

Nancy Vehrs

Nancy Vehrs is a conservation catalyst. Her mission is to inform people about the attributes and importance of native plants. She uses social media to attract thousands of individuals, conservation coalitions, garden clubs, and other green groups, globally. Her boundless enthusiasm in her public presentations online and person-to-person projects, entice volunteers to join in her conservation movement.

Nancy is founder and President of the Native Plant Society of Virginia which has over two thousand members and twelve chapters. As a regional leader, Nancy's mission is to promote, to educate, and to protect native plants and habitats. Her many projects include establishing pollinator friendly roadside gardens at Virginia's rest areas; recording weekly bird counts at Huntley Meadows in Alexandria, Virginia ; and annual bird counts for the Audubon Society. Through her organizations, Nancy continues to mentor many by supporting green education for budding naturalists, gardeners and especially youth centered programs and initiatives at schools.

She is involved in other conservation roles, including The Prince William Conservation Alliance, the Prince William Wildflower Society, and NOVO Native Plant organization. Nancy commends National Garden Clubs, Inc. mission and the Plant America initiative.

Prince William Conservation Alliance honored Nancy Verhrs. The Native Plant Society has donated over \$50,000 to date to Virginia's Natural Resource department from the sale of the NOVA Native Plants booklet. Nancy first printed the booklet over eight years ago.

Nancy Vehrs passionate work both online and in the community is a testament to her mission to educate and to protect native plants and habitats.