

Monthly Meetings and Programs

February

Date: Thursday, February 27
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: La Plata Firehouse, 911 Washington Ave.
Presenter: Kerry Wixted
Program: **From Mountains to Sea: Maryland's Natural Areas.** Learn about 31 natural, unique and little-known areas in our state that are open to the public.
Coordinator: Debbie Chute
Committee: Elaine Miller, Cindy Barnhart, Betty Ann Combs, Irene Poole, Becky Hoffman

March

Date: Thursday, March 26
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: La Plata Firehouse, 911 Washington Ave.
Presenter: Mike Callahan, local teacher, environmentalist, historian and raptor expert
Program: **America's Symbol, Up Close and Personal!** Learn the history and culture of the bald eagle and meet a live one in person!
Coordinator: Debbie San Luis
Committee: Carol Sprague, Darlene Gardner, Janice Lakey-Waters, Sherie Zimmer, Cheryl Swartzwelder

April

Date: Thursday, April 23
Time: 9:00 a.m. **Promptly – by bus --Note time change!**
Location: River Farm, Home of the American Horticultural Society, Alexandria, Virginia
Program: **A guided tour of River Farm** home of the American Horticultural Society in Alexandria, VA, followed by a tour of Fort Washington National Park in Fort Washington, MD on the way home.
Coordinator: Marian Bruemmer
Committee: Judy Thomason, Kathy Hettel, Ann Lines
Details: **Bring a chair, bag lunch, and a drink. Dessert will be provided.**
We will leave the Wal-Mart lower parking lot at 9:15 a.m. Cost of the bus/admission is \$15. Please pay Karen Allison.

May

Date: Thursday, May 28
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: La Plata Firehouse, 911 Washington Ave
Presenter: Sharon Rabie, Humane Educator and Farmer
Program: **A Tiller the Hen** Learn why and how to raise chickens without endangering our yards and gardens. We also may have some feathered visitors.
Coordinator: Kathy Miles
Committee: Linda Abbe, George Miles, Sandra Mitchell, **Betty Hayes**, Terry Shelton-Thir

June

Date: Thursday, June 25
Time: 11:00 a.m. – **Note time change!**
Location: "Riverbrink", Home of Eddie and Beth Bonifant,
20525 Wellington Ct., Colton Point, MD 20626
Presenter: Beth Bonifant, contributing writer to So. Md. This Is
Living Magazine
Program: **A visit to Beth's summer gardens**
Coordinator: Carol Flowers
Committee: Kathy Pedersen, Polly Zimmerman, Maureen
Chiarizia
Details: **For those wishing to carpool, we will meet at the
Walmart parking lot at 10 a.m. Bring a bag lunch,
drink, and chair! Dessert will be served.**

July

Date: Thursday, July 23
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: La Plata Firehouse, 911 Washington Ave.
Presenter: Julie Meisel, Humane Educator
Program: **Make & Take Butterfly Puddler** Have you ever
wondered how butterflies drink? We will learn how
to make something beautiful to attract butterflies to
our backyard.
Coordinator: Gale Kladitis
Committee: Barbara Buchanan, Dianne Shisler, Gloria Groeger,
Merle Mendis-Dennis, Sharon Vaughn

August

Date: Thursday, August 20 – **Note date change!**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: La Plata Firehouse, 911 Washington Ave.
Presenter: Linda Davis, Natural History Society of MD
Program: **Moss for Beginners.** Are you curious about mosses? Come learn about gardening with moss. This is a hands-on workshop with live specimens, models, microscope work and a bit of drama.
Coordinator: Leesa Meyers
Committee: Maggie Mahaffey, Cheri Brady, Malinda Gray, Denise deLozier Grote, Sandy Hixon

September

Date: Thursday, September 24
Time: 6:00 p.m. – **Note time change!**
Location: James Richmond Science Center, 5305 Piney Church Rd., Waldorf, MD
Presenter: Monique Wilson, Director of Richmond Science Center
Program: We will have a tour of the Planetarium, see a film "Dream to Fly" and visit the gift shop.
Coordinator: Karen Allison
Committee: Patti Faulkner, Cathy Cornette, Millie Harvilla
Details: Desserts and drinks will be served.

Added Event

Date: Saturday, September 12
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Judy Thomason's home, 102 Oriole Lane,
La Plata
Program: **Ice Cream Social**
Details: Spouses and guests welcome. Bring a chair.

October

Date: Thursday, October 22
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: La Plata Firehouse, 911 Washington Ave.
Presenters: Kathy Pedersen, LPGC Co-President
Program: **Saving the Galapagos Islands...Man versus Nature**
Coordinator: Carol Raucheisen
Committee: Joan Fatula, Mary Paesch, Barbara Hays,
Roseanne Markham, Pauline Spurlock

November

Date: **Thursday, November 19 – Note date change!**
Time: **Noon – Note time change!**
Location: Hawthorne Greene Clubhouse, 234 Williamsburg
Circle, La Plata, MD
Program: Luncheon Meeting and Installation of New Club
Officers. "The Year in Retrospect"
Coordinator: Mary Beth Chandler
Committee: Julie Meisel, Mary Ann Wade, Gingie Winkler
Cost: TBA