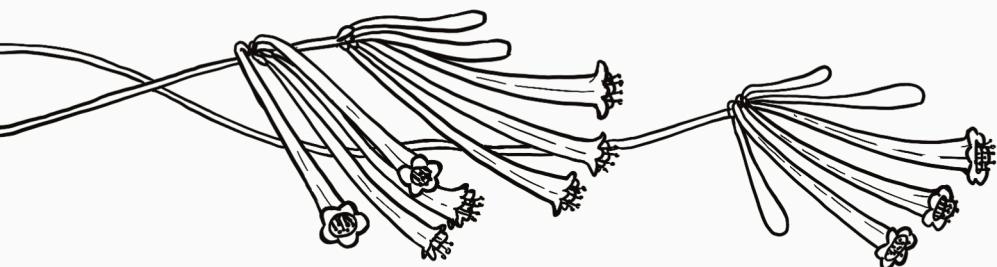


Dedication

The idea for hosting this wildflower symposium began when the Central Piedmont Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists received the gift of a full library of nature guides and books from the estate of Anne Mason Field. Along with this legacy, we received the displayed notebooks of wildflower photographs that Anne had so meticulously catalogued. Included in the material was information about two past Wildflower Symposiums which she had helped to organize - one in 2011 and one in 2012. As a memoriam to Anne Mason, as well as a way to continue sharing her knowledge and love of wildflowers, we decided to revive the Wildflower Symposium. With heartfelt appreciation for her love of wildflowers and willingness to share her knowledge we dedicate this symposium to the memory of Anne Mason Field.



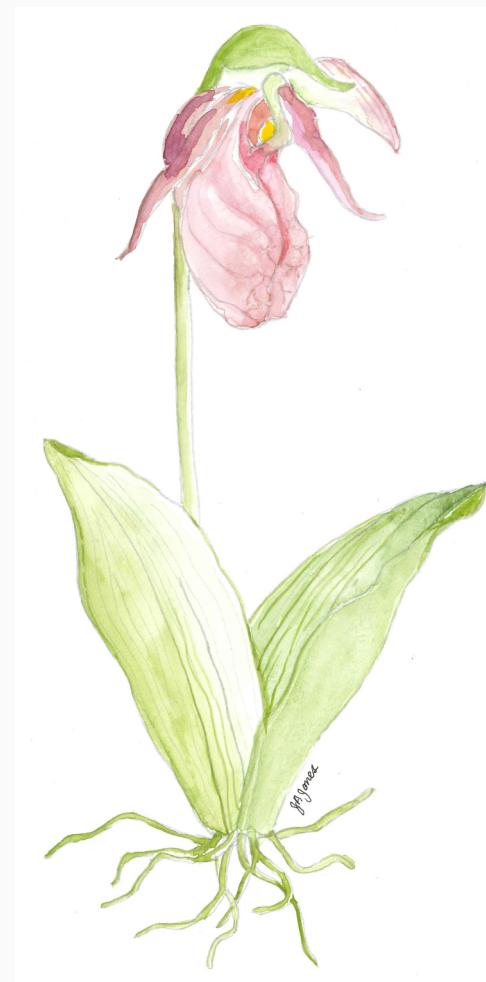
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Wildflower Symposium



*An ephemeral gathering
where wildflowers grow*

Bear Creek Hall, Bear Creek Lake State Park

April 30th, 2022

Featured Presenters

Lindsey Nichols – Lindsey is a graduate of the 2020 Basic Training Course of the Central Piedmont Virginia Master Naturalists. She works in sales at New Leaf Farms, a wholesale plant nursery in Bedford. Lindsey grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, and moved to South Georgia for school, graduating from Valdosta State University with a BA in Biology. Dendrology and Ecology courses sparked her love of native trees and other flora. Lindsey and her fiancé, Ryan Hamsley, moved to the Appomattox area from middle Georgia in 2020, and have greatly enjoyed the proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Ann Mayo – Ann grew up in Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. She graduated from H-S College with a BS in biology, and received her MS degree in biology from Western Carolina University where she studied burrow and door construction of atypical tarantulas. She continued her education receiving a master's degree in theology from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and a PhD in quantitative biology, studying the ecology of a harvester ant species from the University of Texas in Arlington, TX. She is currently an MS student at the University of Nebraska in entomology, and teaches as a lecturer at Longwood University in Farmville, VA.

Cynthia Wood – A native of Prince Edward County, VA, Cynthia is a nature photographer and amateur naturalist who likes to capture the myriads of small worlds present in everyday life. She is an honors graduate of Longwood University, and received both her MA degree and PhD from the University of Virginia, with post doctoral studies at Johns Hopkins University. Cynthia lives in Crewe, VA and is currently a member of several local garden clubs, Central Virginia Arts and the Heart of Virginia Master Gardeners. She regularly writes an article on garden plants or wildflowers for the Farmville Herald, as well as maintaining two blogs and a facebook page all about plants.

Schedule of Events

8:30 - 9:00 Refreshments

Mingling at Bear Creek Hall



9:00 Welcome

Tom Kneipp: BCLSP Chief Ranger, Visitor Experience
JoAnn Jones: President, CPVMN

9:00 - 10:15 Two Walks Held Simultaneously

Easy Lakeside Walk – Relatively easy, over moderately level terrain. Signs of beaver activity and shore birds can be observed along with many woodland wildflowers. (30 - 45 mins)

Moderate Walk – Longer, over uneven terrain. Participants may also leave the trail for short excursions into the woods. (1 hr +)

10:15 - 10:30 Refreshments

Reconvene at Bear Creek Hall for refreshments and door prizes

10:30 - 12:00 Featured Talks and Children's Craft Activities

Yikes!! Am I Planting Invasives? – Lindsey Nichols will discuss the sale of invasive ornamental plants that are popular in nurseries and their ecological impacts. Be careful what you're purchasing!

Which Came First - The Plants or the Bees? – Ann Mayo will discuss the coevolution of native plants and their pollinators. Are pollinators even attracted to some of the popular "cultivars" available today from nurseries and Big Box Stores?

Picture This! – Cynthia Wood will present a powerpoint of wildflowers that grow in Bear Creek Lake State Park and the surrounding forest. How many do you recognize from your walk this morning?

