



**Maryland Native Plant Society  
2009 Annual Conference**

**The Catoctin Mountains:  
Maryland's Blue Ridge**

**September 26-27, 2009**

**NEW LOCATION**

**Glade Valley Church  
Of the Brethren  
2 Chapel Place  
Walkersville, MD 21793**

**Maryland Native Plant Society  
P. O. Box 4877  
Silver Spring, MD 20914**

[www.mdflora.org](http://www.mdflora.org)

**Saturday, September 26**

**9:00 am ..... Registration Opens**

**9:45 am .....Welcome**

**10:00 am .....Elizabeth Byers**

***High Mountain Flora***

The world's mountains share remarkably similar ecological themes, including adaptation to extreme environments, high degrees of endemism, topographic complexity, and compaction of climatic zones. Looking at the extraordinary plants that grow on Mt. Everest, Mt. Kenya, Mt. Huascarán, and ending up back home in the lovely central Appalachians, Elizabeth will highlight some of the threats to these fragile ecosystems, and explore potential ways to preserve them.

**11:00 am ..... Break**

**11:30 am .....Woodward Bousquet**

***Maryland's Blue Ridge Mountains in their Appalachian Context***

Today's Catoctin flora has been shaped by geologic history, glacial epochs and its location within the Appalachian chain. These mountains serve as corridors and refugia for native plants and animals. Woody will place the Blue Ridge flora in its Appalachian context by discussing the mountains' formation and subsequent changes.

**12:30 pm ..... Closing Remarks**

**12:45 pm ..... Lunch (provided)**

**Field Trips**

Participants head into the field to explore a variety of ecosystems within Maryland's Blue Ridge.

Additional field trips may be planned. The website will be updated as field trips are confirmed.

**Saturday, September 26 1-5 pm**

Saturday field trips are for conference participants. Details and directions will be provided at the conference.

Catoctin Mountain

Leader: Rod Simmons

Gambrill State Park

Leader: Carole Bergmann

Fern Identification

Leader: Joe Metzger

Snyder's Landing

Leader: Cris Fleming

Cunningham Falls State Park

Leader: Jim Gallion

**Sunday, September 27 10 am-2 pm**

Sunday field trips are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Details will be provided at the conference and on the web site.

Catoctin National Park

Leaders: Kirsten & Dwight Johnson

Cunningham Falls State Park

Leader: Karyn Molines

Sugar Loaf Mountain

Leader: Melanie Choukas-Bradley

**Saturday Social 6:30-9:30 pm**

**Additional \$30 fee**

**Location:** Glade Valley Church of the Brethren, Walkersville

Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones during the buffet dinner. The Native Treasures sale will continue through the evening.

**Conference Speakers**

**Elizabeth Byers** is a vegetation ecologist with the West Virginia Natural Heritage Program. Ms. Byers recently completed conservation assessments of high elevation wetlands and spruce forests in the Allegheny Mountain region of West Virginia. Her wildflower photographs appear in West Virginia Wildlife magazine.

**Woodward Bousquet** is Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology and Chair of the Environmental Studies Department at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. Woody teaches undergraduate courses in ecology, environmental science, and regional studies. He supervises undergraduates in research and public education projects in the Shenandoah Valley region and beyond.

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**Photography Contest**

Bring your best Maryland native plant photos to the conference for our third photography contest. Categories are Native Plants, Native Plant Pollinators, and Threatened Habitats. Winners will be chosen by conference participants who will vote for their favorite entries in various categories. There will be space to display your photographs during the conference and social. Details about the contest can be found on our website, [www.mdflora.org](http://www.mdflora.org).

**Native Treasures Sale**

Do you have unneeded botanical or nature-oriented items that may be someone else's Native Treasure? How about extra field guides or environmental books? Consider selling them at the first ever "Native Treasures" sale. The sales will benefit MNPS programs. Please provide the selling price for each item.

**Accommodations**

Motels and camping facilities are located near Frederick (20 minutes from the conference site.) Check web site for listing.

**NEW LOCATION**

**Directions to Glade Valley  
Church of the Brethren**

2 Chapel Place, Walkersville

*From Washington DC, I-495  
(Approximately 1 hour)  
Take I-270 North to Frederick  
Follow directions "From Frederick" below*

*From Baltimore I-695  
(Approximately 1 hour)  
Take I-70 West to Frederick  
Take exit 53B for US-40/US-15 toward  
Gettysburg  
Follow directions "From Frederick" below*

*From Frederick  
Go North on Route 15  
Go East on MD 26  
Go North on Route 194/Woodsboro Pike  
Turn right onto Crum Road  
Bear left onto Glade Boulevard  
Turn left onto Chapel Place  
Church is on the right*

Maryland Native Plant Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that uses education, research, advocacy and service to promote awareness, appreciation, and conservation of native plants and their habitats. For more information, please visit our website: [www.mdflora.org](http://www.mdflora.org). Please join us at a monthly meeting or a field trip.

**Registration**

To assist with catering estimates, please register by September 10.

**Registration Fee** (includes lunch):

**\$50 members**  
**\$65 nonmembers**

**Saturday Social Fee** (includes dinner):

**\$30 per person**

- *Scholarships are available for students or those with limited income. Please contact Beth Johnson for information.*
- *Members of other native plant societies can register at the member's rate.*

Please make checks payable to:  
**Maryland Native Plant Society**

**And send to:**

MNPS Fall Conference  
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**For More Information**

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**Poster Session and Handouts:**

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Make copies for additional registrations.  
Join MNPS and pay the member's rates.

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I am a member of MNPS or other NPS \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary preferences \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee	
Saturday Social	

**Consider a tax-deductible donation:**

Membership	
Additional Donation	
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	

**Membership Dues:**  New  Renewal

*Membership is for 12 months.*

\$15 Student/Limited Income

\$25 Individual

\$35 Double: 2<sup>nd</sup> member \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\$250 Lifetime

Do not send monthly email announcements

Do not list me in membership directory.

**Please include me on MNPS professionals list:**

native plant propagator or grower

native plant supplier

native landscape or garden professional

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_