



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY STREB

“He who cultivates a garden, and brings to perfection flowers and fruits, cultivates and advances at the same time his own nature.”

— Ezra Weston, Lecture at Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1845)



Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 3

**Program:
Preparing Your Garden for Fall and Winter**

**Speaker:
Linda George**

THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE STRYKER CENTER, NOT THE WRL

Hottest day of the year and we still managed to have a great picnic! Our social committee was all ready for casual outdoor dining, fine music, and fun and games for all. We could not get even one person who wanted to play frisbee just to challenge me. Plan B was a definite winner—the Interpretative Center at Freedom Park provided an intimate setting, and the social committee provided all the rest. We all owe our thanks to Angela Cingale, Beth Fugate, Caroline Hedricks, Bess Hopewell, Kathy Johnson, Lynn Natanski, and Kate Wilhide. Great job!

Let's not think only about the oppressive heat but think instead about the upcoming autumn season. Our next association meeting guest speaker is Linda George of Hertzler & George, a Williamsburg design, build, and maintenance landscaping firm, who will give us tips on readying our yards for the inevitable cooler weather. Note the change of normal venue—instead of the Williamsburg Regional Library we will meet in the Stryker Center opposite the library's parking lot.

The highlight of the August 3 association business meeting will be the presentation of the Milestone Awards for EMG hours earned through 2016. Congratulations to the twenty-eight EMGs who accrued volunteer hours ranging from 250 to five thousand! (The list will appear later in this newsletter.) Each EMG will be presented a certificate and pin and will be eligible for a discount at next year's Master Gardener College. As a gentle reminder, keep your hours current on the VMS to assure that you receive well-deserved recognition, but more importantly the hours document the effort that the Master Gardeners and the extension office provide for our community.

While we are in our summer hiatus, it is the perfect time to evaluate our spring projects and plan for the fall sessions. Several of our homeowner-centered projects have upcoming fall activities—the diagnostic clinic in September, Landscape Love, Turf Love, and the extended Farmers Market are now planning for the fall season. If you have not participated in these projects, you may want to give some consideration to joining now. You might just find a new passion.

Our August gardening tasks are not as intense as the spring “to do” list. One of the few garden jobs that we have is keeping our plants alive by judicious and



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- CONTINUED

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proper watering techniques. The importance of proper irrigation can't be overemphasized—deep water at the base of the plant, early in the morning should be your well-established rule. Not a good time to transplant or install new plants/shrubs. Irises may be one of the few exceptions. Pruning gets questionable—check the pruning calendar in our pruning handbook for proper timing. This is the time to prepare the fall vegetable garden and the spring bulb garden. Gather herbs and flowers for drying and preserving. Deadhead for bushier plants or another crop of late-summer flowers. Cuttings can be made for new plants. Probably the most beneficial thing we can do is to sit back and admire what we have done and cherish the fruitful time we have spent in the garden, with a cool drink in hand.

Take time to enjoy the fruits of your labor!

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

BY CATHY HILL, VP FOR ADMINISTRATION

There have been changes to the emails for the following members: Lauren Carter and Barbara Floyd. Please let me know if you have changed your email address this year, if you're not getting emails blasts, or if you're having any other problems with the roster.

The election of officers for this association is in November, and it will be here sooner than we would like. The following positions are up for election: president, president-elect, secretary, vice president for projects, and treasurer. Please consider one of these positions; a nominating-committee member might soon be in touch with you.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Angela Cingale and her picnic committee for the great time we had on July 20. Despite the hot weather we had a great turnout, and all attending were able to stay indoors. The food was delicious, and the entertainment was great.

The MGA board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Room B, on Scotland Street, Williamsburg.

The board meetings are open to all Extension Master Gardeners, and all are encouraged to attend.

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

The WJCC Master Gardener Association will resume its monthly garden program with our August speaker, Linda Hertzler. Linda will get us thinking about the coming cooler weather by speaking to us about preparing our gardens for fall and winter.

Linda George is the very successful co-founder of [Hertzler & George Landscape Design and Construction Company](#), in Williamsburg. She is said to be the "heart and soul" of the company. According to her husband, Joe Hertzler, Linda has a passion for gardening and a knack for determining the best use of outdoor space. Her own garden, which is located near Colonial Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary, was among those featured during 2017's Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

Linda has a soft spot for stray creatures that wander into their yard. She also loves ballroom dancing.

