# MNPS 2006 Annual Fall Conference

## Speaker Bios

#### Gary P. Fleming

Gary P. Fleming has more than 30 years of experience in botanical and ecological inventory of the mid-Atlantic region. Since 1992, he has been a vegetation ecologist for the Virginia Natural Heritage Program, responsible for developing an inventory of natural communities in the state. In 2003, he began an intensive ecological study of the Virginia side of the Potomac Gorge. His study complements and expands on similar work recently conducted on the Maryland side of the gorge. Mr. Fleming's work has been published in *Castanea, Bannisteria, The Virginia Journal of Science*, and other scientific journals.

### **Tony Fleming**

Tony Fleming is a native Washingtonian and licensed professional geologist with 30 years of geological experience in the greater DC area. While at the Indiana Geological Survey, he authored numerous reports on ground water, wetland hydrology, and other environmental topics. He wrote the Washington D.C. West Geologic Quadrangle, and has completed geologic investigations of several wetlands and other natural areas in the greater DC area. He is currently working on a geologic guidebook to DC.

#### John Parrish

MNPS Vice President John Parrish is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, and has devoted the past 30 years to studying the flora of the mid-Atlantic region. His intimate understanding of the geography, geology, flora and fauna, and his love for this region have naturally led him to help preserve the region's fast disappearing natural areas and widely share his knowledge and experience with a diverse audience.