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Upcoming Monthly Meetings

“Goldenrods, Asters, and Thoroughworts”

Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 pm
White Oak Library – Large Meeting Room

The Asteraceae (Aster Family) is a large and diverse family that is especially well-developed in North America. Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region are home to a particularly rich diversity of native plants in the Aster Family. Join botanist Rod Simmons for an in-depth presentation of the many native species of *Solidago*, *Eupatorium*, and *Aster* (formerly) in Maryland. The talk will focus on identification of the common species, but will also include uncommon and rare ones and habitats throughout the state where they may be found. Live plant material will be available for hands-on identification.

Directions: Please see below.

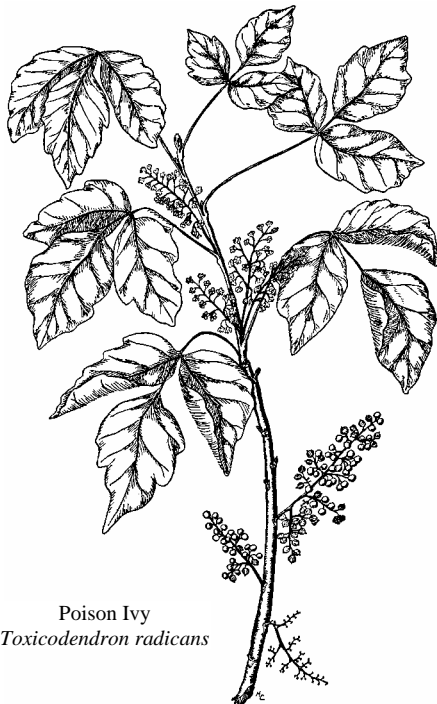
“Fall Fruits and Berries”

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 pm
White Oak Library – Large Meeting Room

The shorter days of fall are a crucial time for wildlife, especially for migrating and hibernating species. Native trees, shrubs, and forbs provide an abundance of fruits and berries in autumn that support a wide variety of wildlife. Maryland botanist John Parrish will give a presentation on the wealth of native plants throughout the state that produce fruit and berries in the fall. Using live material, John will discuss identification techniques, as well as habitat requirements and distribution in the state. John will also discuss their tremendous importance to wildlife.

Directions: Exit the Washington Beltway at New Hampshire Ave (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.

Refreshments are served at each monthly meeting. Feel free to bring cookies or snacks to share.



Poison Ivy
Toxicodendron radicans



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President's Letter

As I write, it is a “97 degrees at 6:00 pm (feels like 103)” type day. I just picked buckets and bags and bushels full of squash, tomatoes, corn, and beans from my garden. Friends are heading for the beach and/or “the cabin by the lake.” By the time anyone reads this, however, it will be September and though it will probably still be very warm, there will be an entirely different feeling in the air. Whether you have children of school age or not, the time of massive summer migrations will be over, the kids will be back in school, and most people begin to have a “getting back to reality” feeling.

Though the typical vacation season may be over, I think that autumn is one of the best times in the year for getting out and exploring. One of my personal themes is how important it is to get to know the natural areas around you. Knowing the natural areas around you—finding places that you can go and walk and think and just become absorbed in and absorbed by—is so necessary to help you get your sense of “being grounded;” to help you get your sense of place.

One of my favorite all-time books is *Listening Point* by Sigurd Olsen. *Listening Point* is dedicated to rekindling that flame of curiosity and excitement, that sense of wonder that is often lost as people age. While Olsen relates his own personal revelations and adventures from his “listening point” (a bare glaciated spit of rock in the Quetico-Superior lake country), everyone has a listening point somewhere, some quiet place where he can contemplate the awesome universe.

Now is a great time to get out and find and/or revisit a place where you can walk and think and contemplate and wonder and exclaim! It’s a great time to find your own “Listening Point.” Maryland really is a beautiful state. We have ocean and coastal plain, rolling hills and mountains, so many county and state parks, and even a few national parks. Lots of excellent places to explore – lots of potential “Listening Points...”

While it’s relatively easy to get caught up in the hum-drum, routine chores every weekend and let the opportunities to get out and learn something new, explore, or just sit on a rock somewhere and vegetate for a while slip by, I think it’s really worth making an effort. Connect in some way with the natural world around you – hopefully for an hour or two, but even if it is only for a walk in your backyard.