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

August 5. (901 E. Little Back River Road, Hampton). 9:30am. **Plant Walk--Rare Natives.** 9:30am. The undeveloped area of Gosnold's Hope Park (901 E. Little Back River Road) in Hampton has many rare and unusual plants in the saltmarsh and upland pine forest. Environmental consultant Meegan Wallace expects to see a variety of late summer blooming plants, grasses, and sedges. Also, the rare eastern bloodleaf (*Iresine rhizomatosa*) seen in only three counties in Virginia's Coastal Plain, should be in bloom. Park along the meadow past the playing fields.

Contact Meegan at clm003@verizon.net to register and for more information.



(*Agalinis purpurea*) Gerardia



August 5-6. (Williamsburg Botanical Garden). 9:00am-5:00pm each day. **Butterfly Festival.** Hold a butterfly, learn from knowledgeable speakers, and enjoy butterfly craft activities for the kids. Donations welcome. Presented by the WBG and the Green Spring Garden Club.

August 12. (Newport News Park). 10:00am. **Plant Walk--Wildflowers of Late Summer.** Meet at Newport News Park's Ranger Station, Constitution Way. Use the NNPark entrance at Constitution Way. From Jefferson Ave, turn onto Constitution Way; drive 0.4 mile; the Ranger Station will be on the left (GPS coordinates 37.180092, -76.545788); plenty of parking at nearby picnic shelters. Peninsula Master Naturalist Susie Yager will lead a walk through this lakeside woodland. Strawberry bush and beautyberry should be in fruit and numerous late summer flowers in bloom, including swamp loosestrife, purple false foxglove, showy bur-marigold, water hemlock, and groundnut vine. If we're lucky we'll catch delicate butterfly pea in bloom too. The round-trip walk will be about 2.6 miles. The ranger station has restrooms.

Contact Susie Yager to register at soozigus@cox.net.



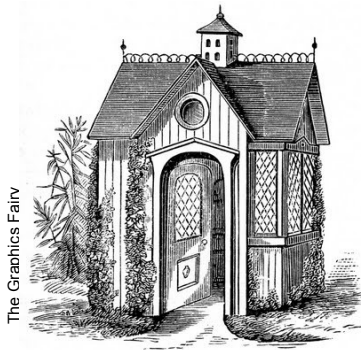
(*Bidens laevis*) Bur-marigold

As always, don't forget to take a look at John Freeborn's latest biweekly update from the state EMG office. Click on <https://blogs.lt.vt.edu/mastergardener/current-master-gardeners/sample-page/bi-weekly-update/>. If that doesn't work, click on <http://blogs.lt.vt.edu/mastergardener/>. Then click on "I am currently a Master Gardener/News/Bi-Weekly Update. There you'll find information on a tree workshop, an online course, an upcoming garden symposium on the Eastern Shore, and more.

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UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES --CONTINUED

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



August 19. (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). 10:00am-11:30am. **Living Large in Small Places...Creative Ideas for Little Yards and Gardens.** The program will be presented by **Peggy Krapf**, an award winning VSLD Certified Landscape Designer. This event is part of the Williamsburg Botanical Garden's Learn & Grow Educational Series. The program is free and open to the public, although a \$5.00 donation is appreciated.

August 22. (1375 Greate Rd., Gloucester Point, VA 23062). 6:00pm-8:00pm. **Discovery Lab: Harmful Algal Blooms.** Bring the entire family for an evening of interactive hands-on learning and discovery. VIMS student Sarah Pease will discuss harmful algal blooms that occur in Chesapeake Bay. Learning stations will provide educational activities for all ages. No charge, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot or google Virginia Institute of Marine Science and scroll to the bottom.



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September 9. (Brittingham Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News). 10:00am-3:00pm. **Go Green Expo.** Go Green Expo 2017 is Hampton Roads's premier horticultural, sustainability, indoor event! Sponsored jointly by the Peninsula Master Gardeners and the Virginia Cooperative Extension, this one-day event is free for visitors, residents, and business leaders.

September 16. (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). 10:00am-11:30am. **The Butterfly Garden: Strategic Plants that Attract and Raise Butterflies.** Master Naturalist and butterfly raiser Joni Carlson will cover butterfly life cycles and how to grow plants that sustain butterfly species. She will also speak on how you can become a citizen scientist to monitor and tag monarchs and what it takes to turn your yard into a monarch way station. This event is part of the Williamsburg Botanical Garden's Learn & Grow Educational Series. The program is free and open to the public, although a \$5.00 donation is appreciated.



Photo: Judy Kinshaw-Ellis

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UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES --CONTINUED

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



Photo: Hope Yelich

September 21. (Stryker Center Council Chamber, Williamsburg). 7:00pm-8:00pm. **Husbanding the Land and the Future of Farmers Markets.** In celebration of the Williamsburg Farmers Market's fifteenth anniversary, the farmers market is hosting a series of forums to discuss the food we all eat. This forum is free and open to the public. Forum discussion will focus on farmland trusts, land conservancy, regional foodways, the changing dynamics of farmers markets and CSAs, and the politics of food. Speakers will be Mike Koch, the executive director of FreshFarm Markets in Washington, D.C., and innovative food entrepreneur; and Lawrence Latané, former *Richmond Times-Dispatch* journalist, who is an advocate of farmland trusts and owner-farmer of Blenheim Organic Gardens.

JCC/WILLIAMSBURG EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER MILESTONE AWARDS FOR 2016

BY GARY STREB, PRESIDENT

Congratulations to the following Extension Master Gardeners, who will receive milestone awards for their volunteer hours reported through December 2016. Plan to be at the association general meeting August 3. when they will receive their certificates and pins!

250 Hours

Valerie Hillyer, Barry Holland, Bess Hopewell, John Johnson, Susan Neidlinger, Patricia Paquette, Karen Pfeifer

500 Hours

Hazel Braxton, Ginny Cranford, Mary DiSalvo, Liz Favre, Cathy Johnson, Martin Oakes, Wilma Sharp, Janet Smith, Richard Stratton, Donna Thibeault, Mary Wool, Hope Yelich

1,000 Hours

PJ Fresquez, Jean Johnston, Patsy McGrady, Linda Wever

2,000 Hours

Mitzi Balma, Barb Landa, Harriet Parsons, Marilyn Riddle, Gary Streb, James Word

3,000 Hours

Anne Nielsen

4,000 Hours

Helen Hamilton, Linda Lucas

5,000 Hours

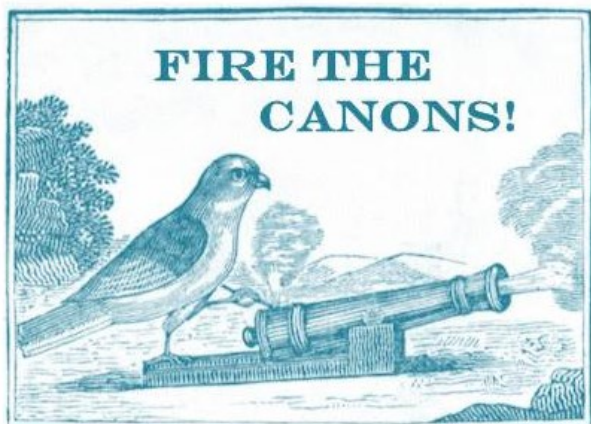
Carol Fryer

10,000 Hours

Sue Liddell

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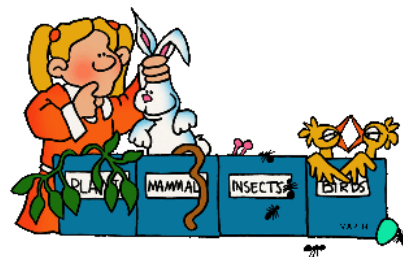
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NEED SOME ADDITIONAL MASTER GARDENER HOURS?

BY DONNA XANDER



The Master Gardener fall diagnostic clinic will be starting up on Mondays only, from September 11 to Monday September 25, from 9:00am to noon at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service office in Toano. We will meet in the kitchen across from the help desk, and everyone is welcome to join us.

If any of you are planning to go out on any Landscape Love sessions, this is a great opportunity to get plant samples and bring them in to look under the microscope. Or maybe you have something in your own yard that you would like to find out about. This is a great learning opportunity and I look forward to seeing you there.

