

MEET THE MEADOWVIEW TEAM

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ABOUT MEADOWVIEW

Who Are We?

Meadowview Biological Research Station is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded to preserve and restore Virginia and Maryland's pitcher plant ecosystem. The organization was named in 1995, incorporated in 1998, and received non-profit designation in 2000. Organizational by-laws, articles of incorporation, and determination letter can be obtained upon request or can be easily read or printed out from our web site at www.pitcherplant.org.



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The Meadowview *Board of Directors* consists of **Phil Sheridan**, **Roger Horman**, and **Dr. Rob Griesbach**.

DR. GRIESBACH is a geneticist with the USDA Floral and Nursery Plant Research in Beltsville, Maryland. His scientific expertise and connections within the plant industry are important to accomplishing the mission of Meadowview. The two last box huckleberry plants, *Gaylussacia brachycera* (Michaux) Gray, in Maryland were prevented from going extinct due to a rescue and propagation effort promoted by Meadowview and undertaken by Dr. Griesbach. Box huckleberry is an associate of white-cedar/pitcher plant ecosystems and is endangered in Maryland. The plants will be propagated for reintroduction. A breeding program at USDA will also produce a box huckleberry cultivar for commercial release and monies raised will be used to fund rare plant conservation in Maryland.

ROGER HORMAN works for the U.S. Navy as a principal scientist, in Dahlgren, Virginia and recently won the base's highest honor; the John Adolphus Dahlgren Award. Roger and his wife Susan have been instrumental in obtaining grant funding and donations for Meadowview. Both are accomplished Master Gardeners. Due to the Horman's efforts Meadowview was a principal in both the Toyota Tapestry and Dominion Virginia Power Partnership grants awarded to Potomac Elementary School in 1999 and 2000. Those grants not only resulted in the students performing significant research on pitcher plants but also allowed the introduction of native Virginia longleaf pine and yellow pitcher plant to two sites within the species historical range in Virginia. Roger also provides invaluable service as Meadowview's webmaster.

PHIL SHERIDAN is the founder, a director, and president of Meadowview. Phil has both a B.S. and M.S. in Biology and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Old Dominion University investigating pitcher plant genetics. Phil has extensive background studying pitcher plant ecosystems and their conservation. Prior to devoting himself to Meadowview full time, Phil worked in the savings bank industry for ten years. His expertise in the area of pitcher plants and their supporting ecosystems is internationally recognized.

CYNTHIA LAPORTA, CPA, is Meadowview's Treasurer. Cynthia has a B.S. in Accounting from George Mason University and over 15 years experience in public accounting providing auditing, accounting, and tax services to not-for-profit organizations.