

The Blue Ridge Mountains and Potomac Valley in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia

Native Plants and Geology of the Blue Ridge Province

Multi-state Native Plant Society Fall Conference

US Fish & Wildlife National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Friday, October 3 – Sunday, October 5

Friday, October 3:

- 3:00-5:00 pm Field Trip – Snavely's Ford Trail, Antietam National Battlefield,
Washington County, MD – Joe Metzger
- 8:00 pm Ghost Tour – Harper's Ferry, WV (\$3)

Saturday, October 4:

- 7:30-8:30 am Breakfast/Coffee
- 8:30-9:00 am Introduction
- 9:00-9:45 am Avery Drake – Overview of the Geology of the Blue Ridge Province
- 10:00-10:30 am Coffee Break/Poster Session/Book Sale
- 10:35-11:20 am Gary Fleming – Diverse Natural Communities and Flora of the Blue Ridge
- 11:30-11:40 am Coffee Break
- 11:45 am-12:30 pm Cris Fleming – Rare Plants of the Harpers Ferry Area
- 12:30-1:45 pm Lunch Break (lunches provided)/Book Sale/Poster Session
- 1:00-1:45 pm Maryland Native Plant Society Annual Business Meeting
- 1:45-2:00 pm Assemble for afternoon Field Trips
- 2:00-5:00 pm Saturday Field Trips
- 2:00-TBD pm Fern ID Workshop – Conference Facility – Larry Stritch, Instructor
- 6:30-10:00 pm Saturday Evening Social – Hilltop House Hotel, Harpers Ferry, WV –
Buffet served from 7:00-9:00 (\$16.50/person)

Sunday, October 5:

- 7:30-8:45 am Breakfast/Coffee
- 9:00-9:45 am Speaker (TBA) – Threats to our Native Forest (proposed topic)
- 10:00-11:00 am Panel Discussion – The Role of Native Plant Societies in Conservation
with Stan Shetler, Rod Simmons, and Leslie Sauer (TBD)
- 11:00 am-on... Book Sale with Book Signings by Cris Fleming/Nicky Staunton (*Finding
Wildflowers in the Washington-Baltimore Area*) and Leslie Sauer (*The
Once and Future Forest: A Guide to Forest Restoration Strategies*) TBD
- 10:00 am-3:00 pm Field Trip – Yankauer Preserve (very near conference site) – Joe Metzger
- 1:00-TBD pm Field Trip – Shanondale Wildlife Management Area, outside of Charles
Town, WV – Larry Stritch
- 1:00-TBD pm Field Trip – Short Hill-Virginia portion of Harpers Ferry National
Historical Park near Lovettsville – Cris Fleming
- 1:00-4:00 pm Field Trip – G Richard Thompson Wildlife Management Area,
Appalachian Trail, Fauquier County, VA – Bob Pickett

Please check back for additions and alterations to the schedule. To receive a brochure, email Meghan Tice, Chair at cecropia13@msn.com. MNPS members will receive a brochure in the mail during the first week of September. More info will also be posted here soon. Thank you!