

**Historic Rivers Chapter – VMN
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011**

The April General Membership Meeting of the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists was held in the Human Services Building, Multipurpose Room, 5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA. The meeting was called to order by President, Barbara Boyer at 6 p.m.

Chapter Blog : Please contact Jeanette Navia if you are interested in starting a blog on Chapter events, nature items, and/or book reviews.

Chapter Website: Jeanette Navia has done a wonderful job updating the chapter website. Everything is now at your fingertips including a calendar with advanced training events and volunteer projects as well as member links to the VMN Volunteer Management System, our Flickr photo site, and current and past newsletters.

General Meeting Refreshments. Please contact Janet Curtis if you are interested in providing refreshments for one of the upcoming meetings. Two people will be assigned to bring refreshments for each meeting. In an effort to be “green”, Janet will bring, wash and reuse the beautiful “nature” cloth napkins hand-made by Alice Kopinitz.

VMN Rally at Sweet Briar College will be held on 3-5 Jun. Check the website for registration information and details on this advanced training opportunity.

Summer trip to Tangier Island. Looking at the possibility of scheduling a trip to Tangier Island. Individuals will depart by boat from Reedville, VA and can choose to make it a day trip or stay overnight at one of the bed and breakfasts. More to follow. Points of contact are Dean Shostak and Les Lawrence.

Earth Day, 23 April at Waller Mill Park. Still looking for volunteers to man the booth and help Clyde Marstellar with the “Zoo in My Suitcase”. Please contact Geoff Giles if you are interested.

Chapter logo items. Shirley Devan will be placing an order for additional shirts, tumblers, lanyards and bags.

Volunteer and Advanced Training Hours. Everyone should be posting their own hours into the VMN Volunteer Management System. Contact Shirley Devan if you have questions or need assistance.

Monthly Chapter Newsletter. Please continue to forward articles and pictures to Patty Riddick for the newsletter.

Frog Walk and Talk at Croaker Landing, York River State Park on 14 Apr at 730. Please contact Felice Bond if you have any questions.

Bluebird Monitoring. Ford’s Colony trail reported the season’s first bluebird “hatchlings” in our Chapter. All other trails are reporting successful nests and eggs.

General Membership Meeting Program:

Clyde Marstellar and the "Zoo in My Luggage". Clyde thrilled the membership with his zoo program that he typically provides to the elementary schools and the parks. His goals for his zoo are to reintroduce children back to nature, and introduce them to the idea of stewardship. The zoo consisted of live snails, slugs, beetles, worms, spiders, salamanders, frogs and toads.

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Maloney, Co-Secretary

Approved: 4 May 2011 by HRC Board