

**Historic Rivers Chapter – VMN
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2011**

The November 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 Vice President, Ted Sargent at 6 p.m.

-Membership Awards. Jean Balutanski completed the training and service requirements to be a certified Master Naturalist and received her certificate and pin; and Jennifer Trevino received her 250-hour service pin. Congratulations to Jean and Jennifer!

-The Annual VMN report for our chapter is due in early January. Please ensure your 2011 service and advanced training hours are input into the data base by 13 December.

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

--Cohort VI's Climate and Weather Class will be held on Tuesday, 6 Dec. All are invited to attend.

--The Grand Opening for the Freedom Park Visitor Center and kiosk is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on 16 November. Contact Susan Powell if you are interested in attending. Photos from the 2010 Historic River Chapter photo contest are on display in the visitor center.

--Clyde and the Zoo in his Shopping Bag will be at the Freedom Park Visitor Center on Saturday, 19 Nov at 10 a.m.

--Friday Frolics. The team has been planting native plants at the new labyrinth garden.

--Project Feeder Watch runs from November to April. Contact Jeannette Navia if you have any questions.

-Flickr Site. Please upload any pictures you want to share to the Chapter's Flickr site. Felice Bond will be using these photos to make the Chapter's end-of-year video.

-Field Trips.

--The November Colonial Williamsburg Geology and Herbarium field trip is cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

--Everglades trip is scheduled for 12-16 Jan 2012. 22 people have signed up.

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

--The Norfolk Botanical Garden Owl Walk will be in Jan/Feb 2012.

-Hospitality:

--The Chapter's End-of-Year Party is scheduled for 14 December at the Freight Shed in Yorktown from 6-9 p.m. Members are reminded to bring a dish to share plus beverages, utensils, plates, cups and napkins.

Program: 2011 Historic Rivers Chapter Photo Contest coordinated by Ted Sargent.

The membership thoroughly enjoyed the gorgeous photo submissions for the Chapter's 2011 Photo Contest.

-Members submitted 110 photos in Virginia fauna and/or flora categories to be judged by a professional photographer. The winners of the professionally judged photos will be announced at the December end-of-year party.

-Members also submitted photos to be judged by the Chapter members in attendance. Winners of the member-judged contest are:

Fauna: 1st Place (tie): Hart Haynes and Felice Bond
2nd Place: Kathi Mestayer

Flora: 1st Place: Felice Bond
2nd Place: Hart Haynes
3rd Place: Ted Sargent

Respectfully submitted:

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