



Native News

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President's Letter

Greetings,

MNPS recently published the flora "Araby Bog: A globally rare magnolia bog in Charles County, Maryland" by Rod Simmons and Mark Strong. Many people were instrumental in bringing this report to fruition, especially Stanwyn Shetler and Meghan Tice for conducting floral surveys. Dave Linthicum created artistic and accurately detailed maps of the site describing the impact of the proposed development adjoining the bog. These effective visual messages convey the importance of watershed management and will be presented to Charles County Commissioners, land planners, and state officials. This publication causes me to reflect on the history of MNPS, and to realize how far this group has come. In the 1980's the group struggled to get off the ground. After a brief hiatus, the current MNPS was incorporated as a 501-c-3 in 1991. I was Secretary at the time, and marvel at the growth of the Society-membership, number of field trips, involvement in conservation efforts. In our first membership directory, printed in February of 1993, we had approximately 90 members, with only a dozen from outside the metropolitan Washington, DC region. Today, approximately 400 members are found throughout the state, in bordering states and throughout the country. The next membership directory should be available at the members picnic on July 22.

We have two very active regional chapters. The Northeast Chapter, active since 1998, has had many successful plant sales, conducted several native plant seminars, hosted last year's fall conference, and held field trips to wonderful, unique areas. All this has helped to promote the Society's missions throughout Northeast Maryland. Jerry Hudgens, Dennis Kirkwood, Glen Hedelson, Stan Kollar, Jackie Doyle, and Bruce & Linda Masland have been reliable volunteers along with MNPS Secretary Sam Jones in coordinating these activities.

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Annual Members Picnic

Sunday, July 22, 2001 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Mount Aventine/Chapman Forest Charles County, Maryland

Join us for the annual MNPS members picnic. Come visit Chapman Forest, a natural gem in southern Maryland that MNPS has helped to preserve. Bring a dish or dessert to share. For more information contact Rod Simmons at rod7777@telocity.com.

Tentative schedule of events:

10:00 am-11:00 am: arrive at Mount Aventine

11:00 am-1:00 pm: Tours of Mount Aventine, a c.1820 historic mansion

11:00 am -1:00 pm: *Old-Growth Shell-Marl Ravine Forest Tour and Bird Walk* with Rod Simmons and Meghan Tice

11:00 am -1:00 pm: *Wetlands Ecology Walk* along the Potomac Swamp and the edge of the old-growth forest with Jim Long. See Halberd-leaved Hibiscus, Swamp Loosestrife, Sweetspire, Pumpkin Ash, and dozens of wetland plants.

11:00 am -1:00 pm: *Fern ID Walk* along the Potomac Swamp and Old-Growth Forest with Joe Metzger. Should see about 20 species of fern, including Adder's Tongue, Marsh Fern, Glade Fern, Mosquito Fern, and many more.

11:00 am-1:00 pm: *Invasive Exotic Plant Removal Tour* with Marc Imlay. See the results of extensive invasives removal by Marc and many volunteers over the years along the edge of the old-growth forest and what native species are returning to cleared areas.

1:00 pm: Back to Mount Aventine (back porch overlooking Potomac River) for picnic/lunch

4:00 pm: *Araby Bog Walk* (we will not walk in bog so as not to destroy plants and soil structure, but will walk along perimeter). Carpool to the site.

4:00 pm: *Bryans Road Bog Walk* (same as above) Carpool to site.

4:00 pm: repeat earlier walks as needed

All walks and tours will leave from the Mount Aventine site.

Directions to Mount Aventine/Chapman Forest: From Maryland, take beltway (495) towards Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Just before bridge, exit onto Indian Head Highway (Rt. 210) heading south. Proceed south on Indian Head Highway (210) for app. 20 miles, the Bryans Road intersection (intersection of Rt. 210 and Marshall Hall Rd. McDonald's and Burger King on right near entrance of shopping center) will be a landmark that you are near Chapman Forest. Continue on Rt. 210 through intersection, but start getting into right lane. App. 1-2 miles after Bryans Road intersection make half right onto Chapman Landing Road and proceed 1-2 miles to driveway/entrance to Mount Aventine. Make right into driveway and proceed very slowly until you reach parking area near Mount Aventine/picnic area.

