

**Historic Rivers Chapter – VMN
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2011**

The September 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.

-Membership Awards. Geoff Giles, Kathi Mestayer, and Jeanne Millin received their 250-hour service pins. Congratulations to all!

-Website. Check the calendar for upcoming service and training opportunities. Contact Jeanette Navia if you have anything you want to blog.

--Flickr Site. Please upload any pictures you want to share to the Chapter's Flickr site. Felice Bond will be sending out email instructions on how to access the site.

-Volunteer Service Projects. Check the website and calendar for recurring and upcoming activities.

--Friday Frolics at York River State Park has resumed from 1-3 p.m. at the maintenance area.

--Bluebird Box monitoring is now complete for the season. Sara Lewis will be providing info in the next newsletter.

--New Quarter Park is developing an Environmental Team to assist with various activities at the park. If you have not already signed up, please contact Sara Lewis.

-Advanced Training. Check the website and calendar for upcoming training opportunities.

--Approximately 13 Chapter members are scheduled to attend the VMN State Conference at Camp Friendship, Palmyra, VA on 23-25 Sep.

-Outreach Activities.

--Estuaries Day at York River State Park is scheduled for 17 Sep.

--Wallapalooza at Waller Mill Pond is scheduled for 8 Oct from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

-Field Trips.

--Colonial Williamsburg Geology and Herbarium field trip is being planned for November

--Potential trip to Everglades is being explored for the January 2012 timeframe.

--VA mountain geology weekend trip is being planned for spring 2012.

-Hospitality:

---Chapter Picnic. On Saturday, 29 Oct, the Chapter members will join Cohort VI for a potluck lunch during their training at York River State Park. The Chapter members are invited to Ted and Judy Sargent's home on the Chickahominy for an afternoon of exploring the woods and river and a follow-on wine and cheese party. Cohort VI is invited to join the group for wine and cheese after their training session.

--The Chapter's End of Year Party is scheduled for 14 December at the Freight Shed in Yorktown.

-Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries published a new brochure and CD: "A Guide to the Frogs and Toads of Virginia". If you are interested in purchasing one for \$10.00, please see Sharon Plocher.

-Door prize winner. Teta Kain won beautiful nature-capturing photo notecards made and donated by Felice Bond.

-The Chapter's Annual Photo Contest is scheduled for the October meeting. Ted Sargent will be sending out details for photo submissions next week.

Program: Teta Kain provided an exceptional and entertaining program titled "Along Came a Spider!" She made spider lovers of us all with her beautiful photos and her explanations of a spider's life spinning, weaving, and eating.

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Maloney, Co-Secretary