

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLA Meetings and Speakers

**July 10** - Movie/Pizza Night - "Milagro Beanfield Wars"

**August 14**- Michael Abbott - Tree Identification

**September 11** - Sherry Westfall - Recent Trip to gardens of Australia and China.

**October 9** - Tom Burke - Current Pesticide Use - Guidelines & Common Violations

**November 13** - Andy Wilson - Forestry on Small Parcels of Land

**December 11** - Holiday Party

### Other Events

#### **July 12 - Through the Garden Gate Tour**

Lew Weber residence. 2186 Woodburn Rd., Charlottesville. \$5; 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, see website:

[http://www.piedmontmastergardeners.org/PMG\\_Calendar\\_Close\\_to\\_Home.html](http://www.piedmontmastergardeners.org/PMG_Calendar_Close_to_Home.html)

#### **July 15-16 - VSLD Summer Garden Tour**

Gardens and landscapes in Charlottesville, Historic Green Springs and Keswick. The focus will be on gardens/landscapes that set the standard for sustainable design and environmental responsibility. [www.vslld.org](http://www.vslld.org) for more detail and registration information.

#### **July 19 - Woody Plant Propagation**

Monticello Saturdays in the Garden: CHP Nursery Manager *Marc McVicker* will lead this 2.5-hour workshop. Bring your pruning shears. Reservations required; \$10; 9:30 a.m. [www.monticello.org/calendar/saturdays.html](http://www.monticello.org/calendar/saturdays.html)

**August 14-15** - The **VNLA Field Day** will be Thursday, Aug. 14, at Tankard Nurseries, Exmore, VA (Eastern Shore) and the **VNLA Summer Tour** will be on Friday, Aug. 15, on the Eastern Shore. [www.vnla.org](http://www.vnla.org)

#### **September 5 -- Historic Plants Symposium**

The Center for Historic Plants' 6th biennial [Historic Plants Symposium](#) will feature prominent early American gardeners and the plants they grew. Speakers include the irreverent *Felder Rushing*, author of *Passalong Plants*; *Andrew Smith*, food historian and author of *The Tomato in America*; cider-maker and heirloom

fruit lover *Ben Watson*; herb authority, *Dr. Arthur Tucker*; Colonial Williamsburg's Garden Historian, *Wesley Greene*; and Monticello's *Peter Hatch*. Meets at the [Jefferson Library](#). Contact [Peggy Cornett](#), or call 434-984-9816 for [further information](#).

### **September 6 – Heritage Harvest Festival**

Co-sponsored with Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, the 2nd annual Heritage Harvest Festival is a family-oriented, educational event designed to promote healthy gardening practices and preserve heirloom plants. The Festival will highlight the efforts of non-profit organizations supporting sustainable agriculture as well as of for-profit groups promoting organics and “slow food” principles; and will provide an array of food vendors and free samples. The Festival will also include informative workshops and lectures by renowned authorities like Michael McConkey, Tom Burford, and herbalist, Cyrus Hyde. Workshops in cider making, seed saving, and the ever-popular melon, tomato, and apple tastings will make for a memorable afternoon at Tufton. Admission and most events are free. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; held at Monticello's Tufton Farm. For more information, visit: [www.HeritageHarvestFestival.com](http://www.HeritageHarvestFestival.com).

### **September 10 – All America's Horticulture Field Day**

7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hampton Roads AREC, Virginia Beach. Presented by the Virginia Horticultural Foundation and Virginia Tech, this field day includes exhibitions, a wide range of classes, demonstrations and a Mexican buffet lunch. See website for a list of classes being offered and registration info.  
[http://www.vahort.org/field\\_day.shtml](http://www.vahort.org/field_day.shtml)

### **September 13 – Through the Garden Gate Tour**

Ted Peters residence. 108 Warren Lane, Charlottesville.  
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### **September 20 – Virginia Garden Festival**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Science Museum of Virginia, Richmond. Sponsored by the VA Green Industry Council.  
<http://www.viriniagardening.com/viriniagardenfestival.htm>

Please note: Upcoming events are posted on the website bulletin board each month at the same time the newsletter is posted.