Look inside for the Summer 2001 Field Trip Brochure

Upcoming MNPS meetings/talks (see page 3 for details):

July 18 (Eastern Shore Chapter): *When a Tree Falls in the Forest*

July 31: *The Green Menace: The Threat of Invasive Non-Native Plants to Rock Creek Park*

August 28: *Restoring Native Plant Communities*

September 25: *Magnolia Bogs: Their Importance and Vulnerability*

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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 sponsors monthly meetings, workshops, field trips and a fall conference.

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Last year, a rejuvenated effort on our Eastern Shore has spurred on a wonderful calendar of field trips, workshops and lectures. A core group of volunteers form the basis of our Eastern Shore chapter, and are hard at work coordinating our tenth annual fall conference "Shaping Nature: The Impact of Human and Natural Disturbance on Our Native Flora" on September 29 and 30 (hint: mark your calendar now). Their efforts are instrumental in creating a MNPS presence in the education and conservation of Maryland's Coastal Plain ecosystems.

And now, our next endeavor is to extend to the mountainous regions of Western Maryland. Over Memorial Day weekend the seeds of chapter formation were planted and we'll be working over the next year to increase our outreach into Frederick, Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties. In addition, we'll be cooperating with the West Virginia Native Plant Society's Eastern Panhandle Chapter to increase both of our presence.

These developments are only a few examples of our current positive trends. As has been my mantra as President, come join us in our efforts. Talk to your friends, office mates and community about our efforts. Write an article for a local paper about one of the field trips or lectures. Check out the Volunteer Section of Native News for a few of the specific jobs to be done. And as always, check our website at www.mdflora.org for the most current Society activities.

In closing, I want to apologize if any of you showed up at Fairland Library for the April monthly meeting. Scheduling conflicts forced us to re-locate. Although the change was announced at the March monthly meeting and was on the web site, some of you may not have gotten the word. I encourage you to check the web site often; as there is always the chance that field trips and schedules change. If you do not have web access, give me a call (410-741-9330) and I'll try to update you. One positive result of our April conflict was locating a fabulous meeting room in Howard County. Look forward to more meetings held there. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Karyn Molines

Neighbor buys controversial proposed development site

Ellen Cline, who lives next to the controversial Falcon Ridge proposed development site in Pisgah, Maryland, bought the site at a tax sale auction on Tuesday. She paid the taxes on Tuesday -- which were delinquent, as the owner, White Oak Limited Liability Company, had not paid them.

Cline owns Araby, a 300-year old house and historic estate in which George Mason, intellectual author of the US Bill of Rights, married his wife, Ann Eilbeck. Araby borders Falcon Ridge.

Falcon Ridge is the second phase of a proposed two phase development that would site 500 houses on forest lands with steep and very steep slopes. Ecologists have warned that development of the projects would degrade and eventually destroy Araby Bog, an unusual sort of wetland called a Magnolia Bog, much valued by biologists as a unique and endangered type of habitat.

"Since I first learned about plans to shoehorn a high-density development on Araby's doorstep, I have been distraught about the impact this project would have on the historical setting of Araby. Now we know that it is not just Araby that is threatened, but also Araby Bog, a one-of-a-kind wetlands. If the land is mine, I will do my utmost to see these treasures remain intact," said Cline.

The developers have six months in which they can buy the land back. If they fail to by that time, Cline, who now holds a certificate, will have the opportunity to gain the title.

For information, call Pat Stamper at (301) 753-6175.

MNPS Monthly Meetings

The Green Menace: The Threat of Invasive Non Native Plants to Rock Creek Park

Tuesday, July 31, 2001 7:30 pm
Aspen Hill Library, Rockville, Maryland

America's National Parks contain many of our natural wonders. Unfortunately, many of these parks are threatened by a green menace that might also be in your own backyard. This menace is that of invasive non native plants, aggressive transplanted species that are pushing out our native plants and altering many special habitats. In this slide presentation, NPS employee Blaine Eckberg will illustrate the threat that invasive non natives pose to Rock Creek Park, one of our local National Parks. Identification of the major invasive species, current methods of control and available volunteer opportunities at the park will be discussed. Efforts by the federal government to deal with the invasive species problem will also be addressed.

Directions to the Aspen Hill Library: From I-495 take Exit 33 (Connecticut Ave.) north for about 5.5 miles. Turn left onto Aspen Hill Rd. The library is about 0.5 miles on the right, at 4407 Aspen Hill Rd. Phone number is 301-871-2094.

