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**HISTORIC RIVERS CHAPTER HAS LOST A DEAR FRIEND, AN ENTHUSIASTIC NATURALIST, AND A BELOVED MEMBER.**

**NANCY JILL NORTON DIED ON NOVEMBER 8, 2012, AFTER A BRAVE BATTLE WITH CANCER. NANCY WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL.**

**A NATURE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN NANCY'S NAME.**

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Greetings, Historic Rivers Chapter:

As we come to the end of 2012, our Chapter continues to have a lot to be thankful for...

- We now number 100 Chapter members with the addition of our awesome Cohort VII members.

- We have 103 approved volunteer service projects/opportunities including new ones such as Project Osprey Watch, Warhill Nature Club and the Monarch Initiative.

- We have worked thousands of volunteer service hours this year. (The actual numbers are being totaled for our annual report to the State, so make sure your volunteer service and your advanced training hours are input into the system and counted!)

- We fledged 609 bluebirds, 84 chickadees, 13 tufted titmice, 5 Carolina wrens and a few flying squirrels on our bluebird trails.

- We now have our collection and salvage permits in place to cover those specified Chapter members involved in collection/salvage volunteer service projects.

- We established the Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship Fund to honor a good friend and a great Virginia Master Naturalist. This scholarship fund provides opportunities for the young to follow her footsteps in learning about and protecting nature.

Hope to see you all at our end-of-year get together at the December General Membership Meeting on 12 December.

Patty Maloney  
President  
Historic Rivers Chapter

### Notes from the Board

All meetings of the Board of Directors are open to members.

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English Ivy Update: 475 and still counting.....

In last month's newsletter, I reported on the number of first-year English ivy seedlings I have removed from my wooded half-acre back yard this fall.

The number then was 250. We are now at 475, and I'm betting we'll hit 500+ easy before I'm done.

Kathi Mestayer

# HISTORIC RIVERS CHAPTER



Clyde and the Zoo visited S. Morrison Community Center in Newport News, on Saturday, November 3rd.

Patty and Larry Riddick were his Zoo Cru for the day.

This is the 2nd time the Zoo has been invited to participate in S. Morrison's Community Day festivities.

The day began with the reading of a proclamation from the Mayor of Newport News followed with a performance by a youth band.

There were dozens of exhibitors offering information and guidance as well as education to the many visitors. The Zoo attracted at least 150 guests! The folks seen in the photo below visited and chatted with us over and over throughout the day.

Our fun day was topped off with popcorn, cotton candy, and pizza!



Text and Photos  
By Patty Riddick



# HISTORIC RIVERS CHAPTER



HRC LEADS SECOND  
GRADERS AT NEW KENT  
FORESTRY CENTER

By  
Les Lawrence

HRC members assisted in a "nature day" at the New Kent Forestry Center for about 120 second graders from Cool Spring Elementary, (in the Richmond area), hosted by Lisa Deaton, DOF, on 1 November. HRC members Jan Lockwood, Geoff Giles, and Les Lawrence, along with another DOF employee, lead groups of about 25-30 kids and parents on walks through the forest and along the boardwalk through the cypress swamp (two students fell into the swamp - a first!).



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During the walks, the students lay in hammocks and heard a story about the life-cycle of Monarch butterflies, presented by our own Christina Woodson. DOF and DGIF employees also gave talks and demonstrations about woodland animals, trees in the forest, and fish species in local waters. This was the third straight year for second graders from this school to enjoy this program - and the third year for HRC participation.



## HRCVMN

### Basic Training Calendar

December, 2012

“Revised”

Tuesday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dendrology	6:00 pm.-9:00 pm.	Human Services Bldg.
Saturday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Field Trip -Geology	9:00 am.-3:00 pm.	Various Sites
Tuesday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Indigenous Cultures	6:00 pm.-9:00 pm.	Human Services Bldg.

Check out Cohort VII Playlist for Videos on the Link Below!

[http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCEAPno9nAfaKYpeATYxAx2svOf5-U\\_rj&feature=view\\_all](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCEAPno9nAfaKYpeATYxAx2svOf5-U_rj&feature=view_all)

Furnished by Tom Dougherty

## Advanced Training Opportunities

Adrienne Frank and Gary Driscole, Co-Chairs

For more information about AT opportunities go to: <http://www.historicrivers.org>

**CLASS: Entomology** - **November 27, 2012** from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

**[ATI Vermicomposting in Schools Webinar]** - **November 28, 2012** from 4:00-5:00 pm, Webinar

**[ATI HRBC Bird Walk]** - **December 2, 2012** from 7:00-10:00 am at Newport News City Park

**CLASS: Dendrology** - **December 4, 2012** from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

**VSO Virginia Beach Field Trip** - **December 7-9, 2012** in VA Beach

**[ATI WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park]** - **December 8, 2012** from 8:00-10:00 am at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg

**Field Trip: Geology** - **December 8, 2012** from 9:00-3:00 pm at Various places

**CLASS: Indigenous Cultures** - **December 11, 2012** from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

**[ATI Monthly meeting]** - **December 12, 2012** from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Bldg., 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

**[ATI HRBC Bird Walk]** - **December 16, 2012** from 7:00-10:00 am at Newport News City Park

**[ATI WBC Bird Walk]** - **December 22, 2012** from 7:30-8:30 am at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg

**[ATI WBC Bird New Year's Day at Greensprings]** - **January 1, 2013** from 1:00-3:00 pm at Greensprings Trail, behind Jamestown High School

**[ATI HRBC Bird Walk]** - **January 6, 2013** from 7:00-10:00 am at Newport News City Park

**CLASS: Climate/Weather** - **January 8, 2013** from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

**[ATI Monthly meeting]** - **January 9, 2013** from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Bldg., 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

**[ATI WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park]** - **January 12, 2013** from 8:00-10:00 am at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg

**Field Trip: Forest Conservation & Management; Nature Hike** - **January 12, 2013** from 9:00-3:00 pm at New Kent Forestry Center, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge