

# December 2020

# **CVNLA Winter Updates**

# No Meetings in December and January

We hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!! As mentioned in the last CVNLA update, we will not be meeting in December. And we will forgo in person meetings until March 2021 at the earliest.

The VNLA is currently looking into testing options for the Certified Horticulturist exam. There are no VNLA Certified Horticulturist Review Classes scheduled at this time.



**Meet Sarah Coffey!** Sarah is Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's 2020 Horticulture Research Intern, and the CVNLA donation to Lewis Ginter's intern program helped make this 18-week position possible. Sarah's internship project will focus on research and strategies to help the garden combat invasive plant populations, then she will turn her work into educational content. Sarah brings an impressive education and body of field experiences: Master of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation from Virginia Tech (May 2020); Bachelor of

Science in Environmental Science & Geography from Stetson University (May 2018); research work on food forests and policy adoption; field survey work in the native grasslands of San Juan Islands, Washington; an internship at the Volusia Sandhill Ecosystem Teaching Landscape in central Florida; and a leadership position as Stetson University's inaugural Environmental Sustainability Fellow. Sarah is enthusiastic about "completing and presenting a meaningful project on invasive species management that will benefit the Garden and the region".

# The 2021Winter Symposium, 52nd CVNLA Short Course & Pesticide Recertification Day is going VIRTUAL!

Gather Inspiration Globally, Garden Locally

Wednesday February 10, 2020- Friday February 12, 2020 Virtual Event, hosted by Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden via Zoom Webinar

We're working on an exciting lineup of speakers that will include:

- Dr. Noel Kingsbury, British author and landscape designer
- Ian Caton of Wood Thrush Native Nursery in Floyd, VA
- Amy Stross of Tenth Acre Farm

\*Note: all speakers and programs are subject to change\*

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