

CVNLA NEWS

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May 10th Meeting

Our May speaker will be Victoria Campbell with Richmond's Department of Public Works and also coordinator of the City's Community Garden Project. This project identifies unused, vacant city parcels that citizens can use for the purpose of gardening. The city has been working on this project for about ten years and is excited to see it come to fruition.

CVNLA Yearly Dues

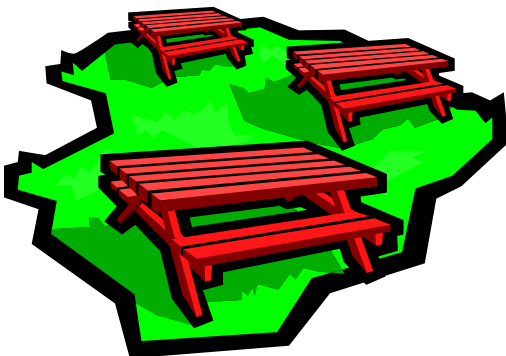
The 2011-2012 CVNLA yearly dues will be due on July 1. The board voted at our April Board Meeting to keep the dues still \$45.00 annually so the price is the same as always. A renewal form will be sent out to all members in a few weeks. The form will also be available on our website. You are welcome to bring the form and fee to the picnic if you would like.

Member News

We have received a membership application from Marike Mericle of Greenleaf Nursery Company sponsored by Jim Hassold of Glen Allen Nursery. We hope to meet Marike at our May meeting.

June Picnic

Our June picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 14 this year at Mike Wallace's place in Mineral off of the Oilville Exit of 64 West. Tickets will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. The reservation form for the picnic will be sent out in about a week.



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Congrats are in Order!

Many people assume that professional tree climbing is a man's job. It is dirty, physically and mentally demanding, and statistically one of the most dangerous ways to earn a living. For the average person it is hard to understand why any man would decide to climb trees for a living, and harder still to understand why any woman would take on this profession. It is a woman or man who likes to get dirty, who likes to be physically and mentally challenged each day, who likes the invigorating, life-affirming feeling of pitting themselves against difficult, dangerous tasks, and most importantly, who knows that quality and excitement of life are most significant for self-realization than quality of income.

One such woman is Jocelyn Lohse who came to Riverside Outfitters and Truetimber Tree Service in the summer of 2010. She was employed to help with summer activities at Riverside – Tree Climbing camps for kids, etc. It was apparent that Jocelyn could pretty much do anything. For a girl with a short, slight build, she attacked her work with big purpose and intent. She could handle rope, wrench, or hammer with uncommon aptitude. She also showed herself to be equally talented with the care and counseling of young children, culinary arts, and even needle and thread.

When the summer ended Truetimber brought her into its fold. Jocelyn waited patiently for her opportunities, dragging brush, hauling wood, and laughing off crew-member's attempts at chivalry, until she began to get opportunities to climb trees with the big boys. She quickly became a wonderful addition to the climbing staff.

How good did she get? Well, a few weeks ago, after swinging around in trees for only a handful of months, Jocelyn competed in the Mid-Atlantic Tree Climbing Championship and had one of the highest scores for a female competitor that the event had witnessed. At the competition, a grueling six event day testing a wide range of arboricultural skills, one always knew where Jocelyn's group was and when she was competing because she drew the loudest applause and cheers of encouragement. She inspired the male spectators, judges, and competitors, and she indubitably inspired many of the young males and females watching from below. As the female winner of the competition, Jocelyn will now travel to Australia in August to represent the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture in international competition.

**Congratulations Jocelyn! Truetimber Tree Service and Riverside Outfitters are very proud of you.
Good luck in Australia!**

-submitted by Peter Girardi, Truetimber Tree Service

Calendar of Events

VGIC Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Henrico Co. Extension Offices
RSVP: info@viriniagreen.org

VNLA Summer Board Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Global Technology Center, 209 Norris Hall
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
Contact: info@vnla.org or 800-476-0055

Hahn Horticulture Garden Gala

Saturday, June 11, 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
Ticket info: 540-231-5970
or gala@vt.edu

Basic Virginia Certified Horticulturist Exam

Wednesday, June 15
Lancaster Farms, Suffolk
Contact: info@vnla.org or 800-476-0055

VNLA Annual Field Day & Tour

Wednesday, August 17 & Thursday, August 18
Ingleside Plantation Nursery & Winery
Oak Grove, VA
Contact: 800-476-0055; fieldday@vnla.org

Dinner Meetings

June 14 (Picnic)



MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 10, 2011

6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR – 7:15 PM DINNER

CASH BAR

\$20.00 PER PERSON

LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN
GARDEN CAFÉ

SPEAKER:
VICTORIA CAMPBELL
COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

MENU

COLE SLAW

PORK BBQ

FRIED CHICKEN

MACARONI & CHEESE

VEGETARIAN BAKED BEANS

ROLLS

FRESH FRUIT & SHERBET

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BY FRIDAY, MAY 6