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UPSTATE happenings

JUNE 2010

Saturday, May 22, 10:00 am
Woodruff School District Cross-Country
Trail, in Spartanburg County

In the morning we will see May White Azalea (*Rhododendron eastmanii*) in bloom, and more, guided by Newberry College's Dr Charles Horn, assisted by Kathleen Soza.

In the afternoon we have permission to go to another beautiful place: the Tyger River at Walnut Grove Road. We'll be able just barely to see the confluence of the North and South Tyger Rivers — a beautiful spot highlighted last month in Upstate Forever's "Special Places in Spartanburg County." This is managed by the Tyger River Foundation, who recently acquired about ten acres there with about 1200 feet of river frontage.

Register by emailing Eva Pratt (evaoncompton@gmail.com) your name, phone number, and email address. (Ask Eva for directions if you need them.)

Meet in the parking lot of Woodruff High School at 710 Cross Anchor Hwy in Woodruff. Hey-where-are-you-guys phone number for the day is 864-529-8890.

Bring your lunch!

Saturday, June 5, & Sunday, June 6
Cool-season Native Plant
Seed Collection Field Trips

We will tour country roadsides collecting seeds of native perennials with matured seed, seeing silky oatgrass, needlegrass, Indiangrass and several of the bluestems, at least two species of false indigo, goat's rue, sunflowers, milkweeds, ragwort, compass plant, penstemon, asters, columbine, as well as a few spring ephemerals in the edge of the woods.

Saturday:

8:00 am - Meet at Courthouse parking lot in Pickens. Travel roads in Oconee, Pickens and Greenville Counties to collect.

5:30 pm - Return to Pickens Courthouse parking lot.

Sunday:

7:00 am - Meet at Home Depot on Woodruff Rd in Greenville. Travel I-385 to Whitmire. Collect in the Newberry and Union Counties area.

6:30 pm - Return to Home Depot in Greenville.

To Participate: We will need to reserve van(s) for transportation, so to reserve a seat, email Bill Stringer by Wednesday, June 2 at catboyz@nctv.com, indicating which day, and how many participants. Also list your cell phone number, so we can communicate on the day of. Bring

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The Upstate: Confronting the Challenges of a Fast-Growing Region

Do you have some favorite spots to see roadside wildflowers in your neighborhood or on your way to work? The white glow of dogwoods among the bare trees is a favorite springtime sight for many of us. Maybe you look for the red-orange blaze of butterfly plant in the grass later in the summer or drive by a meadow bright with coreopsis and perennial sunflower during August or September.

Unfortunately, it's likely that some of your favorite wayside flower-viewing spots have turned into apartment complexes, strip malls or parking lots in the last few years. So-called vacant land is being filled at a rapid rate, and Upstate South Carolina has changed a great deal in the last ten years. What will the next ten or twenty years bring?

In June, Brad Wyche, Executive Director of Upstate Forever, will tell us how Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute has answered that question. The Institute has projected what the Upstate will look like in the year 2030 if we continue to develop land at the current rate. It has also projected the results if the rate of land use is cut by 20, 30, or 40 percent.

Brad will show us those projections and discuss their implications. What sort of communities will we have? What will life in the Upstate be like? What can we expect to lose and gain in each of the projected scenarios?

Brad's organization, Upstate Forever, is a membership-based non-profit organization that promotes sensible growth and protects special places in the Upstate region of South Carolina. The organization covers ten counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg and Union. Its three main programs are land trust, clear air and water, and sustainable communities.

Upstate Forever argues that, while growth is inevitable, it does not have to be unplanned and uncontrolled. Brad's presentation will include a discussion of several local government policies and programs that can slow the rate of land use and help preserve one of the

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Brad Wyche

Upstate Forever

Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 pm

Greenville Tec @ McAlister Square, 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville

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Your Upstate Happenings mailing label will now tell you if you are a paid-up member of SCNPS or if your membership has lapsed. All memberships are due each year on Jan 1st so if you've not paid since then (or a couple of months before) you have expired.

We hope our records are correct, but mistakes do happen, so if you are certain that you have paid for 2010, please contact Karen Burnett, Upstate Chapter Membership Chair (864-639-4046 or burnettm@mindspring.com), and we will correct our records.

To renew, either contact Karen for a form or download and print one from our website at

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and mail to the specified address —
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Thanks to everyone for making this effort. We really do value each member and are truly embarrassed when we make mistakes.

— *Karen Burnett, Membership
Chair, Upstate Chapter*

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snacks, drink, and non-cloth gloves, as some of the seeds are a bit prickly to handle.

Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 pm Magnolias of South Carolina — their origin, distribution and complex evolutionary history

Most magnolias are native to SE Asia, however 7 species and 2 varieties make their home in SC. Richard Figlar will discuss these, their habitats, phylogenetic relationships,

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Dr Doug Tallamy, keynote speaker at our recent Symposium, also led a "bug walk."

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Upstate's major assets, its natural beauty.

Policies that can encourage land preservation along with growth include conservation banks, planning and management of infrastructure services, transfer of development rights, and zoning. Brad will explain each of these policies and will cite examples of the successful use of each. He will also identify steps that we can take to help bring about enactment of policies and programs to encourage planned, controlled growth. — *Amy Fendley*

conservation status, and interesting protogynous flowering mechanism, as well as the latest developments regarding origin and phylogeny of SC's magnolias within the context of the 240 species that are found worldwide.

Dick has been growing and studying magnolias for 35 years and has published numerous popular and scientific papers on the subject. For the past 15 years his focus has been magnolia taxonomy, and he is responsible, along with colleague Dr. Hans Nooteboom of National Herbarium of The Netherlands, for the new classification of Magnoliaceae now widely used in science and horticulture. Founders Hall, Southern Wesleyan University, Central.

After working as an attorney in Greenville for nearly 20 years, Brad Wyche left the law practice in late 1998 to found Upstate Forever, where he has served as its Executive Director since that time. As an attorney, he concentrated in the environmental field. Brad holds a bachelor's degree in geology and environmental studies from Princeton University and a master's degree in natural resource management from Yale University. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia.