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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY STREB

“When man was first placed in the Garden of Eden, he was put there.....that he might cultivate it, which shows that man was not born to be idle.”

— Voltaire, *Candide* (1759)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 6

**Program:
Food from Farm to Table**

**Speaker:
David Everett
of the Blue Talon Bistro**

Last week when I was visiting a local big box store nursery I was affronted with rows upon rows of blooming chrysanthemums, fake pumpkins, and all sorts of Halloween and fall seasonal “stuff.” Where has our summer gone? The hot, humid weather has yet to leave us but the hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer are now behind us. Many of us will find the upcoming season full of exotic travels or visits with families and friends; but all gardeners find autumn the perfect season to do lots of garden chores that will reap rewards throughout the coming years. Soon we will be dividing our existing plants, installing new plant materials, watering shrubs and trees, and cleaning up our flower beds and vegetable plots. It is also a perfect time to sit back and enjoy the successes and pleasures that you have created—and, importantly, find the time to take care of yourself!

The decision to purchase an iPad for the Farmers Market project is already paying dividends. After the association’s approval to allocate additional funding for new technology, our new research tool made its debut at the Saturday market with successful results. We input Landscape Love registrations on the spot, and clients became believers when we showed them an image of crabgrass when they brought in a clump of their “mystery” plant. A picture speaks a thousand words. Virginia Tech publications pop up in seconds, allowing all of the Master Gardeners to provide quick and accurate advice. Come down and check it out any Saturday through the end of September.

Your Master Gardener Association board, working closely with the Virginia Cooperative Extension office, has been busy continuing to vet the existing Extension Master Gardener projects. We sincerely appreciate the preparation and meaningful dialog that the project leaders have done to explain their community educational mission and issues that they confront. It has been an eye-opening process. Unfortunately, we continue to find one overriding theme that runs through most of the projects—leadership. Every single Master Gardener is eager to help and participate in the projects that are of interest to them, but the bottom line still remains that we simply cannot have a project without leaders and a continuity plan.

The plant sale project is the prime example of this problem. By now the venue should have been selected and booked, publicity planning initiated, and vendors contacted — but none of this has been done. The planning, organization, and execution of the project is not a board responsibility but rather an extension-sanctioned, association-run community educational event and fund raiser

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- CONTINUED

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to support all the other projects. Please read the article later in this newsletter that outlines the "pros" and "cons" of having an annual plant sale, a biennial plant sale, or no plant sale at all. Without someone (or small group) stepping up to take charge, the last option will win by default. The next association business meeting on September 6 will be the chance for you to speak up, since everyone will have had the consequences presented and time to digest them. With over 250 members we should be able to find two or three willing to accept this responsibility.

Speaking of leadership-----our nomination committee has begun to chat with members of our association to formulate a slate for our upcoming annual elections in November. Several positions are up for a change in personnel. Read the association bylaws and board job descriptions on the website to find one that fits your talents and commitment. All of the current board members are readily available to speak with you about the challenges and benefits of board membership. We need your help and support! Rewards high, pay low!

Our next educational lecture speaker on September 6 has all the ingredients for a superb learning experience. Chef David Everett from the Blue Talon Bistro will speak about the farm-to-table trend that is now defining restaurant cuisine. We all love gardening, and we all need to eat; so there should be plenty to interest every one of us. Invite your family and friends.

"Don't take on more than you have the time, money, strength or expertise to handle, either in the initial preparation or the yearly maintenance. I truly hope that you are not one of those people who, like me, believe they can do anything and must learn the hard way which things they cannot to, cannot do well, or refuse to do regularly."

— Barbara Damrosch, *The Garden Primer* (1988)

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



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Chef David Everett, owner/chef of the Blue Talon Bistro in Williamsburg, is a chef's chef. By 2001 he already had been recognized with the industry's top honors (AAA's Five Diamond Award) for nine consecutive years and with the DiRoNA Award (Distinguished Restaurants of North America) for ten years. Chef Everett is a certified executive chef, has been inducted into the American Academy of Chefs, and is the recipient of dozens of honors and awards. *Gourmet* magazine, *Food and Wine*, *Southern Living*, the *Wine Spectator*, among other publications, have featured his work. In addition, Chef Everett has participated in and hosted numerous charity events and special-interest fundraising efforts throughout the United States. On September 7, on Duke of Gloucester Street, he will host his farm-to-table dinner featuring local products.

David Everett was born in Wiesbaden, Germany. He completed high school in Florida and received a bachelor of science degree in social science from Rollins College, also in Florida.

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.

JAMES CITY COUNTY/WILLIAMSBURG MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PLANT SALE SPRING 2019 BY GARY STREB, PRESIDENT



The association board reviewed the plant sale project proposal during the ongoing vetting project and identified several issues.

After extensive discussion the board recommends that the plant sale project participants hold the community plant sale every other year beginning in 2019, an off year.

Here are arguments for and against having an annual sale

What do YOU think?

For a biennial plant sale

- Lack of leadership. No one has shown an interest in leading the extensive year-long effort.
- Emphasis traditionally has been on fund raising. The association has an abundance of operational funds to support all the VCE projects, and excess funds have no identifiable purpose. Why do we need more money in "reserve?"
- Lots of hard, physical labor. Labor is not distributed equally among association members and often falls upon willing (?) spouses. Finding volunteers for overnight guard duty is troublesome.
- Educational series could be held for public education throughout the year; they do not need to be offered at a plant sale. Grow It and Eat It, mobile help desks, Master Gardener lectures provide community support.
- Home-grown Master Gardener plant material has been dwindling, leaving a dependence upon vendor-grown plants, many of which could be purchased anywhere. Our uniqueness has disappeared because Master Gardener support is lacking.
- Master Gardeners get all the "good stuff" at the presale, leaving only the ordinary for the customers.

For an annual plant sale

- This is our premier community focused event—a Williamsburg tradition, both from an educational standpoint and for product placement. Show the flag!
- Integral to our brand as Master Gardeners. We grow plants and the community wants to buy them because they are "better" than store bought. (However, we need to improve the incentive for each Master Gardener to support the effort with propagation or division of home-grown plants.)
- The setup, sales day, and clean up is really fun! Builds esprit de corps and camaraderie among the whole unit.
- What's wrong with having money? We need to designate additional causes or charities that we can financially support, all of which can be a benefit to the horticultural and overall Williamsburg community.
- We get more plants and who doesn't need more plants?

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

September 8 (Brittingham Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News 23601). 10:00am—4:00pm. [Go Green Expo](#). Ten-year anniversary of Hampton Roads's premier, horticultural, sustainability, indoor event. Sponsored by the Peninsula Master Gardeners and the Virginia Cooperative Extension, this one-day event is free and open to the public. Note: You can also receive CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS by attending the lectures.

September 8-October 15 (Eggleston Garden Center, 110 La Valette Ave., Suite D, Norfolk 23504). 10:00am—1:00pm. [Home Horticulture Education](#). VCE, the Norfolk Master Gardeners, and Eggleston Garden Center are sponsoring this five-part crash course in the fundamentals of home lawn and garden care for the budding gardener. The class series is tailored to those who are interested in learning the basics of the EMG curriculum but cannot commit to the requirements of full MG training. \$50.00 for five classes.

September 10. (North Phoebus Community Center, 249 West Chamberlin Avenue, Hampton, 23663). 5:30-6:30pm. [Vegetable Gardening 101](#). Join Hampton Extension Master Gardener Stephen Bowles in the vegetable garden this season. Learn the basics of vegetable gardening in Hampton Roads, from planting to harvest, through this beginner's workshop series. Free, but pre-registration is required.

September 13-15 (Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Avenue Richmond 23228). Sept. 13, 4:00-7:00pm; Sept. 14, 9:00am-5:00pm; Sept. 15, 9:00a,-3:00pm). [Lewis Ginter Fall PlantFest](#). One of central Virginia's largest and most-anticipated plant sales, with plants ranging from well-known favorites to rare exotics. Dozens of vendors and knowledgeable garden volunteers help you choose your best plants. Bring your own wagon to make shopping easy. No admission fee for the sale; [regular admission](#) to visit the garden.

September 14-16 (College of William and Mary, School of Education). All day. [Virginia Native Plant Society Annual Meeting](#). The 2018 VNPS annual meeting, hosted by the John Clayton Chapter, will center around the theme of sustainability; considering ways that we can make our organizations healthier and more viable, which in turn will allow us to multiply our efforts to preserve Virginia's natural plant populations. Also planned: some excellent walks; outings and presentations; great food, and charming companionship!

September 15 (Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach 23455). 10:00am-3:00pm. [Fall Gardening Festival](#). A project of the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners, this annual event includes speakers and demonstrations. There is no cost to attend, parking is plentiful and free, and it is a family and dog-friendly event.

September 15 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). 10:00-11:30am. [Tiny Wildlife in Your Garden: Insects on Your Side](#). Dr. Shawn Dash, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Hampton University, will convince you to pay more attention to the insects in your garden. His enthusiasm and passion for nature will provide a most interesting program. A \$5.00 donation is appreciated. Weather permitting, after the program Master Gardeners will be in the garden to answer questions and talk about what is in bloom. To guarantee a seat, [register here](#).

September 22 (Monticello, Charlottesville). [12th Annual Heritage Harvest Festival](#). Workshops, food tastings, garden demonstrations, seed swap, petting zoo, book signings, etc. Admission \$26.00.

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UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES — CONTINUED

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

September 29 (Holiday Lake Educational Center, 1267 4-H Camp Road, Appomattox 24522). 9:00am-4:00pm. **Bats, Birds and Bugs: Gardening on the Wilder Side.** A Virginia Master Gardener Association educational event. Speakers on entomology, bats, wildflowers, water resources, and what's happening in your backyard that you might not be aware of! Limited to 150 attendees, registration due by September 11. For further information, call (540) 544-7359. If there is enough local interest, consider carpooling to Appomattox.

The summer edition of the VCE Master Gardener newsletter, *In Season*, is available online. Click on <http://blogs.it.vt.edu/mastergardener/current-master-gardeners/sample-page/newsletter/> for the latest edition (currently, the summer edition is available only through this *In Season* link.)

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.it.vt.edu/mastergardener/current-master-gardeners/sample-page/bi-weekly-update/>. If that doesn't work, click on <http://blogs.it.vt.edu/mastergardener/>. Then click on "I am currently a Master Gardener/News/Bi-Weekly Update."



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HIGHLIGHTING THE SPEAKER'S BUREAU

BY KATHY BUSH, PROJECT CHAIR

The Extension Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau is a small but important project supported by our members. The role of the Speakers Bureau is derived from our mission to learn, educate, and communicate by imparting better gardening practices to our W/JCC community. We have a handful of dedicated and talented presenters who go to garden clubs, parks, schools, and assisted-living places to present a PowerPoint or a hands-on demonstration. They are passionate and knowledgeable about their topics. Subjects range from butterflies to how to plant and care for trees. My question is: *Do you have an area of gardening interest that you could develop into a presentation that would interest and educate our community?*

We have requests for talks on succulents, water-wise gardening, herbs, composting, native plants, turf care and maintenance, and pruning. If one of these topics or another gardening topic sounds interesting to you, please think about volunteering to be a presenter through the Speakers Bureau. Help to prepare a PowerPoint is available. If you have questions or would like to join our team, please contact [Kathy Bush](mailto:kathykbush@verizon.net) at kathykbush@verizon.net or phone (804) 966-5239.

AT LAST! A NEW VENDOR FOR MG CLOTHING

BY CATHY HILL, PRESIDENT ELECT



I am pleased to announce we have a new vendor for Master Gardener logo clothing. [A Logo for You](#) is a local business I worked with to order special tee shirts for the attendees of our picnic in July. They have been very easy to work with, and the prices are very good as you will see.

The following link will allow you to order right now:

<http://mastergardeners.deco-apparel.com/>

The open order period is until October 15.

Available items at this time are short and long sleeve tee shirts, short sleeve polo shirts, and fleece jackets. All of these are available in both women's and men's sizes.

This is how it works. You will open your own account from the website above. Place your order. Their office will call you when your order is ready. It will be your responsibility to pick up your order at their office. We expect orders to be ready about two weeks after October 15.

The office address is:

A Logo For You
100 Stafford Court
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757) 220-9259

I plan on bringing up the website at our meeting on September 6 for everyone to see.



VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION REPORT

BY MARILYN RIDDLE, UNIT REPRESENTATIVE

The meeting was held August 11 in Lexington and was hosted by the Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners. Marilyn Riddle and Judith Alberts represented the JCC/W Master Gardener Association.

- President Wanda will drive a maximum of two hours for a local meeting. We are within that range.
- She ran this meeting more efficiently than any I have attended for any group in years!
- Good attendance, but August is usually a slim month
- No reports of significance
- Dave and John were not in attendance, but they had submitted a written report:

There are new training modules online
No contract signed yet for next MG College, which will be in Norfolk in fall 2019
Southeast training on November 15
Merger complete at Virginia Tech, three departments into one
Next IMG College will be in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

- Written report from our unit regarding president's question—membership retention solutions
- VMGA will order some business cards



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LANDSCAPE LOVE

BY GARY STREB, PROJECT CHAIR

Can you believe it is time to start planning for the fall 2018 session of Landscape Love?

Landscape Love is an on-site project that educates the homeowners of James City County and the City of Williamsburg about the creation and maintenance of a sustainable landscape on their property. Concerned homeowners register for a visit by Master Gardeners. During a visit, we might talk about right plant right place, vegetable/herb gardening, erosion control, tree health, pruning, or whatever issues the homeowner might have. I guarantee that you will learn something on every visit in addition to the advice that we dispense.

The registration period began on August 15, and we already have over forty registrations within the first ten days! At this rate we will have to close registrations prior to the announced September 15 end date. Our maximum sustainable number of on-site visits has proven to be seventy-five.

We have scheduled our training and organizational meetings for the fall session on **Tuesday, September 18, at 2:00pm in Room B of the JCC Rec Center**, or **Friday, September 21, at 1:00pm in Room A of the JCC Rec Center**. You need attend only one of the sessions, but if you are not able to make either it will not preclude your participation. We need your help! The meeting should last about an hour, followed by your short team meeting.

This will be a "lessons learned" session for the Extension Master Gardeners and interns who participated in the spring session of Landscape Love. Initial training will also be incorporated for some new volunteers, both interns from the Class of 2018 and current EMGs new to the project. If you have been thinking about joining us in this home-visit project now is the perfect time to sign up.

Please let me know by email, gstreb11@gmail.com, if you want to participate in the fall session soonest so I can create the team rosters and have them ready for the organizational meetings.

Special thanks to all of those who participated during the spring. Our educational impact upon the community is visible and meaningful, and we are increasingly in demand for our advice. Keep up your fine work and well-deserved reputation!

THERAPEUTIC GARDENING

BY KAREN BROOKS

To all Therapeutic Gardening volunteers and anyone else interested in learning more about this project: Please join us on Thursday, October 18, at 1:00 pm at the Freedom Park Interpretive Center for our annual fall wrap-up meeting.

If interested in attending, please contact me, [Karen Brooks](mailto:KarenBrooks), at knbrooks1@verizon.net.



An example of a tussie mussie, created at the senior champions program at New Zion and Our Saviour's churches. As the group made these, the MGs discussed the meaning of each flower or herb that they used.

Photo: Karen Brooks.

THIS AND THAT

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Looking for a Little Excitement in Your Life?

By Barry Holland, Help Desk Project Co-Chair

...then volunteer on the Master Gardener help desk. Interns in the 2018 class who fulfill their volunteer obligation are welcome to join for the 2019 season as well as any Master Gardener member.

We need help for the 2019 season starting in April and lasting through October. That's the time the new MG interns need assistance operating the desk and answering client questions regarding their garden.

