

Virginia Natural History Society

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General Information

The Virginia Natural History Society (VNHS) was formed in 1992 to bring together persons interested in the natural history of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The VNHS defines natural history in a broad sense, from the study of plants, animals, and other organisms to the geology and ecology of the state, to the natural history of the native people who inhabit it. The goals of the VNHS are to promote research on the natural history of Virginia, educate the citizens of the Commonwealth on natural history topics, and to encourage the conservation of natural resources.

Dissemination of natural history information occurs through publication of the journal *Banisteria*, named for John Banister (1650-1692) who was the first university-trained naturalist to work in Virginia. The first issue was published in 1992, and the journal is published twice per year in spring and fall. Articles cover a wide array of subjects, and prospective authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts on any aspect of natural history in Virginia; papers may pertain to Virginia or regional archaeology, anthropology, botany, ecology, zoology, paleontology, geology, geography, or climatology. Book reviews, biographies, obituaries, and historical accounts of relevance to natural history in Virginia also are welcomed. Manuscripts are peer-reviewed for suitability and edited for inclusion in the journal.

Page charges (\$20/page) are waived if the sole or first author is a VNHS member. All authors must pay \$75/page if they desire color printing of figures. The society's website contains detailed instructions for authors and the titles, abstracts or full PDF versions of articles from past *Banisteria* issues.

Memberships

The VNHS is open to anyone with an interest in natural history and welcomes participation by all members in society activities and efforts to promote education and conservation. Membership includes a subscription to *Banisteria* and invitations to periodic symposia and field events. Annual dues for members are \$20 (per calendar year); library subscriptions are \$40 per year. Checks should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, who also has most back issues of *Banisteria* available for sale. The VNHS is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, society under Section 501(C)3 of the IRS. We welcome donations to support our mission in Virginia.

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Application for Membership

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Area(s) of Interest _____

ANNUAL DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO *BANISTERIA*

(memberships and subscriptions are by calendar year; subscribers/members outside the United States should add \$3.00 for additional postage)

- \$500.00 Life (not annual)
- \$300.00 Benefactor
- \$100.00 Patron
- \$50.00 Supporting
- \$40.00 Institutional
- \$25.00 Family
- \$20.00 Regular
- \$5.00 Student (see below)
- I have added a contribution of \$_____ to my membership dues.

The special student rate is applicable only when accompanied by the following certification signed by a faculty advisor (students are also eligible for a 1-year free membership if an advisor's nomination is approved by the society's Executive Committee; see nomination guidelines in *Banisteria*).

Institution _____

Advisor _____

Date _____

Make checks or money orders payable to:
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