Our own Maryland Native Plant Society can help you do this. We will host our Annual Fall Conference at Oregon Ridge Park in Baltimore on October 1 and 2 this year. This will be a great opportunity to get out and spend a day or two listening and learning and going on field trips. We also have a handful of our “regular” weekend field trips to parks and natural areas all around the state listed in this addition of *Native News*. If you are new to Maryland, or just haven’t spent much time seeing our parks and natural areas, you can always go to the computer and do a search on Maryland Parks and you will come up with a lot of different ideas. Anyway, the main idea is, “Just do it!”

~ Carole Bergmann

The Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS) is a nonprofit organization that uses education, research, and community service to increase the 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 their knowledge about native plants, and helping to further the Society’s mission.

MNPS Announcements

Welcome New Members!

Thanks for joining! We hope you'll join us on the many field trips and meetings we have to offer. Stephen Balbach, Bonnie Chamberlain, Christina Choporis, Kristel Donner, Linda Hollenberg, Ann Leger, Cynthia Mackie, Bud Reaves, Joseph Thompson, Marjorie Van Egmond, Joanne Vorburge, Erik Wicklein, and Mark Wimer recently joined the Society.

Important Information about Memberships

About a year ago, we began sending an email renewal reminder to members. Thank you everyone who responded to these emails—you have saved the Society money! Recently, we have noticed a slight decrease in renewals from these emails. Perhaps these emails are getting blocked by your email service's spam filter? Since we also mail out a monthly email reminder about upcoming meetings and field trips, members will want to make sure that our emails are not getting blocked. Most spam filters allow you to add emails that will not get blocked, if so, please add kmolines@chesapeake.net and memberships@mdflora.org.

You may have noticed that we added a new membership category for organizations. Yearly membership dues of \$50 gives an organization the privilege of being listed as an organizational member of the Society, receive our publications, and receive membership discounts for three employees. As an organizational member, the Society will acknowledge your organization at least yearly, and allow you to publicize some of your events that would be of interest to our members in *Native News* (space permitting and if received in a timely fashion). We'll also provide a link to your organization's website from our website (and we hope you'll link to ours). So consider joining at the organizational level.

To tell when your membership expires, (and what type of membership you have) take a look at your mailing label. For example, if your label reads 9/1/2005 your membership expires at the end of September. If it's time to renew, please use the form on the back of this newsletter, or download one from the website. Mail your dues to MNPS Membership, P.O. Box 4877, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Sometimes, membership checks and renewal notices cross in the mail. We apologize if this happens; we do try to update our membership database weekly. If we accidentally receive two renewals for a membership, we have a policy to extend the membership for an additional year. So if you send in your membership dues twice, we treat it as if you renewed for two years. Thanks for your support.

[Ed. Note: In the last issue of *Native News*, a new member's name was misspelled. It should have read Marye Durst.]

Chapter Events

Eastern Shore Chapter

There are several Eastern Shore events about to take place in September and October. Adkins Arboretum will be hosting its annual Fall Native Plant Sale on September 10 (please see Native Plant Sales on page 5). Pickering Creek Audubon Center is looking for volunteers to help restore a streamside buffer by replacing exotic plants with native species during their first Restoration Week (see page 7). Leslie Hunter-Cario will be leading a field trip to Assateague Island National Seashore in October (page 5).

Greater Baltimore Chapter

The Greater Baltimore Chapter will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21 at Irvine Nature Center to finalize logistics for the Fall Conference - all MNPS members and friends are welcome! Everyone who attends the meeting will receive a free plant! Come see what you can do to help make the Conference a success! If you can't make the meeting but want to help at the Conference, call Ann Lundy at 410-366-9365 or send an email to aplundy@attglobal.net.

Volunteer Needs

MNPS Fall Conference HELP NEEDED

Please contact Ann Lundy (annlundy@verizon.net) and Louisa Thompson (louisagardener@verizon.net) if you can help with any of the following:

- (1) Distribute fliers at colleges
- (2) Coordinate silent auction and sales: seek donations and consignment items
- (3) Help on October 1 (1st day of conference) with:
 - * Set-up (food, sales) and/or registration at the Lodge at Oregon Ridge
 - * Conference sales
 - * Set-up or clean-up: dinner and silent auction at the Banneker Museum
- (4) Lead a field trip, especially in Baltimore City or Carroll County
- (5) Serve as a field trip monitor

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To DONATE items to the silent auction, please contact Joyce Holmes ([joyceholms@juno.com](mailto:joyceholms@juno.com)).