MENTORS AND THE TRAINING CLASS

BY HOPE YELICH

In the past, one of the primary roles of the mentor was to help trainees navigate their help-desk hours. With the success of the new system, in which mentors are relieved of that responsibility, the Training Team has decided not to ask for mentor volunteers this year but to take on that advisory role among ourselves. We've found that trainees are comfortable asking us questions and offering suggestions because they see us at each class; some trainees had never met their mentors. However, we still need your help! Please consider being a class manager. Class managers are vital to the success of each class, they take an active role during the class sessions, and they interact with the trainees. If you enjoyed being a mentor, I promise you you'll enjoy being a class manager! If you're interested but don't know what is involved, please email me at hopeyelich@gmail.com, and I'll be happy to tell you. Also this year, our stellar class managers Lyn Natanski and Beth Fugate have offered to conduct an orientation session. By the way, the training class this year will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 9-March 27, 2018. Come join us!

THIS AND THAT

America the Beautiful Senior Pass Price Increase

Pat Crowe has emailed the news that effective August 28, the cost of these passes, which are managed by the U. S. National Park Service, will go up from \$10 to \$80. It's the first increase since 1994, and while it's a significant jump, the new pass will remain a lifetime pass. If you currently have a pass, it will remain valid. For those unaware of this senior benefit, it allows entry to national parks and more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by six federal agencies. For more information, click [here](#) or google changes to the senior pass.

Will Sedges Replace Mulch?

If you're getting tired of buying, creating, and/or spreading mulch, this article from July 12's *Washington Post* just might make your day. It seems the lowly sedge is beginning to enjoy its place in the sun. Intern Rick Brown alerted me to the following piece from Adrian Higgins, a *Washington Post* garden columnist. Click on "[Sick of buying mulch for the garden? The pros have a different idea](#)" or google that phrase.

LANDSCAPE LOVE

BY GARY STREB



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The Landscape Love project has recently completed another solid and successful spring season. Far from a record number of homeowner visits--but a much more comfortable level for all of the Extension Master Gardener/ intern volunteers--fifty-three homeowner visits were completed by fifty returning Extension Master Gardeners and twenty interns from the Class of 2017. The homeowners now have our advice and suggestions on smart, sustainable landscaping that will aid how they approach their individual properties and how their collective actions affect the environmental health of the region.

Sincere thanks go out to each member of the Landscape Love team. Team leaders Anne Nielsen, Barbara Floyd, Ken Caro, and Margene Hartsough provided essential leadership. Everyone stepped up to the demanding weather conditions and challenging schedule and secured outstanding results, even in the rain. Each one of us represents the extension office, the Master Gardener association, and the Landscape Love project in dealing with the public--and you could not be doing a better job.

It is hard to believe that we will shortly be starting all over again. Summer can't be over yet, but the recent hot weather will make fall welcomed! The fall season opens with homeowner registration commencing on August 15 and continuing through September 15¹. We've scheduled organizational/training meetings for returning and newly interested Extension Master Gardeners and interns on Monday, September 18 and Thursday September 21. Please put a "save the date" on your calendar for one of the two meetings. If you are interested in joining us for the first time please let [me](#) or [Sherry Walker](#) know. More details to follow.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and happy gardening.



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OH DEER! WHAT NEXT?

BY AILENE BARTLETT

If you live in Williamsburg, James City County, or New Kent County, then you know what a problem we have with deer "harvesting" our gardens - edibles, ornamentals, grass, trees, even weeds! So what do we do? Believe me, none of the prescribed solutions work 100% of the time. Some nursery catalogs indicate which plants are deer proof, but bear in mind that what tastes good to a deer in James City County may not be tasty to a deer in North Carolina (and vice versa), so take that info with a grain of salt.

Hostas seem to be most favored by deer, and I have found that the foliage of Easter lilies, tiger lilies, etc., follow close behind. I guess the flowers are too highly scented to be tasty. And, of course, lettuce, spinach, carrot tops, etc., are take out too. Things they seem to leave alone are heucheras, salvias, ajuga, rosemary, parsley, and the foliage of squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes (fruit is fair game!).

About all you can do is experiment - plant things and see what happens. Fencing is sometimes useful, as are dog hair and human hair. The commercial sprays and such have to be renewed after heavy weather and may only deter for a short while.

