

#### Plants



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# West Virginia Native Plant Society



Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)

For People Who Like Learning About West Virginia's Native Plants and Their Habitats.

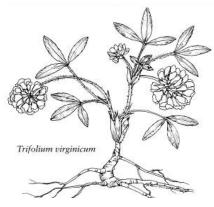
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## The West Virginia Native Plant Society

(WVNPS) is a non-profit organization open to people who are learning about West Virginia's native plants and their habitats. We are dedicated to the conservation of the state's native flora. WVNPS encourages the botanical interests of enthusiastic folks who wish to learn about the natural history of the plants of West Virginia, and how we can conserve them. We hope you will join us!

The WVNPS supports a variety of programs, including:

- ? The informal exchange of information among West Virginia's botanists and naturalists through its newsletter, meetings, and field trips in their natural habitats;
- ? Activities that promote the preservation and enhancement of West Virginia's wild plant communities;
- ? Activities to educate the public about West Virginia's native plants;
- ? A periodic newsletter dealing specifically with topics concerning native plants, threats to these plants, and information about WVNPS activities; and
- ? Activities that document, monitor, and remove populations of nonnative invasive species.



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### Membership

Members in the WVNPS enjoy botanizing, hiking, birding, and more. We also support efforts to preserve our natural heritage, to learn about it, and to share that knowledge with others. Members vary in background from seniors to students, and include botanists, foresters, horticulturalists, knowledgeable amateurs, and many who are just beginning to learn our flora. Some members can only support us through dues and by enjoying the newsletter, others join enthusiastically in many field trips, meetings, and weekend forays. All are welcome!

Every member receives *Native Notes*, our periodic newsletter which is filled with articles about our flora, checklists of plants of particular interests to members, stories of field trips and society activities, and exciting discoveries made by other members.

The WVNPS operates at the local level through the Tri-State (Huntington), Eastern Panhandle, and the Kanawha Valley Chapters. Chapter affiliation offers the advantage of hiking, field trips, and enjoying local evening programs with friends while still offering participation in state-wide field trips, programs, and meetings.

Please contact Steve Mace about forming new chapters at *sdmace@frontiernet.net*.



Showy Orchis (Galearis spectabilis)

The membership term is for one calendar year (Jan  $1_{st}$  – Dec  $31_{st}$ ). New members joining in September or later will be credited through the following calendar year. Chapter membership is optional but may require an additional fee. Current members who are late in paying their annual dues must pay the full amount for the year. Any amount paid in excess of the appropriate amount of dues will be considered a donation. Dues and contributions are tax deductible according to IRS regulations.

See our website for more information at <u>http://www.wvnps.org</u>.



#### Please sign me up as a member of WVNPS!

Name(s)	
Address	
State	Zip
Phone:	
Email:	
Membership Dues	
□ Regular/Household	\$ 12.00
□ Student	\$ 8.00
□ Life	\$ 200.00
□ Tri State Chapter	\$ 6.00
Eastern Panhandle	\$ 0.00
□ Kanawha Valley Chapter	\$ 6.00

I would like to receive my copy of the *Native Notes* Newsletter by:

 $\Box$  Hardcopy (by mail)

□ Electronically

I wish to make an additional contribution to WVNPS in the amount of: □ \$10 □ \$25 □ \$50 □ \$100 □ \$\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

West Virginia Native Plant Society 148 Wellesley Drive Washington, WV 26181

*This is a Gift Membership.* Please include a card with my name as donor:

#### I am also interested or skilled in the following:

 □Field Botany
 □Photography

 □Herbarium Work
 □Publications

 □Public Speaking
 □Leading Field Trips

 □Serve as State Board of Trustees, State Officer or
 Chapter Officer

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