## Summer/Fall Field Trips

### Gunpowder State Park - Hereford Area

**Leader:** Dwight Johnson

**Date:** Saturday, September 3 **Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
This will be a 4-mile nature and exercise hike along the Gunpowder from Masemore Road to Prettyboy Dam. There will be steep and very rocky sections along the trail. We will stop for anything that is interesting. We should find a good variety of ferns and wildflowers.

**Directions:** From the Baltimore Beltway, go north on I-83 for 12 miles and take exit 27 onto Mount Carmel Road. Proceed west for 0.7 miles and make a right at Masemore Road and proceed for another 1.5 miles to parking area. The speed limit is posted at 10 miles at the bottom of Masemore Rd. Believe it. There is a very sharp narrow turn at the mill.

**Bring:** Lunch and water. Binoculars might be handy. Hiking boots are highly recommended.

**Note:** Rain or shine.

**Contact:** Dwight 410-366-7239.

### Frederick Watershed Walk

**Leaders:** Joe Metzger and Nancy Adamson

**Date:** Saturday, September 10 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:30 pm  
Visit the Frederick watershed just south of Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain National Park. We'll visit some streamside areas under hemlocks and mixed hardwoods with bluestem goldenrod, spikenard, wild yam, and lots of ferns. **Directions:** See below.

**Bring:** Lunch and drinks.

**Note:** Plan to carpool. Limit 15 people.

**Contact:** Please RSVP to Joe at 410-775-7737 or Nancy at 301-416-0492 by September 7 for directions.



Bluestem Goldenrod  
*Solidago caesia*

### Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (47<sup>th</sup> in the Series) – Oxon Run Bog

**Leaders:** Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica

**Date:** Sunday, September 11 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
We will visit the Oxon Run Bog for the first time in this series of field trips in Washington, D.C. We have been specifically looking at terrace-gravel sites in most of the Civil War Forts. These upland sites are sometimes associated with Magnolia Bogs. At Oxon Run Bog, we will be able to see a Magnolia Bog and look at the terrace-gravel areas above it.

**Directions:** We will meet at the entrance to the parking lot for the Southern Avenue Metro Stop. **From the South:** Exit Beltway at South Capitol Street heading toward Washington, D.C. Turn right on Southern Ave at the MD/DC line. Proceed 1½ miles to the Southern Ave Metro Station (near Greater Southeast Community Hospital). **From the North:** take Suitland Parkway and just prior to entering Washington, D.C., exit right on Naylor Road and very shortly turn left onto Southern Ave; proceed south about 1½ miles to Metro parking lot. You can park in the Metro parking lot and we will meet at the entrance to the parking lot. (Or, you do not need to drive; take Metro for a change!)

**Bring:** Lunch and water. **Note:** Easy to moderate walk. Light drizzle is fine but canceled if pouring rain.

**Contact:** Mary Pat Rowan blair-rowan@starpower.net or 202-526-8821.

### Wildflower Farm Tour, Davidsonville

**Leader:** Dr. Sara Tangren

**Dates:** Saturdays, September 17 and October 15

**Time:** 3:00 pm

Spend an hour touring the wildflower farm and asking an expert questions about incorporating natives into your own yard. ~Over 100 species of flowers, grasses, groundcovers, and shrubs in cultivation.~ Come see the plants that are flowering this month, and learn about the birds, butterflies and caterpillars that depend on them!

**Directions:** We are located on Aisquith Farm Road in Davidsonville, MD. Once you are on Aisquith Farm Road, follow the signs for Chesapeake Native Nursery and the large red arrows about a half mile to the far side of the tobacco barn. A map and detailed directions may be requested by emailing to SATangren@ChesapeakeNatives.com or you may visit [www.chesapeakenatives.com](http://www.chesapeakenatives.com).

**Bring:** Questions, camera, binoculars (great location for birding and watching pollinators).

**Note:** Rain date: September 24

**Contact:** Call Sara to confirm as trip may be delayed due to weather or other circumstances 301-580-6237.

### Fall Flowers at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary

**Leader:** Karyn Molines

**Date:** Saturday, September 24 **Time:** 9:30am – 12 noon  
Asters, goldenrods, and bonesets should be plentiful in our open meadows. These “confusing composites” can be a

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challenge to identify. Learn field identification techniques while enjoying the beauty of the fall fields. Children should be at least 12 years old and accompanied by an adult.

