Saturday, September 25
9:00 am .............. Registration Opens
9:45 am ...................... Welcome
10:00 am ..................... Wesley Knapp
Eastern Shore Plant Communities and their Rare Species
The Eastern Shore is home to a wide diversity of Natural Communities and rare plant species. During this whirlwind tour Knapp will present an overview of select Natural Communities, discussing their distributions and diagnostic rare and common plant species
10:45 am ...................... Break
11:15 am ...................... Joan Maloof
Eastern Shore Forests: Then and Now
What did the forests of the Eastern Shore look like 500 years ago? Joan Maloof will present a brief synopsis of the native forest types that occur on the Eastern Shore, how they have been classified and then share the results of her work on The Nature Conservancy’s Nassawango Preserve. This fast-moving presentation will cover a lot of ground and perhaps raise more questions than it answers.
12:00 pm .............. Sara Tangren
Restoring Native Lupine Populations
Wild lupines (Lupinus perennis) are one of our state’s most beautiful wildflowers, but they are rare (S2). Most of Maryland’s lupines are found growing on the crests of ancient sand dunes of the Delmarva Peninsula. Join us for a discussion of the lupine’s natural history and its future.
12:30 pm ...................... Closing Remarks
12:45 pm ...................... Lunch (provided)
Field Trips
Participants head into the field to explore a variety of ecosystems for both plant-focused and general natural history explorations of the Eastern Shore. Additional field trips may be planned. The website www.mdflora.org will be updated as field trips are confirmed.
Saturday, September 25 1:30-6 pm
Saturday field trips are for conference participants. Details and directions will be provided at the conference.
Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
Leader: Joe Metzger
Delmarva Bay: Pristine Pines
Leader: Cris Fleming & Deborah Landau
Wye Island’s Old Growth Forest
Leader: Karyn Molines
Adkins Arboretum
Leader: Carole Bergmann
Wetland Plant Id at Environmental Concern
Leader: Leslie Cario-Hunter

Sunday, September 26 10 am-2 pm
Sunday field trips are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Details provided at the conference and on the web site.
Nassawango Preserve
Leader: Joe Metzger
Canoeing (9am-1pm) (BYO Boat)
Leader: Nick Carter
Adkins Arboretum
Leader: Karyn Molines

Saturday Social 6-9 pm
Additional $30 fee
Location: Chesapeake College
Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones during the buffet dinner. The Native Treasures sale will continue through the evening.
Nick Carter
How Watersheds Work
The Choptank and other Chesapeake drainage basins illustrate the principles and mechanisms of watersheds and other ecosystems. Recycling of minerals and nutrients, and conservation of soil fertility and water quality by plant and animal biodiversity are emphasized to explain several major ecological concepts, including human civilization’s dependence on sound ecosystem functioning.

Directions
www.chesapeake.edu/locator/locmap4.asp

FROM ANNAPOLIS AND POINTS WEST: Take Route 50 East across the Bay Bridge. At the Route 50/301 split bear to the right continue on Route 50 for 6 miles. Turn right at the traffic light onto Route 213. Turn right into the College entrance. Turn right on the main campus road and continue to the Higher Education Building on the right.

FROM SALISBURY AND POINTS EAST: Take Route 50 West through Cambridge. Continue through Easton and another 15 miles to Wye Mills. Turn left onto Route 213. Turn right into the College entrance. Turn right on the main campus road and continue to the Higher Education Building on the right.
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Photography Contest
Bring your best Maryland native plant photos to the conference for our annual photography contest. Categories are Native Plants, Native Plant Pollinators, and Threatened Habitats. Winners will be chosen by conference participants who will vote for their favorite entries in various categories. There will be space to display your photographs during the conference and social. Details about the contest can be found on our website, www.mdflora.org.

Native Treasures Sale
Do you have unneeded botanical or nature-oriented items that may be someone else’s Native Treasure? How about extra field guides or environmental books? Consider donating them to the “Native Treasures” sale. All sales will benefit MNPS programs. Please provide the suggested selling price for each item.

Conference Speakers
Wesley Knapp is the Eastern Region Ecologist/Botanist for the Maryland DNRs Wildlife and Heritage Service. His research interests include the Juncaceae and Cyperaceae of North America, the flora of the Eastern U.S., rare species and bryophytes.
Joan Maloof is the author of Teaching the Trees: Lessons from the Forest. She teaches Biology and Environmental Studies at Salisbury University. Dr. Maloof’s numerous publications range from “Plant-Pollinator Interactions” to “Measuring the Beauty of the Forest.” Currently she is working to develop an Old-Growth Forest Network.
Sara Tangren founded Chesapeake Natives in 2005. The nonprofit now works with the UMD Arboretum and Botanic Garden on its native plant demonstration gardens and rare plant conservation program. Dr. Tangren also works with the State Highway Administration and the USDA on the development of locally native seed sources for roadside use.
Nick Carter was a biologist and ecologist for Maryland Department of Natural Resources for 35 years, analyzing the impacts of habitat alteration on aquatic resources and developing strategies to protect ecosystems. Through his talks on the necessity for conservation for the survival of society he integrates history, habitats, population growth, recycling and the second law of thermodynamics. Upon retirement in 2000, he was made an “Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay.”

Registration
To assist with catering estimates, please register by September 10.

Registration Fee (includes lunch)
$55 members
$65 nonmembers
$15 Chesapeake College students & staff

Saturday Social Fee (includes dinner)
$30 per person

- Scholarships are available.
- Other native plant society members can register at the member’s rate.

Please make checks payable to: Maryland Native Plant Society
And send to:
MNPS Fall Conference
P. O. Box 4877
Silver Spring, MD 20914

For More Information
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Accommodations
A list of hotels located in Grasonville, Easton, and Annapolis is on our web site: www.mdflora.org

Maryland Native Plant Society, a 501(c)(3) organization, uses education, research, advocacy and service to promote awareness, appreciation, and conservation of native plants and their habitats. For more information, please visit our website: www.mdflora.org.

Registration Form
Register securely on-line: www.mdflora.org

Make copies for additional registrations.
Join MNPS and pay the member’s rates.

Name ____________________________
Street ____________________________
City ____________________________
State____ Zip Code_______ County_______
Home Phone ________________________
Work Phone ________________________
E-mail ____________________________

☐ I am a member of MNPS or other NPS ______
☐ Dietary preferences__________________

Registration Fee ($55/$65/$15)
Saturday Social ($30)

Consider a tax-deductible donation:
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Total Enclosed

Membership Dues: ☐ New Membership is for 12 months.
☐ Renewal
☐ $15 Student/Limited Income
☐ $25 Individual
☐ $35 Double: 2nd member
☐ $50 Organization
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