The help desk normally operates three days a week {Monday, Wednesday, and Friday} from 9:00am—noon. This may be changed based on the number of interns in the 2019 class. The more interns, the more days the help desk operates.

Interested? Email [Barry Holland](mailto:fholland@cox.net) at fholland@cox.net.

To the Class of 2017

From Gary Streb, President

To all members of the Class of 2017 who received their Extension Master Gardener credentials in January 2018----

As a benefit of joining the JCC/Williamsburg Master Gardener Association, you are entitled to one of our association aprons. Unfortunately, we have not yet distributed these to you as we should have!

Liz Favre will have your aprons available at the next Association meeting on September 6.

With sincere apologies for the delay.



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Age and the Horticultural Industry

Rick Brown passed on this article from the *Washington Post* (August 5, 2018) that describes the current lack of trained horticulturists: https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/home/the-horticulture-industrys-age-problem-is-bigger-than-you-think/2018/08/05/3c7d3618-734f-11e8-805c-4b67019fcfe4_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.7610008a17c5

It's 2019 Budget Preparation Time

By Liz Favre, Treasurer

It is time for all project chairs to be thinking of next year's budget (2019). Please feel free to [email me \(liz.favre@cox.net\)](mailto:liz.favre@cox.net) with any questions regarding this year's budget.

Also, if anyone has any outstanding receipts, please get the reimbursement forms to me as soon as possible. I plan to begin working on the 2019 budget in mid September, and it would be helpful to have all reimbursements up to date.

THIS AND THAT — CONTINUED

Book Recommendation

By Ailene Bartlett

I've just read *Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul*, by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen (Backlist LLC, 2002), and I think the Master Gardeners might like to read it, too. It's loaded with interesting gardening information but also loaded with wonderful inspirational information. Most people have read at least one of the *Chicken Soup...* books, so they will know what I mean! Plus, it's interesting to note who the contributors are - some people you'd never think of as gardeners!

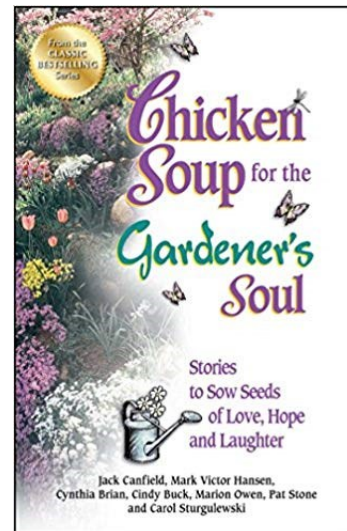


Photo: Hope Yelich

The Farmers Market, from your editor's perspective...

Special Thanks

From Angela Cingale, social committee chair

I want to send a special thank you to Hope Yelich for always photographing our events and sharing them with all of us.

Editor's note: A blushing thank you to Angela for the kind words. This fun job came of necessity; I figured the readers of the newsletter liked photos as much as I did, and the easiest way for me to get them was to take them myself.

However, I'm *thrilled* to receive photos of projects and events—they offer a different perspective and cover activities at which I wasn't present. For instance, kudos to Sue Liddell for the photos and short article of the recent butterfly festival at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden and to Karen Brooks for the photo of a tussie mussie for therapeutic gardening. Keep those pix coming!

Member-to-Member Exchange

By Deborah Bussert

It seems the plant sale generates ideas as well as cash. MG Deb Bussert has an idea for an occasional feature in the newsletter—a member-to-member exchange.

Deb writes: I got the idea from the assorted garden stuff for sale at the plant sale last April. I think this could be fun and interesting and a way for members to get to know one another.

Members could post something they need or would like to have or something they have too much of or no longer need or want. It should be garden-related of course and strictly free or barter, not for sale. Too many plants? Clumps too big? Have a dig and divide party and give away the extras. Many of us have too many pots, tools we don't use, and assorted garden "tchotzkes" that someone else might be able to put to better use. And why buy a plant or tool if someone else would like to give theirs away?

If this idea appeals to you, send [Deb](mailto:deborah.bussert@yahoo.com) an email (deborah.bussert@yahoo.com) with your thoughts, and we'll see what happens.

THIS YEAR'S BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL BY SUE LIDDELL

Over four thousand people attended the two-day butterfly festival held at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden on August 4 and 5. Many Master Gardeners volunteered preparing the event site, releasing butterflies in the two tents, and assisting guests. Photos: Sue Liddell.



They helped at the craft tables and selling plants.

Left to right: Cheryl Roettger watering plants, Kathy Skube releasing butterflies, Mike Whitfield checking plant labels



Left to right: Jeanne Millin at the plant sale; Yvonne Forbes; Valerie Brooks and Cheryl Roettger at the craft tables.

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THIS YEAR'S BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL — CONTINUED

BY SUE LIDDELL

They brought their children and grandchildren for an entertaining and educational experience. Others MGs volunteered after I finished my five-hour shift. A good time was had by all!



Mary DiSalvo and granddaughter Sara McMillen.



Eastern black swallowtails



Jonathan Skube



Sue Liddell in the butterfly tent



The butterfly hospital

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2018

BY HELEN HAMILTON
JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

WILD QUININE *Parthenium integrifolium*

Wild quinine is a prairie plant, growing to four feet tall and producing long-lasting white flowers. A sturdy, fleshy taproot provides support and moisture, so the plant is drought tolerant. It can thrive in full sun on poor soil, even clay, but prefers moist meadows and open woods.

Tiny disk flowers are surrounded by even smaller ray flowers, loosely branched in a flat-topped cluster, somewhat resembling the flowers of cauliflower that are separated. This is one of those asters that produce inconspicuous or no ray flowers, like dandelions and ironweed. Wild quinine has a long blooming period, from late spring through summer, and the blossoms make nice indoor flower arrangements. Seed heads are charcoal gray, adding winter interest to the garden.



Photo: Wild Quinine (*Parthenium integrifolium*) taken by Helen Hamilton

Landscape designer C. Colston Burrell recommends growing these plants in moist, rich soil in full sun or light shade. He says, "Use it as a specimen or as a filler in the middle of the border with rose mallow and coneflowers, or in a meadow with asters, goldenrods, and ornamental grasses. This tough plant deserves a place in every garden, formal or wild."

Leaves are largest at the base, with a rough, sandpapery feel and coarsely toothed edges. Deer don't like the bitter-tasting, aromatic leaves, but bees, wasps, flies, and beetles are frequent visitors for the nectar and pollen.

A native perennial, wild quinine grows in all regions of Virginia with the exception of the far southwest. The plant grows naturally in prairies and dry woods from Virginia to Minnesota and south to Georgia and Arkansas.

The flowering tops were once used for "intermittent fevers" like malaria, hence the name wild quinine. The root was used as a diuretic for kidney and bladder problems and gonorrhea. One study suggests wild quinine may stimulate the immune system.

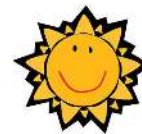
It is a common addition to extracts of purple coneflower (*E. purpurea*), historically and in modern times.

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

Important Dates

- 9/8 Go Green Expo (Newport News)
- 9/8-10/15 Home Horticulture Education (Norfolk)
- 9/10 Vegetable Gardening 101 (Hampton)
- 9/13-15 Lewis Ginter Plant Sale (Richmond)
- 9/14-16 VNPS Annual Meeting (W&M)
- 9/15 Insects in Your Garden (Freedom Park)
- 9/15 Fall Gardening Festival (AREC)
- 9/22 Heritage Harvest Festival (Monticello)
- 9/29 Bats, Birds, and Bugs (Appomattox)

SUNSHINE NOTES



The organization would like to send cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family.

This month we sent cards to:

Pat Janot - Get well
Ricklin Brown - Thank you
Judy Casone- Sympathy
Family of Dale Firestone- Sympathy

Please provide names to the EMG secretary, Jennifer Campbell, at (757) 968-9499, or jenkcampbell@yahoo.com



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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the October 2018 newsletter will be Wednesday, September 26.

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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