Restoring Native Plant Communities

Tuesday, August 28, 2001 7:30 pm
Howard County Parks and Recreation Headquarters,
Columbia, Maryland

Restoring native plant communities often conjures up more questions than answers: How should the composition of species be selected? What size plant material should be specified? How much should natural succession play a role? What is the source of the material? What density of plant material should be specified? Are soil amendments required? Keith Bowers, Restoration Ecologist and Landscape Architect with Biohabitats, Inc. will provide examples and explain his firm's approach to native plant community design and planting including selection of species and development of composition schedules, planting schedules, and soil amendments. Joe Metzger will be on hand from 7-7:30 to help with identifying cuttings, potted or photographed plants. Refreshments and door prizes.

Directions to the meeting place: From I-95 take Exit 41 onto Route 175 (Little Patuxent Pkwy.) west towards Columbia. At the 2nd light turn left onto Snowden River Pkwy. (You will need to stay in right lane because this light actually takes you under a bridge to get onto Snowden River Pkwy) At the 3rd light turn left onto Oakland Mills Road. The Headquarters building is on the right approximately 1/2 mile. It's located just before the railroad tracks at 7120 Oakland Mills Road. Phone 410-313-4700.

More MNPS Meetings

Magnolia Bogs: Their Importance and Vulnerability

Tuesday, September 25, 2001 7:30 p.m.
Aspen Hill Library, Rockville, Maryland

Within the Mattawoman Creek watershed, near historic Araby Manor in Charles County, Maryland, there is a Magnolia Bog notable for its large size and relatively undisturbed qualities. Magnolia Bogs, so termed since at least the early 20th century, are rare seepage bogs that form a thick layer of sphagnum overlying a sand and gravel substrate and that have recognizable floral associations with similarities to other bog ecosystems. They are confined to the inner coastal plain of the mid-Atlantic states, where they occur near the fall line on older formations that underlie springhead seepages in terrace gravel forests. These complexes are sustained by the infrequent coincidence of stable groundwater seepage and acidic, nutrient poor conditions. Very few examples presently remain. In this presentation, Rod Simmons, ecologist and MNPS botany committee chair and Mark Stong, taxonomist at the Smithsonian Institution, will cover the history, status, regional distribution, botany, and management issues of Magnolia Bogs with specific emphasis on the unusually large and intact Araby Bog.

Special Event

When a Tree Falls in the Forest

Wednesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
Adkins Arboretum Visitor Center, Ridgely, Maryland

Speaker: Dr. Dennis Whigham, Plant Ecologist, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater, Maryland

Location:

Dr. Whigham will examine how populations of woodland herbs are affected by tree gaps caused by both natural and human disturbance.

This free event is sponsored by the Maryland Native Plant Society's Eastern Shore Chapter.

Adkins Arboretum, in Caroline County on Maryland's eastern shore, may be reached from US Route 50 or Route 301 from the west, or Route 13 from the east via Route 404. From Route 404 turn north onto Maryland Route 480, and immediately left onto Eveland Road. The Arboretum is on the left, approximately two miles.

Questions, contact: Danielle Fitzko, Centreville, MD, 410-758-0166. or the Adkins Arboretum, 410-634-2847..
adkinsar@intercom.net or <http://www.adkinsarboretum.org/>

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SHAPING NATURE

THE IMPACT OF HUMAN AND NATURAL DISTURBANCE ON OUR NATIVE
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MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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Announcements

10th annual Native Plant Seminar & Plant Sale

Irvine Natural Science Center Stevenson, MD
Saturday August 25, 2001

Seminar: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Scheduled speakers include C. Colston Burrell, Laurie Anne Albrecht, Colin Stewart and Keith Bowers.

Sale: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fourteen native plant vendors will be on hand.

Fee: \$40 members/\$50 non-members, includes box lunch

For more information call (410) 484-2413 or visit www.explorenature.org.

Landscaping for Wildlife Seminar

Sunday, Sept 16, 2001 9am to 3:30 pm
Baltimore County Community College—Dundalk Campus

Daryl Dutrow will teach the basics for attracting wildlife in residential settings with an emphasis on establishing habitats using native plants. The fee is \$60. To register, call 410-869-0296.

Native Grasses on the Eastern Shore

Jean Ellen duPont Sheehan Audubon Sanctuary, Bozman, MD
Saturday, August 18th 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Leslie Hunter (Eastern Shore Chapter) and Amy Bourque, Staff Naturalist at the Sheehan Audubon Sanctuary

We will examine the native grasses beginning to bloom, as well as compile a plant list for the Sanctuary.