**Directions:** **From Washington Beltway** (495) take the Route 4 (Pennsylvania Ave) Exit South or East toward Upper Marlboro. Travel 10.5 miles and turn right onto Plummer Lane. In ½ mile turn right onto Wrighton Road. In ½ mile turn left onto gravel driveway and continue almost a mile to the Wetlands Center. **From Baltimore Beltway** (695), take I-97 south. I-97 ends at Route 50. Take Route 50 West/301 South. 301 South will split from Route 50. Continue on Rt. 301 south to Route 4 at Upper Marlboro. Go east/south on Rt. 4 for 3 miles (1.5 miles after crossing over the Patuxent River) to the Plummer Lane exit on right. Follow as above.

**Bring:** Water, snack or lunch for a picnic after the trip, field guides, hand lens, binoculars.

**Note:** There is a \$3 per person entrance fee into the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary.

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



Persimmon  
*Diospyros virginiana*

## Plant It & They Will Come!

### Native Plant Nursery Tour, Garrett County

**Leaders:** Ron Boyer and Liz McDowell

**Dates:** September 24 & 25

**Time:** Open 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ron & Liz of *Elk Ridge NatureWorks* will be hosting these open house events at their native plant nursery in Garrett County. Tour their wildlife garden to see a variety of conservation landscaping and wildlife habitat practices that individuals can use to enhance biodiversity around their homes, schools, and businesses. Experience the joys of conservation landscaping – a wildlife garden filled with bees, birds, butterflies, and beautiful plants.

**Directions:** From I-68, take exit 22 and follow signs for New Germany State Park. Turn left into the park onto McAndrews Hill Road and travel ~ 2 miles to stop sign at Westernport Road. Turn right and travel .25 mile to Red Hill Road. Turn right and drive ~ .5 mile to Elk Ridge Lane.

Turn left onto Elk Ridge Lane (a private road). Nursery is .4 miles out this gravel lane on the right.

**Note:** Free guided tours are offered at 10 am, noon, & 2 pm.

**Contact:** Ron or Liz 301-895-3686 or info@elkridgenatureworks.com.

### Assateague Island Plant Communities

**Leader:** Leslie Hunter-Cario

**Date/Time:** October TBD

Take a trip to visit the coastal plant communities of Assateague Island. Fall is a beautiful time to see the grasses and fall color on the dunes and oak-pine forests. A ranger from Assateague will give a program on the plants.

**Directions:** Arrangements to be announced.

**Bring:** Lunch and water.

**Contact:** Leslie horticulture@wetland.org for more details.

## Native Plant Sales

### Adkins Arboretum Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Blazing yellow goldenrod, purple asters, and red cardinal flowers close out the season's colors. Select from a variety of perennials to attract the last of the butterflies or migrating birds that are beginning their journey south. Visit Adkins Arboretum's website, [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org), for a plant sale list and information about fall programs.

### Native Plant Sale & Butterfly Festival

**Ladew Topiary Gardens** is hosting a Native Plant Sale & Butterfly Festival on **Saturday, September 24th** from 11 am to 3 pm. "Celebrating Maryland's diverse plant and animal habitat by encouraging conservation and environmental stewardship through education," Ladew's Festival promises to be fun and informative. Learn about and purchase native Maryland plants, shrubs and trees, and nature-related crafts. Participate in a Monarch butterfly tagging demonstration and release! Plan a picnic and explore the 1.5 mile Nature Walk on your own or take a guided tour. View and identify the numerous species of butterflies feeding on goldenrod, milkweed, and other native plants along Ladew's Nature Walk. The Café will be open serving lunch and snacks made with organic produce. The Gift Shop will be specially stocked with selections for nature-lovers as well as items for house and garden. The Manor House will also be open for 45-minute guided tours. There is an admission fee.

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## Invasive Exotic Plant Removal Workdays

### Greenbelt National Park, Prince George's Co.

**Dates:** First Saturdays, monthly

**Time:** Meet at 11:00 am in the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Located just 12 miles from Washington, D.C., Greenbelt Park is a beloved retreat from the city and an important refuge for native plants and animals. Come join us in defending Greenbelt Park from encroachment by alien invasive plant growth. Volunteers will be hand pulling harmful non-native plants such as Japanese honeysuckle, beefsteak mint, mile-a-minute vine and garlic mustard. People of all ages, backgrounds, and interests are invited to spend a fun day outdoors while learning about the differences between native and non-native plants and helping to preserve the health and native wildlife of this local natural area.

