

June 22, 2021
Monthly Member Meet
7:00 – 8:35 PM

NOTES

Introductions. 17 participants.

MNPS Board: Chris Puttock (Pres), Jil Swearingen (Sec), Allen Brown (Board member)

Announcements, Member questions.

Chris. Chesapeake Natives Inc. is seeking volunteer help to get nursery ready for post-covid open house in late July; volunteers will be rewarded with some free native plants.

Marilandica (Chris & Jil). Spring issue is out now! Fall issue will be out in October. We're trying to time the newsletter to come out during the early part of the season it represents rather than the end of that season. Chris encouraged members to submit ideas for articles or to consider writing something for the newsletter. Also looking for people to submit book reviews. Ideas should be emailed to info@mdflora.org

30th Anniversary (Chris). January 2021. We're just starting to think about and plan how to celebrate. Chris is interested in a summary of the history of the society and offered an invitation to member to help.

2022 Theme: Year of the Mints (Chris). Ninety-five species in Maryland, native and exotic; not all mints are aromatic. Gina Becker is interested in mints that can be planted to deter deer. Chris commented that deer generally do not eat the mints and that's why we're able to find them in the forests.

Website. (Jil) An overhaul of the website is being planned to restructure and reorganize it to make it easier to access the wealth of materials it contains. Website will also be given a new look. The board will consider a proposal by a designer at the July board meeting; work should be completed by end of 2021 so we'll have new website ready for 2022. A new logo design will also be considered.

Meetings of the society (Jil and Chris)

Topics to be discussed:

- **New hybrid webinar & in-person format.** Will use for M3 meetings (July-Sep), annual conference (Sep) and monthly programs (Oct-Nov). Presentations will continue to be recorded and posted to MNPS website and Youtube. This will ensure the greatest number of people "attending" the meetings and hearing the talks. We're seeking volunteers to be part of the programs team.
- **Location(s) for monthly programs.** Options: Silver Spring Civic Center (SSCC), Kensington and other libraries, middle & high schools, churches. Seeking assistance from members to find good locations. We may alternate among different locations through the year to encourage attendance by members outside of the DC beltway. For locations outside of the DC Metro area, volunteers will be needed to be responsible for finding and reserving a room, setting up and closing up the room, and running the webinars.
- **Night and week of the monthly programs.** Has been last Tuesday for many years. We want to poll the members to determine which night (Mon, Tues, Wed, or Thurs) and which week of the month is preferred.

Monthly Member Meets (M3s) (Tuesday before monthly programs)

Webinar and in-person; presenters in-person. Location: Silver Spring Civic Center, Fenton Room

July 20 (7:00 PM)

August 24 (7:00 PM)

September 21 (7:00 PM)

Monthly Programs (Speakers) – Last Tuesdays (Registration required – see website)

Webinar only.

June 29. Dr. Sara Via. Climate Change, Native Plants and the Restoration of Biodiversity.

July 27. Dr. Liz Matthews. National Park Forests in the eastern U.S.: Ecological Value and Natural Resources Challenges.

August 31. Dr. Katalin Szlavecz. Non-native earthworms and their effects on forest soils.

September 28. Suzanne Hill. Native grasses, sedges and rushes for gardens and landscapes.

Webinar & in-person. Location: Silver Spring Convention Center, Fenton Room.

October 26. Checklist of the Vascular Plants of Maryland. Wes Knapp.

November 30. Using Local Ecotype Native Plants in Landscapes. Christopher Puttock.

Annual Conference

Rare Plants and Communities of the Baltimore-Washington Corridor

Saturday September 25 (Location TBD) Presenters webinar and in-person

Sunday September 26 Doug Tallamy – Ecology of Oaks. Webinar only

Annual Member's meeting

In-person & members only

December (Date and location TBD)

Chris' presentation – Fern Sex