As far as what to plant: veggies, you don't have much choice. Perennials/annuals - try to use native plants if you can. Strong-scented herbs, like rosemary, usually work. Daffodils are definitely deer-proof, but tulips definitely are not. Roses generally are not. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again..."

As an aside: one of my friends had a male deer rub the bark off a small tree while he was removing the fur from his new antlers. The tree died. So, if you have a "resident" deer population, you might want to fence off younger trees.

There's no one solution. Just keep trying! Send any solutions to me at bartpear@live.com. Thanks, and good luck!

OUR THIRD ANNUAL ASSOCIATION PICNIC BY ANGELA CINGALE, SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR



Thank you, ladies! The social committee, left to right: Lyn, Kate, Bess, Beth, Ruth, Kathy, and Caroline. Angela ("the shortest") is in the front.

With over seventy signed up, the 2017 JCCW MGA picnic on July 20 went off without a hitch! The day was bright, the weather was hot and humid (as predicted), the Interpretive Center was decorated for a picnic-style get together, and everyone who attended enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie and fun!

Due to the heat outside, we were allowed to use the museum and the meeting room, both of which were air conditioned. We ate indoors, with tables set for the delicious prepared food, music, and guessing game.

I would like to thank the hard-working board for welcoming the members to the picnic: Gary Streb for providing wonderful prizes for our raffle; Cathy Johnson for providing the cooler, ice, and shopping for all the refreshments; Cathy Hill for bringing her cooler and picking up watermelons; Liz Favre for providing another cooler and writing checks for Pierce's BBQ and the entertainment; and Hazel Braxton for bringing yet another cooler and helping as needed. The social committee consisted of Lyn Natanski who shopped for necessary items with Beth Fugate; Kathy Johnson, Kate Wilhide, Caroline Hedrick, Bess Hopewell and Ruth Schultz, all of whom arrived early and set things up inside and outside (wishful thinking about the weather), as well as serving food and cleaning up after all the festivities were over. All this cooperation and assistance made a wonderful indoor picnic for our members.

I welcome any suggestions for the 2018 picnic. Please send me an email at arcingale@cox.net with your thoughts. I will also show a PowerPoint presentation about the picnic at the August 3 meeting. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this a special day.



Enjoy more photos from the picnic on the next page.

PHOTOS FROM OUR SECOND ANNUAL ASSOCIATION PICNIC



Hazel Braxton, Angela Cingale, and Cathy Hill



It's not a picnic without watermelon



One of many delicious desserts



Sue and Jim Liddell



Barbara Gustafson and others enjoy the air conditioning

PHOTOS --CONTINUED



For our listening pleasure



Liz and Niels Favre



Kitchen



Kitchen queens Caroline Hedrick and Kathy Johnson



Yvonne Forbes and Barbara Gustafson



Gary and Barbara Streb with Jeanne Millin

Most photos: Hope Yelich

HERB AND VEGETABLE SHOPPING

(WHERE?..AT THE HISTORIC TRIANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN)

BY YVONNE FORBES



Happy gardeners Barbara Gustafson and Yvonne Forbes

Save money growing vegetables instead of purchasing them! The gardeners at the Historic Triangle Garden earn an even bigger savings by produce shopping in their own garden plots versus shopping at the specialty and chain grocery stores.

Ready for harvest in the garden this month are peppers, tomatoes, green beans, melons, cucumbers, and an assortment of herbs. Fresh Market's weekly specials for July 19-25 advertised baby cucumbers at \$3.49 each; 16 oz. orange, red, or yellow bell peppers two/\$3; melons at two/\$7; 16 oz. tomatoes two/\$5; and 2 oz. organic basil \$4.49 each. Fresh Market also advertised green beans for \$1.29/lb. and on-the-vine tomatoes

for \$1.99/lb. Clearly, growing one's own vegetables is a savings in dollars and cents.

There are also other less-obvious benefits to growing your own organic vegetables besides saving money. As all gardeners know, gardening improves our mental and physical health. It's considered to be a moderate-intensity-level activity and helps many people achieve their exercise goals. Spending time doing chores in the garden also reduces stress, lowers blood pressure and cholesterol, and decreases depression. Gardening can improve type-2 diabetes, osteoporosis, and heart disease, lessen the risk of stroke, and help control obesity and other lifestyle diseases. Let's not forget the vitamin D benefit we also get from exposure to the sun (recommended is thirty minutes a day without sunscreen). Plus those herbs and vegetables picked from the garden and served fresh have all their nutrition intact! All this you can get with a little sweat equity!!!



