

Virginia Native Plant Society Potowmack Chapter Spring Programs

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Our Natural Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together

**Thursday, March 11th
7:30 pm**

Although nature is incredibly diverse it also is intricately interconnected. While we certainly don't know how all the pieces fit, we can have some informative fun trying to put them together. Join us for an interesting look at how our local pieces of the puzzle fit – focusing on our native flora, of course. Get a peek at just how interdependent our insects, plants, other wildlife, and even humans can be and try to put together our local nature puzzle. Take a look at host plants, ethnobotany, and other wildlife interactions.

Alonso Abugattas is the Manager of Long Branch Nature Center in Arlington and is the former President of the Potowmack Chapter of VNPS.



The First Flora of Virginia in two and a Half Centuries

**Thursday, April 8th
7:30 pm**

Flora Virginica, the first reference book to document the plant species of Virginia, was published in two parts in 1739 and 1743 by the Dutchman Johan Frederick Gronovius, based on a manuscript by John Clayton. Now more than 250 years later, we are close to completing a new flora for Virginia. Meet the Associate Director of this exciting project, which will describe more than 3,500 plant species in 200 families and feature 1,400 captioned, scaled, and botanically accurate illustrations. Learn about the team that's doing the work and see some of the magnificent illustrations. If you are a botanist, educator, naturalist, student, natural resources professional, or any citizen who's interested in plants of the commonwealth, the Flora of Virginia is being created with you in mind.

Bland Crowder is Associate Director of the Flora of Virginia Project. He is an editor with the New York Botanical Garden Press and science editor with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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