

Northern Neck Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists

NEWS & NOTES for Members October 2022  
 Virginia Master Naturalists shared by Camille

Not only is it COMPLETE, but we have a GREAT SLATE of Chapter Officers for 2023!

THANK YOU to the following NNMN Chapter members who agreed to be nominated for the Executive Board!

- President – Paula Boundy
- Vice President – Polly Foote
- Secretary – Karen Williams
- Treasurer – Debby Tupper

I find it particularly satisfying that Paula, who was a charter member of our chapter and its FIRST president, is willing, again, to take the helm. Our Vice President, Polly, is from our most recent class in 2021. Karen and Debby both hail from the 2019 class.

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022  
 4:00-6:00 pm @ Cat Point Creek Lodge  
 2570 Newland Rd, Warsaw, VA

- Election of officers
- Dues increase
- Dinner and social



Please bring something to share!

## NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

The NOVEMBER Board Meeting will be ZOOMED on MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, at 10:00 a.m. ALL chapter members are invited.

The Zoom link and agenda will be sent to everyone via BI email by Sunday, October 30. Having the Board meeting separate from the annual Election Meeting will allow us time for that and the social Potluck before it becomes too dark for those of us who prefer NOT to drive at night!



Although the Executive Board is complete, the rest of the Board is not! We need members to work on and chair committees.

Charlene, Nominating Committee chair, is still looking for people to head several committees. The Outreach Committee in particular needs a chair. Nancy Joel had asked to be relieved of that responsibility for 2022, and she graciously continued in her role when no one else volunteered. Please consider chairing or co-chairing this committee. I know Nancy will graciously and gratefully mentor you! Contact [charlene.talcott@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.talcott@gmail.com)



## VMN Leadership Month 2022

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
LOG YOUR HOURS!**

[www.MyImpactPage.com](http://www.MyImpactPage.com)

A recent look at Better Impact showed that thus far many Northern Neck Master Naturalists have NO HOURS reported for 2022. While it may seem unimportant, it is difficult to determine which activities are drawing the most volunteers and time when they are not listed. Quarterly hours reports are required of Pat as membership chair, and she shares those with the chapter. Wouldn't it be great if they *truly* reflected what our chapter members have accomplished? If you've done the time, please report it in Better Impact! THANK YOU!

### **Northern Neck Master Naturalist 2023 Basic Training Course Begins in January!**

The BTC Committee has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming course. There is still time to submit applications, so if you know of anyone who would be an asset to our chapter, please encourage them to submit an application. More information can be requested by emailing [NNMN.basictrainingcourse@gmail.com](mailto:NNMN.basictrainingcourse@gmail.com). Interested people may also go to our website, [northernneckvmn.org](http://northernneckvmn.org), to access the online application.



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### **Overview**

#### **What?**

Online leadership sessions to help you get new ideas and be more effective as a VMN chapter leader and board.

#### **Who?**

All VMN chapter advisors and chapter board members are invited. **Prospective or upcoming board members and committee members are welcome too!**

#### **When and Where?**

There are three evenings of online sessions. Each evening has two sessions featuring different content. These sessions are statewide, not divided regionally. Additionally, there is a meeting time just for chapter advisors. Leaders from all VMN chapters are welcome to attend as many or as few as they like, but we do hope to see at least one person from every chapter in most sessions. All sessions are via Zoom. If you cannot attend at the stated time, recordings will be available for later viewing.

Registrations are open! Use this link:

<http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/leadership-month-2022.html>

*We hope that many of our chapter members will join in this opportunity to further your knowledge of the VMN program and learn more about chapter leadership!*



Details  
coming  
soon!



**Chip Jones**  
**Christine Watlington-Jones**  
**Heather Bedford**  
**Lee Arslan**  
**Lesley Newman**  
**Debby Tupper**

all braved a sunny, but cold and blustery, Saturday to work with Children and adults at the Belle Isle Fall Festival. In spite of the wind and temperature, it was a very successful event!



Heather Bedford photo

More Fall Festival photos are on page 4.

PUMPKINS just exude Fall, don't they? We use them for pies, cakes, donuts, coffee, biscotti, candy, carving, and so much more. This season always causes me to chuckle as I recall an incident from my teaching past.



One beautiful fall day the class of 4-year-olds went to visit the pumpkin patch at a local farm. Their excitement was palpable. After a brief explanation by the farmer (one has to be very brief with 4-year-olds), the students were free to roam the patch and select one pumpkin that they would keep. Some very quickly made their choices, but others continued to go down rows, apparently, like Charlie Brown, looking for the perfect one. Finally, only Jordan still had no pumpkin. I urged him to choose one, as we needed to leave. He turned and said, "I can't find one." Hmm. We're standing in a pumpkin patch...so patiently, I said, "Jordan, they are all around; just pick one." "But Mrs. Grabb, they're all still attached."



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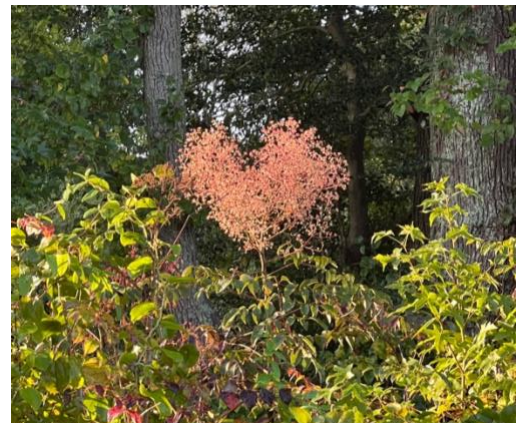


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This *Auralia spinosa* seems to be proclaiming, "I have a HEART for wildlife and habitat, too!"