

Dear Members and Friends of the MNPS Catoclin Chapter,

The Maryland Native Plant Society has been active since 1992 promoting Maryland's native plants and their habitats. MNPS is a 501 (C) 3 organization and is run entirely by volunteers. The Catoclin Chapter consists of members from Frederick, Washington and Carroll counties) and has been active since 2003. A small corps of volunteers has organized meetings, field trips, workshops, and native plantings. We are looking to expand both our membership and the type of programs we offer. We need your help

We need new ideas and new volunteers to help pursue these ideas. We ask that you bring a friend to MNPS events--most activities are open to the public and you do not need to be a member to attend. We hope that by learning about the work of the Society through participation in field trips, meetings, or workshops we will increase our membership. Visit our web site www.mdflora.org for information on field trips and meetings.

In order to schedule activities that will interest, educate, and generally get folks together, we are seeking your input on meetings and activities for the Catoclin Chapter. Please take a moment and reply with your comments on the following:

What time/day of the week are you available for meetings?

What topics would you like to cover at meetings?

- o Native plants used in home gardening
- o Wildlife habitat gardens
- o Butterfly gardens
- o Updates on local conservation or legislative initiatives
- o Being eco-friendly: how to eliminate chemicals, or conserve water or compost
- o Plant ID workshops (native & invasive)
- o Plant nomenclature (understanding the Latin) and how plants got their names
- o Plant folklore
- o Habitats of the Catoclin
- o Other:

Below are some other activities that we may pursue. Which activities interest you?

- o Work parties - removing non-natives from parks or member properties
- o Plant propagation
- o Planting public gardens
- o Participating in habitat restoration
- o A "Standing Around Club" where members get together at another member's house or property to casually discuss plants that grow there
- o Potluck dinner
- o Other:

What field trips would you come to?

- o Local parks
- o Long distance trips (via carpools)
- o Garden tours
- o Unique, rare, or threatened habitats
- o Tree ID
- o Spring ephemeral ID
- o Summer wildflowers
- o Winter woods hikes
- o Invasive plant removals
- o Habitat restoration projects
- o Other:

Volunteers are needed to do all this and be successful.

I would be willing to volunteer with the following:

- o Join the Steering Committee
- o Track local legislation
- o Protect and preserve local habitats
- o Lead field trip
- o Speak at a meeting
- o Host a meeting or field trip. Where would it be?
- o Public outreach (speaker's bureau, Earth Day Fair)
- o Remove non-native invasive plants
- o Assist with habitat restoration
- o Other ideas:

What areas of knowledge are you comfortable with giving a short talk on or sharing with the group?

Where are places that would be available meeting places?

Would you be willing to have a meeting at your home?

Thank you for your help. If you any other suggestions that would help us improve the Catoclin Chapter of MNPS, please speak up.

Please provide us with the following information: MNPS does not share, lend, or sell our membership list. Providing this information will only be used to follow up on your responses to this survey.

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Please respond by filling and e-mailing this form back to Jim Gallion at jimbo21793@aol.com; you can also bring it to a Chapter meeting, or send it in the mail to:

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