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Congratulations Milestone Service Hour Winners!

Adrienne Frank reached 500 Hours! Thad Hecht and Mike Millin topped 250 Hours! Awards were presented by Susan Powell, Membership Chair.

Not pictured but also receiving awards are Christina Woodson 500 Hours and Pam Camblin 250 Hours! Way to go team!



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Greetings, Historic Rivers Chapter:

Happy New Year! If you are like me, you are starting to make your list for 2013. So, here are a few “naturalist” ideas for you to consider:

Get outside more and do some Wildlife Mapping or Bluebird Trail walks.

Get involved in a “new” Chapter project and learn something different.

Enroll your yard in Project Feeder Watch, or the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), or the Virginia Wildlife Mapping programs.

Say “yes” to Clyde when he asks for Zoo Cru volunteers in the elementary schools and parks. (No experience necessary!)

Pull a few weeds at the native plant garden at York River State Park (Monday mornings) or the Botanical Garden at Freedom Park (Friday mornings).

Go on a cruise with the Williamsburg Bird Club on the Chesapeake or on an Evergreen Walk with the John Clayton Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. Both are on 19 January!

Start taking winter pictures now for the Chapter’s annual photo contest.

Expand your mind at the VIMS After-Hours lectures.

And above all, count the blessings which come from being a Virginia Master Naturalist and part of this great Historic Rivers Chapter!

Happy 2013!

Patty Maloney

President

Historic Rivers Chapter

Virginia Master Naturalist

Notes from the Board

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

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Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)

Many HRC members are participating in the CoCoRaHS program. Participants were introduced to the program by Dean Shostak who subsequently has been in charge of ordering the appropriate rain gauges for our use. Here are some recent rain totals from 26 December as provided by chapter participants:

Patty Maloney—1.32 at my house in First Colony (Heritage Landing)

Jeanette Navia—1.16 at Chisel Run (near Premium Outlets)

Cheryl Jacobson—1.39 here in Kingsmill

Nancy Gore—1.01 in Windsor Forest

Lois Ullman— 1.38 in Holly Hills

Nancy Barnhart—1.27 on the York River

For those who are just getting started please go to the following link as provided by Dean.

http://www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=training_slideshows.



Compiled by Patty Riddick

HRC's New Year's Resolution: Tackle the Native Plant Gardens at YRSP

Join us Mondays at 10 am starting January 14 for a blitz to weed the Native Plant Gardens around the Visitor Center. We'll spend an hour weeding and then reward ourselves with an hour of Wildlife Mapping!

Bring gloves, small hand garden tools and water/snack/lunch if you want to stay and eat lunch.

By Shirley Devan



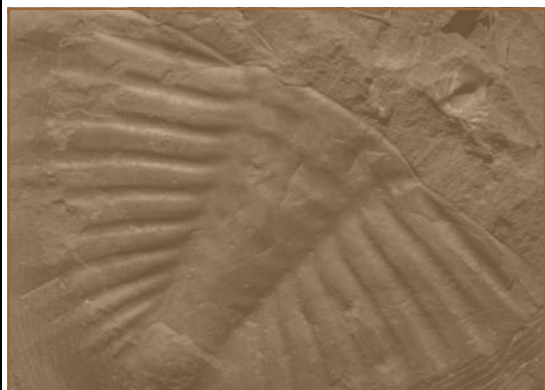
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH at 6 P.M.

Bring your hand lenses!

Dr. Linda Morse, William and Mary geology faculty member, will be our presenter for the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, Jan 9. That's right, it's just around the corner! Her topic will be "**Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils**" and we will do "hands on" mineral and rock identification, similar to a geology lab class.

We start at 6pm with a brief business meeting/update and then will move on to the presentation by about 6:30 pm.

Kathi Mestayer



COHORT VII BASIC TRAINING COMING ATTRACTIONS

JANUARY, 2013:

Tues., Jan. 8:	Class: Climate/Weather	6:00-9:00pm.
Sat., Jan. 12:	Field Trip: Forest Conservation and Management – at New Kent Forestry Center	9:00am.-3:00pm.
Tues., Jan. 22:	Class: Herpetology	6:00-9:00pm.
Sat., Jan. 26:	Field Trip: Macro Invertebrates and Winter Trees – at Freedom Park	9:00am.-3:00pm.

FEBRUARY, 2013:

Tues., Feb. 5:	Class: Ornithology	6:00-9:00pm.
Tues., Feb. 19:	Class: Ecology Concepts	6:00-9:00pm.
Sat., Feb. 23:	Field Trip/Class: Mammalogy and Ichthyology – at Virginia Living Museum	9:00am.-4:00pm.

MARCH, 2013:

Tues., Mar. 5:	Class: Butterflies	6:00-9:00pm.
Wed., Mar. 13:	COHORT VII GRADUATION and HRC Annual Meeting	6:00-9:00pm.

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2013 Membership Renewal Form for the Historic Rivers Chapter-Master Naturalist

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check the line next to your selection

_____ Renew membership at \$ 25.00

_____ I wish to make a voluntary contribution for the
Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship Fund

_____ Amount of scholarship contribution

Make your checks payable to the HRC-MN and mail to:

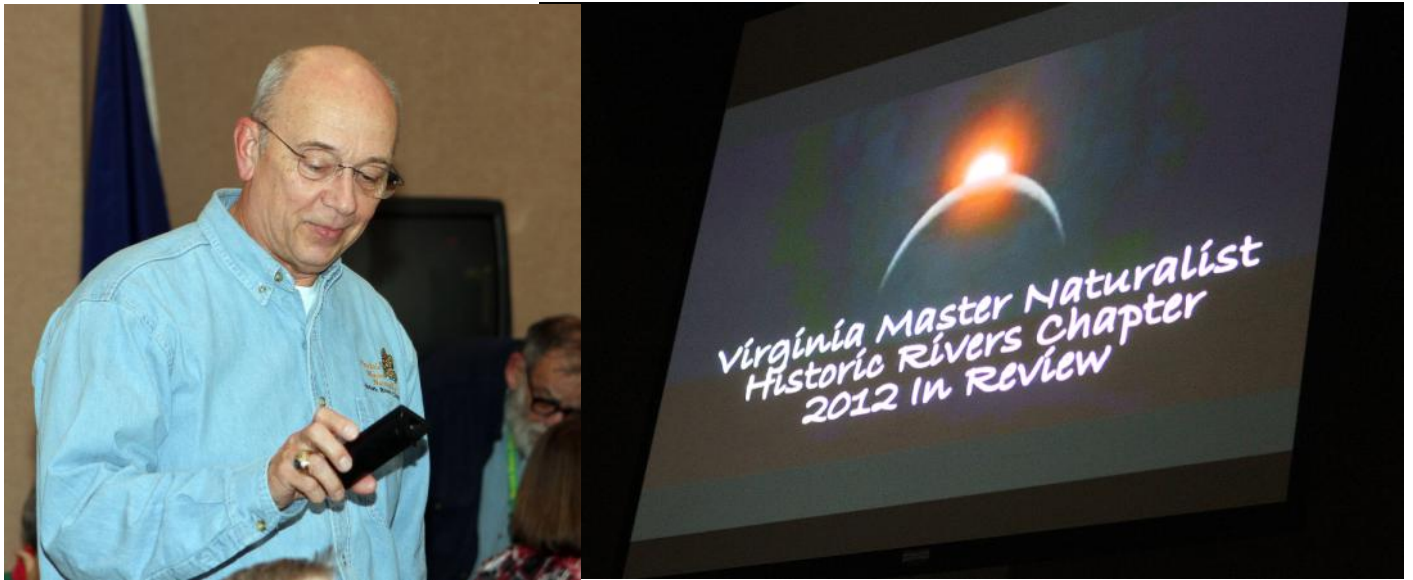
HRC-MN
PO Box 5026
Williamsburg, VA 23188

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HRC END - OF - THE - YEAR PARTY

AWARDS.....CHARADES.....LESTER AND CLYDE.....GOOD FOOD.....MUCH FUN!

Wednesday, December 12, 2012



As shared by Felice Bond....

A good time was had by all who attended the chapter's end- of - year meeting and party. Ted started the evening with a review of the photos from the 2012 Chapter Photo Contest. The winning photos will be on display at the Williamsburg Library in May or June of 2013.

Next, Shirley read aloud the children's book, Lester and Clyde, which was enhanced by the voices of our own members, Lester and Clyde. The story was about two fat green frogs that lived together in a pond until the older Clyde got tired of his younger frog friend Lester's jokes and tricks and insisted that he leave. When Lester couldn't find a pond that hadn't been polluted by man, Clyde allowed him to come back when he showed respect. "But try not to worry, although it's so wrong, at least we're safe here . . . until MAN comes along." Actors Lester and Clyde drove home the message of being good stewards of the earth!

After story time, the games began. Members were divided into teams and entertained each other with creative MadLibs and then Word Worms, where all six teams had winning spellers, who could spell a variety of naturalist-related words "**sdrawkcab.**" The final game was Charades. This time volunteer service projects were acted out by team members, who had only one minute to perform.

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Following the games was Tom's dynamic end-of-year slideshow set to upbeat, toe-tapping music. Seeing the many volunteer projects that the chapter has participated in is always a treat and a reminder of how much we provide our community in just one year.

