

Virginia Native Plant Society

The John Clayton Chapter and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)
cordially invite you to the

VNPS Annual Meeting and Conference, September 14-16, 2007 “Where the Water Meets the Land”

Located at VIMS in Gloucester Point, VA

Overview of Conference:

Friday, September 14

- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration in the lobby of Watermen’s Hall
1 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Presentations in Watermen’s Hall Auditorium
1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (**Dragon Run meets at noon**) Fieldtrips
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dinner Break (on your own)
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker Dr. Jim Perry

Saturday, September 15

- 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Tours of VIMS Teaching Marsh
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fieldtrips and Sassafras Farm Tour
9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Presentations in Watermen’s Hall
5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Party/Bufferet/VNPS Annual Meeting at Freight Shed in Yorktown

Sunday, September 16

- 8 a.m. – 12 noon Native Plant and Bird Walk at Beaverdam Park
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Fieldtrips and Sassafras Farm Tour (Dragon Run trip ends at 2 p.m.)
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **VNPS Board Meeting** in Watermen’s Hall Conference Room

Directions: (Construction Note: possible delays on Coleman Bridge for bridge inspection)

From North: I-95 South to Rt. 17 South to Gloucester Point, turn left at the Lafayette Heights Road traffic light (last light before the Coleman Bridge), and follow directions below for “All.”

From West: I-64 to Rt. 199 (Exit 242B) toward Yorktown, turn right onto Colonial Parkway, exit right to Rt. 17 North to Coleman Bridge (\$2 toll), turn right at the traffic light onto Lafayette Heights Rd., and follow directions below for “All.”

From South/East: I-64 to Exit 250B to Yorktown, turn left onto Rt. 143 West and right (at light) onto Rt. 105 East (Fort Eustis Blvd.) for 3.6 miles to Rt. 17 North; turn left on Rt. 17 North to Coleman Bridge (\$2 toll), turn right at the traffic light onto Lafayette Heights Rd., and follow directions below for “All.”

All: Turn right at stop sign onto Greate Road to VIMS campus. **Park in Triangle Parking Lot**, which is the first big lot on left as you enter the VIMS campus. (The lot is just past the brick VIMS sign on the right.)

Accommodations: There is a \$2 bridge toll on northbound Rt. 17 toward VIMS at the Coleman Bridge to VIMS; expect delays due to bridge inspection: **Duke of York Motor Hotel**, 508 Water Street, Yorktown, 757-898-3232, waterfront views; 3 miles from VIMS and two blocks from the Freight Shed; **Yorktown Motor Lodge:** 8829 George Washington Hwy. (Rt. 17), 757-898-5451; **EconoLodge Colonial:** 216 Parkway Drive, Williamsburg, 757-253-6450; 13 miles from VIMS.

Some Homestays Available: call Helen Hamilton 757-564-4494 for availability.

Gloucester Point Family Campground: 800-332-4316; \$26/night/full hookups, 5 miles from VIMS on waterfront



Daily Schedules

Friday, September 14

Please note that fieldtrips and presentations are scheduled simultaneously throughout the day; choose carefully to avoid conflicts; and register early because space in fieldtrips is limited.

Fieldtrips

(All fieldtrips leave from Triangle Parking Lot.)

1. Dragon Run. Noon–5 p.m. FULL
2. Jamestown Island. 1-5 p.m. FULL

Presentations

(All presentations are in Watermen's Hall)

| | <u>Title</u> | <u>Speaker</u> |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 – 2 p.m. | Living Shorelines | Karen Duhring, VIMS |
| 2 – 3 p.m. | Current Phragmites Research | Dr. Kirk Havens, VIMS |
| 3 – 3:15 p.m. | Break | |
| 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. | Wetlands Research at VIMS | Dr. Carl Hershner, VIMS |
| 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. | John Custis and the Transatlantic Plant Trade | Wesley Greene, VNPS |
| 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) | |
| 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Keynote Presentation: Using Native Plants of the Mid-Atlantic States for Shoreline Planting and Stabilization By Dr. Jim Perry, VIMS | |
| 8:30 – 9 p.m. | John Clayton Chapter Annual Meeting for election of officers | |

About Our Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Perry is a Professor of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). His primary research interests involve monitoring stress and documenting long-term changes in vascular plant communities of tidal and non-tidal wetlands, and the relationship of those changes to changes in environmental parameters within watersheds. His current projects include: 1) establishing methods for determining status of watersheds and the success of created and restored habitats; 2) vegetation community dynamics in restored and created wetlands and watersheds, and 3) life history, distribution and abundance, and threats to rare and/or endangered vascular plants. He has done research in Asia, North America, and South America, and has presented many invited seminars and lectures abroad. He is currently involved in several international wetland projects in China designed to examine the role of environmental conservation/restoration and sustainable development in coastal wetlands. The goals of the projects are to provide research directions and education opportunities for local universities as well as providing recommendations and guidelines for the establishment of environmental policies for the local and federal agencies. He teaches courses in Asian Environmental Issues, Wetlands Ecology, and Coastal Botany.

Saturday, September 15

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Presentations

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| | <u>Title</u> | <u>Speaker</u> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 9 – 10 a.m. | Coastal Plain Wildflowers featuring slides by Hal Horwitz | Pat Baldwin, VNPS |
| 10 – 10:15 a.m. | Break | |
| 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. | Strategies to Promote More Native Plants in the Landscape | Carol Heiser, DGIF |
| 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. | Water-wise and Conservation Gardening with Native Plants | Sue Voigt, VNPS |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Distribution of Mountain Plants in the Coastal Plain | Donna Ware, VNPS |
| 12:15 – 1 p.m. | Lunch (Box Lunches available in Lobby of Watermen's Hall) | |
| 1 – 2:30 p.m. | The Archaeological Quest For John Clayton | Robert and Lisa Harper, VNPS |
| 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. | Break | |
| 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. | Native Ornamental Grasses for the Home Landscape | Helen Hamilton, VNPS |
| 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. | Native Trees for the Landscape | Linda Johnson, VNPS |

Saturday Continued

Fieldtrips

(All fieldtrips leave from Triangle Parking Lot)

3. **VIMS Campus.** 8-10 a.m. and 8:15-10:15 a.m. A walking tour of the Teaching Marsh (a small freshwater and tidal saltmarsh demonstration wetland constructed for water quality and educational purposes) and the Coastal Forest Walkway (a short boardwalk through the plant community surrounding a small freshwater pond) and the VIMS Shoreline Management Structures (including a living shoreline treatment of the boat basin entrance canal). Limit: 15 people per tour. Easy.
5. **Grafton Ponds Natural Area.** 9 a.m.-noon FULL
6. **Summerfield.** 9 a.m. -noon FULL
7. **Tripetala.** 12:30-4 p.m. FULL
8. **Water-Wise Garden/Ellipse Garden.** 1-5 p.m. A trip to view both the low-maintenance, water-wise garden at the Human Services Building in James City County and the Ellipse Demonstration Garden at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden which features many native plants. Trip leaders are Sue Voigt and Carolyn Will. Limit: 15 people. Easy.
9. **Catlett Islands.** 1-5 p.m. FULL
10. **Sassafras Farm.** 2-4 p.m. Owner Denise Greene will lead a tour of her native plant farm where she grows perennials for sale. Plants will be available for purchase after the tour. Limit 20 people. Easy.

Party/Buffer/VNPS Annual Meeting

(Held at the Freight Shed, 331 Water St., Yorktown)

- 5-9 p.m. A party to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the VNPS will be held at the Freight Shed in Yorktown (across the bridge from Gloucester Point). The evening will include a self-guided plant walk along the riverwalk, a walking tour of historic Yorktown, buffet dinner, the VNPS annual meeting, and a silent auction of native plant related items. Come, celebrate VNPS, eat, enjoy native plants and friends, network, and have fun! Casual attire.

Sunday, September 16

Board Meeting

9:30 a.m.- noon VNPS Board of Directors meeting in Watermen's Hall Conference Room.

Fieldtrips

(All fieldtrips leave from Triangle Parking Lot.)

11. **Beaverdam Park.** 8 a.m.-noon FULL
12. **Dragon Run.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FULL
13. **Sassafras Farm.** 9-11 a.m. Owner Denise Greene will lead a tour of her native plant farm where she grows perennials for sale. Plants will be available for purchase after the tour. Limit: 20 people.
14. **Colonial Williamsburg.** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FULL
15. **Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve.** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Added Trip!** A sandy, southward pointing finger that separates the eastern side of Winter Harbor from Chesapeake Bay. The preserve is home to a rare plant, the sea-beach knotweed (*Polygonum glaucum*). The site also provides protection for the federally threatened northeastern beach tiger beetle and high quality habitat for nesting and breeding birds, including the rare Least Tern. Habitats include beach, offshore bay waters, tidal lagoons, salt marsh, shrubby swamp, and deeper channels. Trip includes a visit to view the New Point Comfort lighthouse via a boardwalk over the marsh with history plaques and an overlook. This Natural Heritage site is located in Mathews County. Limit: 20 people. Easy. For more info visit www.claytonvnps.org (2007 Conference, Dragon).
16. **Freedom Park.** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Added Trip!** A walk along wide paths through wooded uplands and along ravines where more than 18 species of ferns and "fern allies", fifteen species of orchids and many species of fungi have been spotted. Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), Indianpipes (*Monotropa uniflora L.*), and Maryland golden aster (*Chrysopsis mariana*), blue lobelia (*Lobelia puberula*), as well as several species of goldenrod and boneset are expected to be in bloom, and possibly shadow witch orchid (*Ponthieva racemosa*) and autumn coral root (*Corrallorhiza odontorhiza*). Trip includes a walk through the Ellipse Demonstration Garden at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden which features many native plants. Trip leader is Carolyn Will. Limit: 15 people. Easy.

Revised Registration Form
“Where the Water Meets the Land”

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Registration Fee: \$80 for VNPS/VIMS participants only

\$110 for General Public (non-VNPS/VIMS) registration opens September 1

Please Note: Any registrations arriving after Sept. 9 will not include a box lunch or the buffet dinner

Banquet Only Fee for non-participating companions: \$30

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Signature ** _____ **(required)**

Street _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

****Signatures required on all registrations.** By signing this form the above registrant shall hold harmless the Virginia Native Plant Society, including its staff and volunteers, the College of William and Mary, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, including its staff and volunteers, and those designated to served as their provider.

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Number Attending: ____ VNPS ____ VIMS ____ General Public
____ Banquet only for non-participating companions

Registration fees: \$80 VNPS/VIMS
\$110 General Public (Registration opens after Sept. 1)
\$30 Banquet only fee for non-participating companions

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please note that fieldtrips and presentations are scheduled simultaneously throughout the day, so you will need to choose carefully to avoid conflict with your schedule.

Friday Fieldtrips:

- #1 Dragon Run **full**
- #2 Jamestown Island **full**

Saturday Fieldtrips: (Circle no more than two)

- #3 VIMS Campus: ____ 8-10 a.m. tour or ____ 8:15-10:15 tour
- #4 Dragon Run **full**
- #5 Grafton Ponds **full**
- #6 Summerfield **full**
- #7 Tripetala **full**
- #8 Water-wise Garden/Ellipse Garden
- #9 Catlett Islands **full**
- #10 Sassafras Farm

If Saturday trips are full, second choice(s); _____

*For information
Contact VNPS office manager Karen York at
540-837-1600 or vnpsofc@shentel.net*

Sunday Fieldtrips: (Circle only one)

- #11 Beaverdam Park **full**
- #12 Dragon Run **full**
- #13 Sassafras Farm
- #14 Colonial Williamsburg **full**
- #15 Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve
- #16 Freedom Park

If Sunday trip is full, second choice _____

Please indicate meal preferences (if attending on Saturday).

Saturday Box Lunch ____ YES or ____ NO; **If yes,** ____ Turkey or ____ Vegetarian

Saturday Buffet ____ YES or ____ NO; **If yes,** ____ Seafood or ____ Vegetarian

Mail this form (with check payable to VNPS) to:

VNPS Annual Meeting, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Unit 2, Boyce, VA 22620