

South Carolina Native Plant Society Lowcountry Chapter Newsletter

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My favorite season in the Lowcountry is always fall. I love the way our native grasses, goldenrods, and other autumn wildflowers come to life as the weather gets cooler. We are holding a fall plant sale, so everyone can bring this splendor to your own backyards. There will be plenty of opportunities to get out and experience the wonderful colors of the season not only during our fall plant sale, but also during our field trips and the NPS symposium sponsored by the Midland Chapter, October 16-18th at Poinsett State Park. See this newsletter and www.scnps.org for details.



Colette DeGarady
President, Lowcountry Chapter of the SC Native Plant Society

Fall 2009 Native Plant Sale!
Saturday, October 10th, 9am-12pm
SCNPS Members can start shopping at 8:30!
Charles Towne Landing parking lot
1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston

Stop by our plant sale and add life to your garden this fall. We'll have colorful perennials and grasses along with some shrubs and trees. This is the best time to plant in the South to allow roots to overwinter and get established before the heat of next summer. Admission to the plant sale is free. Cash or check only for plant purchases. If you wish to explore Charles Towne Landing on your own, please pay admission in the Visitor Center. For more information, contact Colette DeGarady, cdegarady@tnc.org, 937-8807 ext 15; or visit www.scnps.org.

MEETING LOCATION FOR LECTURE SERIES

Monthly meetings for our lecture series are typically held on the **third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm** at the **Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall, at The Citadel**. Park in any visitor spot, Kovat's Lot, or the lot behind Capers Hall. Download a parking pass online www.scnps.org or pick one up at the first meeting in September. For directions and further information visit: <http://www.citadel.edu/publicsafety/citadelmaps.html> Please join us after each lecture for a reception including hors d'oeuvres and wine, plus free native plant give-aways!

LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULE

September 15, 6:30 pm Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel

The Importance of CSAs and How They Work in This Economy

Babs and Pete Ambrose, Owners of Ambrose Family Farm

Following a dream to have the local community eat and enjoy what they grow, and to retain the acreage of their Wadmalaw farm, Babs and Pete have established a way of life based largely on Community Supported Agriculture to accomplish this and more. CSA is a partnership of mutual commitment between a local farmer and the people who consume his/her seasonal produce. Members purchase a "share" of the farm's anticipated fresh produce, which in turn ensures the survival of the local family farm by guaranteeing the farmer a fair economic return for his efforts. Babs also owns and operates the Stono Market and Tomato Shed Cafe with her youngest daughter, Barbara Ambrose.



October 20, 6:30 pm Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel

October gardening for fall sparkle and a dazzling spring

Jennifer Hayes, Principal of Vaughn Hayes Landscape Design, and Board Member of The Sustainability Institute

Jennifer will share some tips on what to plant in the fall and how to make the most of space in your yard. She heads a design firm focusing on sustainable landscape practices and has been featured in *Charleston Magazine*. She is a staunch supporter of landscaping with native plants.

November 9, 6:30pm, Charleston Museum Auditorium, 360 Meeting Street Note Different Location!

Co-sponsored talk with Charleston Horticulture Society

A look at a useful new website: www.NameThatPlant.net

Janie Marlow, active upstate NPS member and creator of the website.

Join us in welcoming Janie from the upstate and find out some unexpected ways in which the website www.NameThatPlant.net can be useful to you. It is a clearinghouse of information about native and naturalized plants of the Carolinas and Georgia, and includes plants found throughout the Southeast. Visit <http://www.charlestonhorticulturalsociety.org/> to learn more about this lecture.

November 17, 6:30 pm Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel

A look at far-away Nepal and Bhutan (historically known as "the land of medicinal herbs")

Dana Beach, Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation League

We'll step outside of the Lowcountry for a wonderful slideshow of Dana's trip to the far east this past year. Nepal and Bhutan both have extremely rich flora and fauna, ranging from the lowlands along the Indian border to the Himalayas. Nepal is suffering from overpopulation and forest loss, but is still an extraordinary country with great ecological and cultural wealth. Bhutan is as pristine as any place on earth, with extensive old-growth forest cover, clean rivers and an intact culture, but modernization and globalization are creating tensions in a country that is strongly committed to protecting its traditions and its environment.