Photo: Yvonne Forbes



At the Historic Triangle Garden this month, Master Gardeners, interns, and garden participants also used that sweat equity to donate to FISH fifty-one-and-one-half pounds of vegetables and fifteen bunches of assorted herbs from the three beds we set aside for growing vegetables for FISH clients.

So spread the word! The benefits of growing your own vegetables are many: You save money, you get to enjoy organically grown food, and you enjoy better health. And best of all... THEY TASTE SO GOOD!!!!

Photo: Madeline Vann

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2017

BY HELEN HAMILTON

PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

NEW YORK IRONWEED

Vernonia noveboracensis

These handsome plants can be really tall, to ten feet, but the sturdy stems usually keep the plants upright during the blooming season, July through September. Brilliant, deep purple flowers at the top of the plants are regularly visited by nectaring insects, especially the eastern tiger swallowtail and other large butterflies. Long, lance-shaped leaves have fine teeth all along the edges.

Occurring in nearly every county of Virginia, this native perennial occurs throughout the U.S. East Coast, in moist or wet areas of fields and stream banks. Preferring moist soil in full sun, it works well in a rain garden but will tolerate some dry periods. This plant requires little care in the home garden and will grow in somewhat drier sites in a

border or native meadow garden with sunflowers, asters, and blazing star.

Like Joe Pye weed, ironweed has no ray flowers. The dense flower heads are composed only of disk flowers, where insects can gather much nectar in a short period of time.

The common name could refer to its tough stems or the rusty colored older flowers and seeds. The genus was named for an English botanist who collected plants in Maryland in the late 1600s; *noveboracensis* means “of New York.”

For more information about native plants, visit www.vnps.org



Photo: Ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*) taken by Phillip Merritt. That's a skipper butterfly on the flowers.

THE RESTORATION ECOLOGY PROGRAM AT MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

BY HOPE YELICH



Photo: Hope Yelich

While many of us “of a certain age” are concerned about the conservation of natural resources, I’m pleased to write that interest in the natural environment isn’t limited to the senior set. Mount Holyoke, in South Hadley, Massachusetts, has one of sixty-six restoration ecology programs on college campuses in the U.S. and Canada. One of the highlights of my college reunion this May was a talk and tour of Project Stream (a waterway feeding in to the north end of campus) by a very young professor, Kate Ballantine.

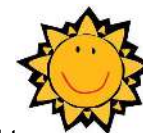
Students in the program, who come from all majors, design real restoration projects, conduct original research, and complete internships. The program also offers a week-long summer field school for local high school girls.

To read more about this initiative, click [here](#) or google restoration ecology mount holyoke,

Important Dates

- 8/5 Plant Walk--Rare Natives (Hampton)
- 8/5-6 Butterfly Festival (WBG)
- 8/12 Farmers Market--Trees and Shrubs
- 8/12 Plant Walk--Wildflowers of Late Summer (Newport News Park)
- 8/19 Living Large (Freedom Park)
- 8/22 Harmful Algal Blooms (VIMS)
- 8/26 Farmers Market--Composting
- 9/2 Farmers Market--Therapeutic Gardening
- 9/9 Go Green Expo (Newport News)
- 9/16 Butterfly Garden (Freedom Park)
- 9/21 Husbanding the Land (Stryker Center)

SUNSHINE NOTES



In the past month, we sent a card to

Patti Lupton—Family Death

The organization would like to send cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family. Please provide names to the EMG secretary, Cathy Johnson, at (757) 208-0065, or cathypj@gmail.com



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the September 2017 newsletter will be Monday, August 21.

Please send any submissions to Hope Yelich, newsletter editor, at hopeyelich@gmail.com

JCC/W Master Gardener Mission Statement

The purpose of the James City County/ Williamsburg Master Gardener is to learn, educate, and communicate environmentally sound horticultural practices to the community. Trained by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener volunteers are committed to offering information to the public through sustainable landscape management educational programs.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENERS AND VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Virginia Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.

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