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**Virginia Master
Naturalists**
Northern Neck Chapter



Hello Northern Neck Master Naturalists! Writing this on 5th of July and it is sunny and hot outside - not unusual for this time of year but for 2023 not yet usual. I have way fewer butterflies and moths evident during the day, more buzzing from bees and a hatch of little black critters, perhaps beetles, I am unfamiliar with. My garden is being eaten (browsed) by rabbits, deer, and voles so it's disappointing as to color but there are some herbaceous plants not browsed that are taller than me. It is always interesting to me what doesn't get eaten and, therefore, may be useful in deterring browse patterns on my colorful or precious plants. If the Hyssop (*Agastache nepetoides* or *A. scrophulariifolia* - unsure which I grew) is cutback to shorten it, perhaps it would protect the showy rose I'm trying to keep from being browsed and I'd be able to see it in blossom. A plan for next year... Paula Boundy, President and Certified VMN

Chapter Picnic at Caledon State Park on Saturday, June 10, 2023



Photo credit: Joyce Reimherr

Baby Hannah Green Reimherr (yes, Joyce's granddaughter) celebrated her first birthday at the Northern Neck Master Naturalists picnic. Her middle name is from the Green River, a favorite river of her grandfather Fred who was a water conservation activist in Utah. Her father Pat, holding her, works for an energy and environmental law firm in DC that is assisting with implementation of the clean energy components of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Thank you to JOYCE, along with the BTC Committee, for so graciously organizing the annual picnic for the Chapter. Those in attendance had a wonderful time and enjoyed the beauty of Caledon, on the Potomac north of Westmoreland SP. We are anxious to return to Caledon to explore it more thoroughly!

Summer is HERE and the weather is HOT!

Whether you are working around your property or engaging in Master Naturalist activities, please be cognizant of the temperature and humidity and adjust your time outside accordingly. When possible, work in the cooler times of day (early morning and evening), take frequent breaks, and hydrate often!

We do have many activities underway throughout the summer. Our Postmaster, Alice, sends emails as events are added. Those on the horizon now include:

- Butterfly Counts** (contact Jeff Wright (pec11908@me.com) **Tuesdays**, Times TBD
- 25 July 2023 **Annual Northumberland-Lancaster** Summer Butterfly Count
 - 22 August 2023 **First Annual Dragon Run** Summer Butterfly Count - New Count for 2023
 - 26 September 2023 **Annual George Washington Birthplace** Fall Butterfly Count

Wild Side Walks for NNMNs – 9:00-11:00 am, Belle Isle State Park, Tuesdays Contact: Camille (cgrabb9@gmail.com) *These are approved for CE credit.*

August 8 – Life in a Log

September 12 – Colors of Fall

Education/Outreach - Volunteer at an Outreach Booth Event

(work any amount of time during the event)

Contacts: Terry (terryjor3@gmail.com) or Camille (cgrabb9@gmail.com)

Friday, August 4 – Montross First Fridays (*time 4:00 pm-9:00 pm*)

Saturday, Sept. 16 – Tappahannock Farmers Market, (*time 9:00-1:00*)

Saturday, Sept. 30- NNLC “Boots & BBQ”, Lottsburg, (*time 12:00-4:00*)

Next Board Meeting will be on September 12, 2023

Editor’s Note: Apologies for the brevity of this issue of the newsletter. Our desktop decided to terminate itself, so the newsletter had to be finished on an unfamiliar-to-me laptop. ~Camille

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