *Berberis* decomposed "extremely quickly", relative to native vegetation.
- Fine root biomass of native species is significantly lower in the presence of exotics.
- Significantly higher earthworm densities were found under exotic species. The worms were all European species.
- Exotic species invasions are often associated with nutrientrich habitats, such as riparian zones, sites with high cation concentrations, or sites with native nitrogen-fixing species.
- Soil changes induced by exotics will likely persist for a long time. They may impede restoration of native flora in invaded areas.

Anyone interested in receiving a manuscript of Dr. Ehrenfeld's research should send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Sam Jones, 620 Pyle Rd., Forest Hill, MD 21050.



Trumpet Creeper Campsis radicans

## Invasive Exotic Plant Removal Workdays

#### Chapman Forest/Ruth Swann Park

First Sunday/monthly - 10:00 a.m.

**Directions**: Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Ruth B. Swann Park/Potomac Branch Library, 20 miles S of Beltway on Rt. 210, Indian Head Hwy. Give yourself 30 to 40 minutes from the Beltway.

**Bring**: gloves, lunch, & water (beach picnic). Long sleeves and pants recommended.

Contact: Marc Imlay 301-283-0808.

#### **Brookside Gardens**

**Second Sunday/monthly** - July 14 and August 11 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Directions**: From I-495, (Capital Beltway), take Route 97, (Georgia Avenue) north, 3 miles. At Randolph Road, turn right. At Glenallan Avenue, turn right. At the four-way stop sign, turn right into Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave. Meet at the Visitors Center Information Desk.

**Bring**: Tools are provided but if you have pruners and leather gloves please bring them.

**Contact**: Cheryl Beagle 301-962-1413 or cheryl.beagle@mncppc-mc.org

### Howard Co.: Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Thursday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Learn about butterflies, their habitat requirements, and the plants they depend on for nectar and larval hosts while we work to remove the Japanese honeysuckle and bittersweet that are strangling out these and other desirable native plants. Meet 9:30 a.m. at MPEA Trotter Road parking lot located 0.8 miles south of Route108 in Clarksville.

Thursday, August 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Hike the Northern Conservation Area of the MPEA - a large area of contiguous forest without even the disturbance of a public hiking trail. We will be removing a variety of invaders that are slowly infiltrating, but have not yet taken over a beautiful, cool, mossy stream area. This is a great project for a hot summer day. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Schoolhouse off Trotter Road.

For information, directions or to register, **contact** Aylene Gard, 410-992-9889, or Robin Hessey,

rh158@umail.umd.edu. Howard County Recreation and Parks, the Howard County Master Gardeners, and MNPS sponsor the MPEA project.

#### **Northwest Branch**

Saturdays, July 20 and August 17

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Directions**: From the East, take exit 29A off the beltway. Turn right onto Williamsburg at the first light. From the west take exit 30 Colesville Rd. northbound, and turn right (East) onto University and then left onto Williamsburg. Stay on

Williamsburg at the first fork you come to (bear left), then at the second fork (Williamsburg N. vs. S.) bear left again. Williamsburg turns into Big Rock Rd. at the bottom of the hill. Meet at 10204 Big Rock Rd.

MNPS members welcome and there's no need to register. Group size is limited for non-members of MNPS; please register in advance by phone. No registrations by email. **Bring**: Water and gloves. Veggie lunch provided.

Contact: Jane Osburn 301-754-1564.

#### WEED WARRIORS WANTED

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) Forest Ecologist is assembling a team of volunteers (Weed Warriors) to monitor and remove non-native invasive plant species in Montgomery County Parks, and we need your help! As a Weed Warrior volunteer, you will receive a short training session from the Forest Ecologist in the identification of, removal and control techniques for non-native invasive plants. Weed Warriors can then work at their own pace and choose a schedule that best suits them. Many current Weed Warriors live near a M-NCPPC Stream Valley Park or Regional Park and do their volunteer work while walking their dogs or taking an occasional hike through their neighborhood park. Whether you choose to work individually or in a group, your efforts will contribute to the control of non-native vegetation in the 28,000 acres of Montgomery County parkland. Please contact Carole Bergmann, M-NCPPC Forest Ecologist, at 301-949-2818 for more info or to sign up.

The **Anacostia Watershed Society** is searching for eager volunteers to assist in a variety of tasks, including non-native species removal, tree repotting, and tree watering. **Contact**: Steve McKindley-Ward 301-699-6204 or steve@anacostiaws.org for more information.

Weed Warriors and others who live near **Sligo Creek** in Montgomery County are invited to join in picking and cutting on periodic workdays. Activities vary with season and each section of Sligo has its own agenda. **Contact**: Sally Gagne at 301-588-2071 or sgagne@erols.com.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Olmsted Woods Walks at Washington National Cathedral**

Thursday, July 11, 10 a.m. - <u>Can you identify this tree?</u>
There are over 700 trees in the Olmsted Woods and this walk will point out ways to identify them - by leaves, bark, shape - as well as other aspects of the arboreal world.
Thursday, August 15, 10 a.m. - <u>Summer in the Olmsted Woods</u>: Come stroll through the Woods as we highlight understory trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. We will learn the difference between an "exotic" and a "native" and why the Olmsted Woods is being restored with native plants. Participants for all walks meet at the George Washington Statue on Pilgrim Road, just off Wisconsin Avenue on the

south side of the Cathedral. Sturdy waterproof shoes are recommended for all walks. No reservations are required and the tours are free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, the tours will be cancelled. For more information, call the Olmsted Woods InfoLine: 202-537-2319.

## Wild Ones 2002 National Conference: "Low-Maintenance Landscaping with Native Plants."

July 11-14. Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio.

For home gardeners and landscapers of corporate and public places. Keynote address: Andy Wasowski, "The Landscaping Revolution." \$40-50. Free parking. For detailed program information and a registration form visit www.for-wild.org or contact Clyde Dilley at dilley.2@osu.edu or 614-939-9273.

#### **Sunday Hunting Update**

Governor Parris N. Glendening did the right thing by vetoing the Sunday Hunting Bill that the state legislature passed. This bill would have allowed the first Sunday of the hunting season to be open for hunting. MNPS wrote several letters opposing this bill, because during hunting season Sundays are the only day to be wandering outdoors without fear of nearby hunting. If this bill were enacted, it would open the possibility for even more Sundays to be off limits to nonhunters. We thank the Governor for standing by us, and we'll be prepared for the next legislative session, when a similar bill will surely be proposed once again.

#### Welcome New Members!

Betsy Donnelly, Diana Heaney, Audrey Hillman, Helen Ingalls, Bryan MacKay, Judy & Dave Mauriello, Mary & Bruce Meinhold, Alice Mutch, Mary Parrish, Daniel Sampson, Kelly Schaefer, Mike Sherlock, Jane Thompson, Julie Ulrich, and Audrey Zimmer.

Apologies to Tom Feild whose name accidentally was changed to Field

#### Do you know when your membership expires?

We appreciate every member who renews because every society activity is made possible by member dues. Generally, we mail renewal letters out the month before you expire, and send a reminder letter or two if we don't hear from you. Early renewals allow us to spend your membership dollars on projects, not stamps for renewal letters. So prompt renewals just makes sense. To tell when your membership expires, take a look at your mailing label. For example, if your label reads 6/1/2002 your membership expires at the end of June. If it's time to renew, please use the form on the back of this newsletter, or download one from the web site. Thanks for your support.

The next **deadline** for *Native News* is July 25. Please submit articles and announcements for the September/October issue by that date. Thanks!

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