The evening ended with members gathering to chat, while enjoying hot pear cider and a tasty array of appetizers and delicious desserts.



Top left: Ted receives thanks from the chapter.

Top right: Susan reads MadLibs.

Left: Lester and Clyde entertain!

All party photos by Felice Bond



HRC VMN bumper stickers have arrived! If you would like to "show your pride" and purchase one for 80 cents, please see Patty Maloney.



And, from Tom Dougherty.....

<http://www.youtube.com/user/vmncohortvii>

“...the prior link to the Playlist for Cohort VII probably didn’t work for you – try this one...”

See you all next year ...

Tomd”



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Advanced Training for January and February 2013 (Please see <http://www.historicrivers.org> for more details)

Adrienne Frank and Gary Driscole, Co-Chairs

- [\[AT\] WBC Bird New Year's Day at Greensprings](#) - January 1, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Greensprings Trail, behind Jamestown High School
- [\[AT\] 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 pm to 9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg
- [\[AT\] Monthly meeting](#) - January 9, 2013, Speaker Linda Morse, W&M Geologist, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Bldg., 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg
- [\[AT\] WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park](#) - January 12, 2013 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg
- [\[AT\] HR Bird Club- Field Trip to Matthews](#) - January 12, 2013 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at Holland Point Rd, Matthews
- [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
- [\[AT\] Williamsburg Bird Club meeting](#), January 16, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. William & Mary, Millington Hall room 150. Speaker: Dr. Andrew Dolby, Professor of Biology at University of Mary Washington and President of the VA Society of Ornithology. Topic: Birds' Winter Adaptations
- [\[AT\] NPS Meeting - Flora of VA - Donna Ware](#) - January 17, 2013 from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm at Yorktown Public Library on Rt. 17 and Battle Rd. in Yorktown.
- [\[AT\] WBC January Boat Trip on Chesapeake Bay](#) - January 19, 2013 from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm at WBC Field Trip, Register early
- [\[AT\] NPS - Evergreen Walk](#) - January 19, 2013 from 9:00-11:00 am at Wahreni Nature Trail, New Kent County
- [W Botanical Garden - Pruning Fundamentals](#) - January 19, 2013 from 10:00-11:00 am at Freedom Park
- [\[AT\] HRBC Bird Walk](#) - January 20, 2013 from 7:00-10:00 am at Newport News City Park
- [CLASS: Herpetology](#) - January 22, 2013 from 6:00-9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg
- [Field Trip/Class: Macro Invertebrates; Winter Trees](#) - January 26, 2013 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Freedom Park, 5537 Centerville Rd Williamsburg
- [\[AT\] Energy and Sustainability Conference - 1/30 & 1/31](#) - January 30, 2013 from 9:00-5:00 pm at Richmond Convention Center, 403 North Third Street Richmond, VA 23219
- [\[AT\] VIMS - Recurrent Coastal Flooding: After Hours lecture](#) - January 31, 2013 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at McHugh Auditorium in Watermen's Hall Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) 1375 Greate Road Gloucester Point, VA 23062
- [\[AT\] Free Emerald Ash Borer Online Course](#) - February 1, 2013 all day, online
- [\[AT\] HRBC Bird Walk](#) - February 3, 2013 from 7:00-10:00 am at Newport News City Park
- [CLASS: Ornithology](#) - February 5, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg
- [\[AT\] WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park](#) - February 9, 2013 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg
- [\[AT\] Monthly meeting](#) - February 13, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Bldg., 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg

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- ▯ [\[AT\] WBC Field Trip](#) - February 16, 2013 from 7:00-1:30 pm at WBC Field Trip
- ▯ [W Botanical Garden- Bluebirds](#) - February 16, 2013 from 10:00-11:00 am at Freedom park
- ▯ [\[AT\] HRBC Bird Walk](#) - February 17, 2013 from 7:00-10:00 am at Newport News City Park
- ▯ [CLASS: Ecology Concepts](#) - February 19, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at JCC Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd., Williamsburg
- ▯ [Williamsburg Bird Club meeting](#), February 20, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. William & Mary, Millington Hall room 150
- ▯ [\[AT\] Project WET Facilitator Training, VA DEQ](#) - February 23, 2013 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach
- ▯ [CLASS: Mammalogy; Ichthyology](#) - February 23, 2013 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Virginia Living Museum, 524 J Clyde Morris Boulevard Newport News
- ▯ [\[AT\] Virginia Marine Debris Summit, VA DEQ](#) - February 27, 2013 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Virginia Beach, VA
- ▯ [VIMS - Uranium mining in VA](#) - February 28, 2013 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at VIMS - Watermen's Hall, McHugh Auditorium