DIRECTIONS TO THE JEAN ELLEN duPONT SHEHAN AUDUBON SANCTUARY: Rt 33 to St. Michael's. Travel through town of St. Michael's. 2.5 miles past St. Michael's make

approximately 6 miles. Note large chain link fence on left. Immediately after fence make a left on to Wells Point Rd. Enter through large covered gate (close gate behind you). Once on property follow signs for building #23000 (Yellow House). 15 mph within Sanctuary. It is recommended to wear long pants and/or use tick repellent in this area. Bringing a water bottle is also recommended.

Contact: Leslie Hunter at (410)745-9620 (work). In case of inclement weather, contact Leslie at home morning of trip at (410)820-0441

Interested in submitting announcements, newsy articles or artwork to Native News? Then send your contribution(s) to nativenews@mdflora.org or to jah3r@excite.com or mail to MNPS, P.O. Box 4877, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Material for the September/October issue must be received by July 25.

Olmstead Woods Restoration Programs at Washington National Cathedral

VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS are scheduled the second Saturday of the month, May through November 2001 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and every Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 noon.: Participants will meet at the George Washington Statue to pull out exotic invasives and plant native plants under the direction of horticulturist Elizabeth Brewster. Sturdy gloves and work clothes are required. In the event of heavy rain, the Work Day will be cancelled.

WOODS WALKS

Wed., July 11, 2001, 10 a.m. -- **Summer in the Olmsted Woods.** Come stroll through the Woods as we highlight summer delights. We'll also explain the difference between an "exotic" and a "native" and what it means to say "the Olmsted Woods is being restored".

Wed., Aug. 15, 2001, 10 a.m. -- **Summer Update.** Join us as we examine the plantings, paths and water features that are part of the Olmsted Woods Restoration Phase I and II.

Wed., Sept. 12, 10 a.m. -- **Frederick Law Olmsted and the Olmsted Woods.** This tour will begin at the South Plaza (Garfield Street entrance to the Woods) and move up the hillside in keeping with Olmsted's vision of the appropriate approach. Along the way, we will discuss the visionary landscape architect's plans for the Cathedral Close, with particular attention to the Olmsted Woods.

Sat., Sept. 29, 2001, 1 p.m. -- **Cathedral Open House.** Among numerous other activities the Cathedral Horticultural staff will lead tours of the Olmsted Woods, focusing on path development and restoration of native plants and trees.

Wed., Oct. 10, 2001, 10 a.m. -- **Trees in Autumn.** Join us as we continue to hone our identification skills and appreciate fall's beauty in the Olmsted Woods.

Wed., Oct. 24, 2001, 10 a.m. -- **Autumn Colors.** On this tour, we will focus on "autumn interest" in the Olmsted Woods, with particular attention to native trees and shrubs.

Wed., Oct. 31, 2001, 7 p.m. -- **All Hallows Eve Moonlit Tour.** Join us for a moonlit stroll as we learn about the ongoing restoration and stewardship campaign. Lanterns will help light our way on this very special evening tour.

BIRD WALKS: As the Woods undergoes restoration, a guiding principle is the inclusion of groundcovers, shrubs and trees attractive to birds and other wildlife. Please join experienced birder Sheila Cochran at the George Washington Statue on these morning walks. Wear sturdy shoes and don't forget binoculars!
Weds., Sept. 19 and 26, 2001--9 a.m.

Unless otherwise noted, participants for all programs will meet at the George Washington Statue on Pilgrim Road, just off Wisconsin Avenue on the south side of the Cathedral. No reservations are required and tours are free of charge. For more information, call the Olmsted Woods Info Line: 202-537-2319.

Invasive Exotic Plant Events

Alien invasives are the second biggest threat to biodiversity after habitat loss. A relatively small proportion of alien plants introduced are invasive. Some of these include common garden plants such as English Ivy & Japanese Honeysuckle. Removing invasive plants is a new and rapidly growing field only recently recognized as to its importance in preserving native flora and fauna. We are actually developing and experimenting with many of the techniques we use. Join us! It's a great way to get outdoors, you learn about different plants and know you're doing something good for the environment at the same time! Typically 5-10% invaded now, these parks will become 30-50% invaded unless we help in a timely manner. We are also looking for more botanists to help us identify native plants for girl scouts, gardeners, and other beginners.—*Marc Imlay, MNPS board member and Invasive Exotic Plant Committee Chair*

Chapman Forest Ecosystem Alien Invasive Plant Removal Project & Native Plant Walk

The first Sunday of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Help control and learn about alien invasive versus native plant species. We will identify 3 foot diameter Sassafras trees and other beautiful giant trees. We will explore the Sassafras Trail and Potomac Overlook.

Remnant patches of wineberry are next (Sunday July 1) because of the endangered plant species under attack down the ravines. Participating organizations include the Maryland Native Plant Society and Sierra Club. Location: Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Ruth B. Swann Park/Potomac Branch Library, 18 miles S of Beltway on Rt. 210, Indian Head Hwy. Give yourself 30 minutes from the Beltway. Bring: gloves, lunch, & water (beach picnic). Long sleeves and pants recommended. Contact: Marc Imlay, (301) 283-0808.

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.

Please contact Carole Bergmann, Forest Ecologist for M-NCPPC, and MNPS Board Member at (301) 949-2818 for more information or to sign up.

Invasive Exotic Plant Removal at Brookside Gardens

2nd Sunday of each Month- July 8 and August 12
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Visitors Center Information Desk- If you arrive late pick up a map to work site just a short walk away!

Brookside Gardens is a 50-acre public garden that is a part of Wheaton Regional Park, Montgomery County, Md. This parkland is protected from deer browsing giving a unique opportunity to observe which native plants will be returning to the uncultivated areas here. Working to keep exotic invasives "at bay" is an important aspect of this plan. We continue our focus on the edge of the creek that flows along the north perimeter of our gardens where much bittersweet, multiflora rose and

honeysuckle has already been removed.

Tools are provided but if you have pruners and leather gloves please bring them. We recommend long sleeves, long pants and water resistant shoes.

Directions to Brookside Gardens: Located in Wheaton, Md. From I-495, the Washington Beltway, take Route 97, Georgia Avenue north, 3 miles. At Randolph Road, turn right. At Glenallan Avenue, turn right. At the four-way stop sign, turn right into Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave.

Contact: Cheryl Beagle (301) 962-1413 or
cbeagle@mncppc.state.md.us

The Greenbelt Park Invasive Removal

Saturday July 15 and August 5—RAIN OR SHINE!!
11:00 am Laurel Picnic area.

Spend the day outdoors, taking a nature walk through Greenbelt Park (NOT LAKE ARTEMESIA!), learning about local plants, and hand-pulling non-native weeds, such as japanese honeysuckle, beefsteak mint, mile-a-minute, that are pushing out the native plants and threatening the health of the park. 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. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of any plant specialists would like to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the parks native flora with the group. Bring lunch, drink, water and appropriate clothing for weather.

DIRECTIONS: Take Route 1 South from the 495 Beltway. Take Greenbelt Road East past Beltway Plaza. Cross Kenilworth Avenue. Greenbelt Park is on the right hand side before the turnoff for the Baltimore Washington Parkway. We will meet at the Laurel picnic area.

CARPPOOL: Meet at the University of Maryland College Park Student Union on the Parking Garage side at 10:30 am.

For any questions and information about upcoming events contact Lauren Urgenson at 301-943-4522 or urggie@hotmail.com

Volunteers Needed by MNPS

Auditor: We would like to review our financial records to ensure the proper recording and documentation of Society money. We have approximately \$20,000 gross income. If you have any experience in non-profit book-keeping, please contact Karyn Molines, kmolines@chesapeake.net.

Field Trip Host: Anyone willing to welcome fanatical botanists to a favorite natural area, no botanical knowledge is needed. We are always looking for new places for field trips. If you have a site that you enjoy, want to learn more about the species found there, and want to spend a few hours with fellow plant enthusiasts, consider scheduling a field trip (next deadline is July 25 for Sept-Nov trips). You'll need to decide the date and time, provide directions to and description of the site, and be familiar with the trails so the group doesn't get lost!. Please contact Amy Doll at doll_amy@hotmail.com with your Lucas.

Field Trip Leaders: Those with some botanical knowledge, are needed to lead groups, teach about native plants, share identification skills, and promote the mission of MNPS. Field trip leaders generally select the locations of their trips, but we can pair you with Field Trip Hosts. Must be reliable, prompt, and able to meet scheduling deadlines (next deadline is July 25 for Sept-Nov field trips). Please contact Amy Doll at doll_amy@hotmail.com.

Remember: Our web site is the best source of information for current volunteer needs.

John Parrish Receives Civic Federation Award

MNPS board member John Parrish received an award on June 11 from the Montgomery County Civic Federation for his tireless efforts to preserve natural areas in Montgomery County. He was recognized for his unparalleled work documenting the flora and fauna of the county and for educating countless citizens and public officials on the value of the area's remaining green space.

News from the Eastern Shore Chapter

We had a wonderful field trip on April 29 to the property of Nick and Margaret Carter in Caroline County. It was our largest attendance so far for a chapter-sponsored trip. The Carters have primarily allowed natural succession to alter their formerly-farmed land, and many native species have reasserted themselves. It was interesting to observe the change in flora as we traveled from dry, sandy upland to rich, wooded bottomland along the Choptank River. Along the way we were treated to colonies of *Cypripedium acaule* (pink lady slipper) and *Symplocarpus foetidus* (skunk cabbage). We found *Rhododendron periclymonides* (pinxterbloom azalea) and *Euphorbia marilandica* (Maryland spurge) in bloom. Our walk was enhanced by the Carters' vast knowledge and interesting stories of the plants and habitats we explored. We were fortunate to have on our walk Joe Metzger, Society botanist, who identified some of the rarer plants we spotted, such as *Habenaria clavellata* (fringed orchis).

We have also been busy planning events, scheduling a lecture (see announcement on page 3) and a field trip over the summer. And we're continuing to plan for the Society's 10th Annual Fall Conference (see announcement on page 4). We look forward to welcoming members from throughout the region to the Shore for the fall conference.

—Carol Jelich

Exotic Plant News: Whittling Away at Wineberry

MNPS invasive exotic plant chair Marc Imlay reports: "We are pleased to report good news about controlling wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*) which is highly invasive at Chapman Forest and Swann Park in Southern Maryland. On July 4, 1999, eight of us pulled over one acre by the roots in wet soil gently using 4 prong spading forks to first loosen the roots. Almost none came back last year. We made a pile but pruned and bagged the few branches with berries." You can join Marc and his group of dedicated volunteers at Ruth Swann Park the first Sunday of every (and we do mean every) month. See page 6 for details.

Announcement

Invasive Plants Conference: Action on all Fronts
 August 14 and 15, 2001
 Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The two-day conference is filled with speakers who are in the forefront of research on invasive plants and land managers who regularly deal with invasive plant control. The conference, which is sponsored in part by the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council, will describe what the EPPC is doing to combat invasives and how people can get involved in the effort.

Cost: \$150 for both days; \$80 for one day

Information: For a complete brochure contact Jan McFarlan at 215-247-5777, ext 156 or jlm@pobox.upenn.edu



Hey, what's this date on my mailing label?

That date is the month in which your MNPS membership expires. It is followed by a letter which is your membership type. I - individual, D - double membership, S - student, L - lifetime. Your membership extends through the month that is printed on the label so if the label says 4/1/2001 you are a member until the end of April. We've given expired members a little grace period for this mailing but if you see that your membership has already expired this is the last mailing you will receive. Its time for you to renew.

Membership forms are in the field trip guide, in the Native News, and there is always one posted at:
http://mdflora.org/join_mnps.html.

Welcome New Members

Patricia Pilling, Linda Weir, Irene Walsh, Gwen Dryden, Bernie Cabana, Terry Cabana, Roswitha Augusta, Donald Dittbernes, Sandra Curry, Roy Shiflet, Charles Hessler, Don Windler, Lynn Wagner, Ariana Berman, Hilary Kozel, T. Clark, Lenore Rubino, Holly Budd, Eileen O'Brien, Pat Bond, Susan Yoder, Peter Miale, J. Sanner, Deborah Schwab, Lisa Moore, Denyse Fredriksson, Joe Bonner, James Strong, Richard Geyer, Pat Geyer, Elisabeth Brownstein, Katy Stein, Anne Heutte, Don McNellis, Urte McNellis, Larry Hurley, Nancy Magnusson, S. Cantwell, Jeanne Knight, Rebecca de Maio, Jane Osburn, Bruce Dwyer, Carol Hotton, Susan Grodsky, Deborah Cornwell, Jeff Cornwell, Lawrence Robbins, Vicki Hill, Marjorie Richman, James Urban, Barbara Stafford