**Directions:** From the Capital Beltway (495), take Kenilworth Avenue south about ¼ mile to Greenbelt Road (Rt. 193). Kenilworth goes under 193. Stay to the right so you can take Rt. 193 East (a left to go over Kenilworth) for only a few hundred yards to the park entrance. Greenbelt Park is on the right hand side before the turnoff for the BW Parkway. Follow the signs to the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

**Carpool Info:** Meet behind the Sierra Club office behind the College Park Shopping Center (the upper lot behind the Wawa & Vertigo books) at 10:30 am.

**Bring:** Lunch, drink, and appropriate clothing for weather.

**Contact:** Tom Crone 301-864-1959 or tomnjan@erols.com, Kate Odell kateo@wam.umd.edu or 301-474-5395, or Laurel Imlay 301-864-1009(h)/301-277-7111(w).

### Ruth Swann Park and Chapman Forest, Charles County

**Leader:** Marc Imlay

**Dates:** First Sundays, monthly **Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Directions:** Meet at the Ruth B. Swann Park-Potomac Branch Library parking lot, 20 miles south of Washington Beltway (I-495) on Rt. 210 (Indian Head Hwy). Give yourself 30 to 40 minutes from the beltway.

**Carpool Info:** Meet at Sierra Club Md. Chapter office at 9:00 am; return 5:00 pm. Call Laurel Imlay at 301-277-7111.

**Bring:** Gloves, lunch, and water. Durable long sleeves and pants recommended.

**Contact:** Marc 301-283-0808. RSVP is welcome.

### Woodend Sanctuary, Montgomery County

**Dates:** Second Saturdays, monthly

**Time:** Between 9:00 am – noon

The Audubon Naturalist Society is seeking volunteers to help remove non-native plants from its Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase. Volunteers will be trained by staff and/or experienced volunteers.

**Call:** 301-652-9188 x 30 for more information or to sign up.

### Fort Meade, Anne Arundel County

**Dates:** Second Saturdays, monthly **Time:** Meet at 10:00 am  
A partnership between Dept. of the Army, MNPS, Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club, and volunteers. Help remove Japanese stilt grass, English ivy, garlic mustard, tree of heaven, multiflora rose, crown vetch, Japanese honeysuckle, common privet, *Phragmites*, Asiatic tearthumb, etc. You will receive a short training session from personnel from Md. Chapter of the Sierra Club or MNPS in the identification of, removal, and control techniques for non-native invasive plants. You are invited to spend a day outdoors, hand-pulling some non-native weed populations while learning about the differences between native and non-native plants, and helping to preserve the health and native wildlife of the natural areas.

**Directions:** Take Rt. 175 east from (I-295) Baltimore Washington Parkway. Take Llewellyn Ave south onto the installation. A Ft. Meade representative will meet you at guard station to escort you to work site.

**Bring:** Hand tools, gloves, lunch, and water. Long sleeves and pants recommended.

**Contact:** Don Marquardt at 301-677-9185 or marquardt@emh1.ftmeade.army.mil.

### Northwest Branch of the Anacostia, Montgomery County

**Leader:** Jane Osburn

**Dates:** Third Saturdays **Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please join us for a walk in the forest to remove invasive plants from areas along the Northwest Branch stream. We'll then relax and have a vegetarian lunch. All are welcome.

**Directions:** From the intersection of 29 (Colesville Road) and University Blvd in Silver Spring, go east on University and turn (there's only left) on Williamsburg Drive. Stay on Williamsburg at the first fork you come to (bear left), and then at the second fork (Williamsburg N. vs. S.) bear left again. Williamsburg turns into Big Rock Road at the bottom of the hill. 10204 Big Rock Road. Hope to see you there!

**Bring:** Water and gloves. I have extra gloves if you need some. Vegetarian lunch provided.

**Contact:** Jane for more info at 301-754-1564.

### Belt Woods, Prince George's County

**Leaders:** Robert Burnett and Maureen Fine

**Dates:** Saturdays, ongoing **Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Belt Woods is bordered by Central Ave (214) to the south and Church Road to the east, just on the outskirts of Bowie, MD. Meeting place for work groups varies, depending on the focus for that day. Plants to be addressed over the next few months: mile-a-minute, honeysuckle, English ivy, bitter-sweet, multi-flora rose, Ailanthus, periwinkle, stilt grass, etc.