December 15, 6:30pm Holiday Party

Location TBD. If you'd like to host this year's holiday party, please contact Colette DeGarady 937-8807 x-15 or cdegarady@tnc.org.

FIELD TRIPS and WORKSHOPS

Saturday, September 19

Ambrose Family Farm Tour, 2349 Black Pond Lane. Directions: On Wadmalaw Island, from Maybank Road, turn right onto Liberia Road, then left onto Black Pond Lane, (or Selkirk Plantation Road if your GPS system does not recognize Black Pond).

Hosted by Babs and Pete Ambrose

We'll meet at Ambrose Family Farm at 9:30 am. Afterward we'll stop at Sea Island Savory Herbs (formerly Pete's Herbs) on Johns Island and get a quick tour from co-owner and manager, Julie Hart. Bring your lunch, plenty to drink, and wear walking shoes.

Sunday, November 22

Tour of Charliewood Plantation in the Francis Marion National Forest (2 hrs)

Led by Richard Porcher

We'll meet at 1:00 pm at the Sweetgrass Bi-Lo shopping center in Mount Pleasant at the intersection of Hwy 17 and IOP connector to carpool and depart by 1:10 pm. Or you may choose to drive to Charliewood and join us there at 1:30pm. This outing will be rich in both natural history and cultural history as Richard leads us in discovering the wildflowers that grow from the banks and reservoir of the old rice plantation to the Wando River marsh. Bring plenty of water, and wear field clothing for hiking.



Other News and Announcements:

Midland SCNPS Symposium, October 16-18th at [Poinsett State Park](#)

The Midlands Chapter is planning the 2009 SCNPS Native Plant Symposium. Speakers and workshops on the agenda include: Dan Tufford - Carolina seeps, Dr. Pat DeCoursey - USC Belser Arboretum, Mike Creel- bog garden workshop, Jean Woods - naturescaping workshop. Field trips will investigate the mill pond at Poinsett, seeps at the park, nearby Carolina Bays, Bates Landing (the newly acquired part of Congaree Swamp), a kayak trip to Sparkleberry Swamp, and a field trip to the USC Belser Arboretum in Columbia. Please contact Ellen Blundy ellenblundy@windstream.net or Mary Morrison at maryrob1@comporium.net if you have additional speaker ideas, or can lead a field trip or work on a committee.

SCNPS Spring 2010 Symposium, May 7-9 at Magnolia Plantation

The Low Country Chapter will be hosting the Spring 2010 Symposium. We are forming committees and seeking creative ideas for an overall theme. Details will be updated on our website and will be forthcoming in the Winter/Spring 2010 newsletter. If you would like to help in the planning and/or serve on a committee, please contact Jeff Jackson at lowcountryroots@aol.com or Colette DeGarady at cdegarady@tnc.org.

Lowcountry Chapter NPS Community Project Grant

In an effort to provide increased opportunities for Lowcountry native plant conservation, we are sponsoring community projects. Projects must be directed at protecting, preserving, restoring, and/or educating the public about native plants or plant communities in the Lowcountry of SC. Individual award amounts will not exceed \$500. Fall proposals will be accepted until **October 1, 2009** and awarded by November 1, 2009. Visit http://www.scnps.org/news_low.html for application information.

Give And Grow

When you combine the expertise of local horticulturists with the spirit of giving you get an incredible company called Give and Grow. Ten percent of every tree planted goes to charity. SCNPS is among the list of non-profits that will receive some of the proceeds. The goal of Give and Grow is to provide customers with local products, knowledgeable staff, and the highest level of customer service while benefiting charitable organizations. To learn more, visit www.justgiveandgrow.com.



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