

Nancy Ross Hugo

Biographical Information

Nancy Ross Hugo, an outdoor writer and lecturer, is known to many Virginians as the author of “Earth Works,” a Saturday column on gardening and natural history that appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for eight years. Nancy also wrote a monthly “Habitat” column for *Virginia Wildlife*, and her articles on gardening, native plants, and the outdoors have appeared in *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *American Forests*, *Virginia Forests*, *Country Journal*, *Virginia Living*, and *Harrowsmith Country Life*. A book of her collected essays, *Earth Works, Readings for Backyard Gardeners*, was published by the University Press of Virginia in 1997. Most recently, Nancy served as Education Manager at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden where she supervised educational programs for adults and children. Nancy left the Garden in the fall of 2004 to return to writing, lecturing, conducting workshops at Flower Camp, a retreat center in Buckingham County. At Flower Camp, students study botanical painting, nature journaling, floral design, and other art forms that take their inspiration from nature. Since 2005, Nancy has also been working as Coordinator of the Remarkable Trees of Virginia Project, an initiative to locate and celebrate Virginia’s oldest, most historic, largest, and most interesting trees. With co-author Dr. Jeffrey Kirwan and photographer Robert Llewellyn, she has visited over 100 of Virginia’s most remarkable trees in order to describe them in *Remarkable Trees of Virginia*, a large-format book illustrated with Llewellyn’s photographs, which will be published in fall 2008.