**Bring:** Drink and snack. Gloves and tools provided.

**Note:** Poison ivy is very abundant, as are thorny bushes, so please dress in long pants and long sleeved shirts.

**Contact:** Maureen maureenfine@earthlink.net or 301-464-9306 to verify meeting location.

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## Help out Restoration Week at Pickering Creek

**Dates:** September 17–22

Come take part in Pickering Creek's first Restoration Week! Restoration Week is a new program that blends restoration activities with education and team building. Join local community organizations and volunteers in restoring a streamside buffer by replacing exotic plants with native species. The project will create superior wildlife habitat and filter water running toward the Chesapeake Bay. The project will have an immediate impact on one particular piece of land as well as a long-lasting impact for the community as the restored area will be accessible to the public and serve as a model for future educational programs. Come join our volunteers, young and old, for the day or for a few days! Tools and light snacks will be provided.

**Contact:** For directions and registration call 410-822-4903 or visit [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

## Nature Conservancy Weed Buster Workday: Olmsted Island, Great Falls

**Leader:** Mary Travaglini

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21 **Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
We have special permission to climb over the boardwalk on Olmsted Island to tackle the invasive exotic Chinese lespedeza. This is a great opportunity to get out after work in the cool evening air. Munchies provided.

**Directions:** We will be meeting at the Great Falls Tavern promptly at 6 pm.

**Bring:** Water, boots or sturdy shoes, durable clothes, gloves/loppers/saws if you have them – we have enough tools for volunteers.

**Note:** Please sign up in advance.

**Contact:** [MaryPotomacGorgeVol@tnc.org](mailto:MaryPotomacGorgeVol@tnc.org) or 301-897-8570 to sign up.

## Nature Conservancy Weed Buster Workday: Fletchers Boathouse or nearby area of C&O Canal, Washington, D.C.

**Leader:** Mary Travaglini

**Date:** Saturday, October 29 **Time:** 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
Fall is time to swing into gear to control English ivy! Trees along the C&O Canal have been under attack from large colonies of English ivy, and we intend to help curb the advance of this very problematic vine.

**Directions:** Our plan is to work near Fletcher's Boathouse.

**Bring:** Water, boots or sturdy shoes, durable clothes, gloves/loppers/saws if you have them – we have enough tools for volunteers.

**Note:** Please sign up in advance.

**Contact:** [MaryPotomacGorgeVol@tnc.org](mailto:MaryPotomacGorgeVol@tnc.org) or 301-897-8570 to sign up.

## Invasive Shrub Removal in Sligo Creek Park

**Leaders:** Lea Bonfiglio and Sally Gagne

**Dates:** Most fall weekends **Times:** Some am, some pm  
Remove bush honeysuckle, wineberry, and/or multiflora rose. Pull roots where possible, otherwise, cut trunks with clippers or pruning saw.

**Directions:** Sligo Creek Parkway between New Hampshire and Arcola. See [www.fosc.org/RIPEventSched.htm](http://www.fosc.org/RIPEventSched.htm).

**Bring:** Gloves and pruners, or we will have some. Wear long sleeves and pants and outdoor shoes.

**Note:** Check website, [www.fosc.org](http://www.fosc.org) for last-minute cancellation due to rain, other.

**Contact:** Lea for questions and directions 301-807-4697.

## 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.

**Contact:** Carole Bergmann, M-NCPPC Forest Ecologist, at 301-949-2818 for more info or to sign up.

## Become an Urban Weed Warrior!

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks has started its own Urban Weed Warriors program. Weed warriors can come to learn about the non-native invasive species in Baltimore City parks. Training includes weed ID, removal techniques, and an overview of non-native invasives. The training will lead to certification as a weed warrior, whereby volunteers can work on their own to help control non-native invasive species in City parks.

**Contact:** Janelle Burke, Weed Warrior Program Coordinator, [janelle.burke@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:janelle.burke@baltimorecity.gov) or 410-396-0359. Please call to confirm dates, locations, and times.

### Native News Deadlines:

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### Tentative 2005 Mailing Party Dates (preceding regular Monthly Meetings at White Oak Library):

Tuesdays: October 25, and December 20



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**Membership Dues:**

- Individual: \$25.00/year
- Double: \$35.00/year
- Student/limited income: \$15.00/year
- Lifetime: \$250.00
- Organization: \$50.00/year

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