

South Carolina Native Plant Society Lowcountry Chapter Newsletter

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We have a busy Winter/Spring ahead as we prepare for the SCNPS annual symposium that the Lowcountry chapter is hosting this May at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. Check out more information in the insert in this newsletter or online www.scnps.org. It will be an event not to be missed! We won't be holding a native plant sale this spring, but will offer plants for sale at the symposium.

I also want to take a moment to say how much I've enjoyed my time as President for the Lowcountry Chapter. I'll continue until March, and then it will be time to pass the torch. Refreshing board positions periodically is important in order to continue bringing new energy and ideas to our programs. Please be sure to review the open board positions mentioned in this newsletter and consider becoming a candidate yourself! Elections will take place at our March lecture meeting. If you can't attend, please mail or email your votes! Directions are on the insert.



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

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 to use when parking in faculty lots. Avoid any student lots. 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 giveaways!

LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel

Back to the Basics of Plant Identification

Dr. Jean Everett, Professor of Plant Taxonomy at the College of Charleston

Jean will give us an informative overview of the major plant families in the Lowcountry and their key characteristics to assist in identifying plants in the field. This will be just what we need as we prepare for some field trips this spring.

Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 pm Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel

Spring Wildflowers of South Carolina

Dr. Tim Spira, Professor of Botany at Clemson University

As spring approaches, many of us yearn to see hepatica, blood root, trout lily, trailing arbutus, and other wildflowers. While it's fun to put a name on a plant, it's also satisfying to learn something about their ecology. In this talk Tim will discuss ecological aspects of common and conspicuous wildflowers as well as some that are more exotic. Tim has taught courses in field botany and plant ecology at Clemson University for more than 15 years.

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Mosses in the Landscape

Dr. Robert Wyatt

Dr. Wyatt, former Director of the Highlands Biological Station, will focus his talk on ten native moss species that make attractive subjects for a range of garden sites. Topics will include where mosses typically grow, how to grow them, which ones to grow, where to obtain them, and beneficial reasons to grow them. Robert has had a long academic career in the field of botany and has won numerous awards for his teaching and research. He is the author of *Ecology and Evolution of Plant Reproduction*.

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

The Charleston Parks Conservancy's Approach to Our Parks and Greenspace

Jim Martin, Executive Director, Charleston Parks Conservancy

Sustainability is a goal that requires a holistic approach, with community support and interest beyond what municipalities can do. Jim will address the Charleston Parks Conservancy's philosophies and mission and their use of a broad palette of native plants in our parks and green spaces.

Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 pm Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall, The Citadel

History and Archaeology of Drayton Hall's cultural landscape

Carter Hudgins and Eric Becker of Drayton Hall will present an illustrated lecture on the history and archaeology of Drayton Hall's cultural landscape with a particular focus on the Drayton family's interests in natural history. Recent findings will be discussed as well as work planned for the future.

FIELD TRIPS and WORKSHOPS

Saturday, January 23, 10 am - 12 noon

Hypertufa Workshop, Cypress Gardens, 3030 Cypress Gardens Road, Moncks Corner

Hypertufa - made from sand, peat moss, and concrete - is a substitute for slowly precipitated limestone rock and is popular for making light, long-lasting garden ornaments and planters. Kathy Woolsey, Director of Horticulture at Cypress Gardens, will demonstrate how to create hypertufa pots and stepping stones. Bring \$5.00 to create a stepping stone and \$15.00 for pots. Also bring latex gloves, aprons, old clothes and shoes. To decorate your stones or pots, you can bring pebbles, broken tiles, or tumbled glass. **Contact Lisa Lord to register at 937-8807 ext 13 or llord@tnc.org. Limit is 15. Reservations and payments must be made by January 13.**



Saturday, February 20, 10 am – 12 noon
Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the SC Aquarium
Emily Preston, SC Aquarium Horticulturist

Emily Preston will give a behind-the-scenes tour of the SC Aquarium's impressive natural habitats including the Mountain Bog, Mountain Forest, Piedmont, and Salt Marsh exhibits. She'll explain the steps required to design, install, and maintain each exhibit, as well as certain problems in maintaining plants for these habitats indoors. Emily holds a horticulture degree from Clemson and has worked at the Aquarium since 2007. **There is a limit of 12 people on this field trip. Contact Colette DeGarady at cdegarady@tnc.org or 937-8807 x-15 to register.**

Saturday, March 20 (Rescheduled from Fall 2009)
Tour of Charliewood Plantation in the Francis Marion National Forest (2 hrs)
Led by Richard Porcher

We'll meet at 9:00 am at the Sweetgrass Bi-Lo shopping center in Mount Pleasant at the intersection of Hwy 17 and the IOP connector to carpool and depart by 9:10 am. Or you may choose to drive to Charliewood and join us there at 9:30am. This outing will be rich in natural and cultural history as Richard shows us the wildflowers that grow on the banks and reservoir of this old rice plantation on the Wando River marsh. Bring plenty of water, and wear field clothing for hiking.



Saturday, April 24 - To Be Announced

Saturday, May 22, Drayton Hall, 3380 Drayton Hall Road, 9 am
Interactive tour of Drayton Hall's Landscape

Carter Hudgins and Eric Becker will lead an informative walking discussion across the historical landscape, allowing participants to examine surviving garden features and horticultural specimens. Throughout the tour, Drayton Hall's preservation philosophy will be reviewed along with current and future initiatives as they apply to the site's landscape and horticultural resources. Meet in the parking lot at Drayton Hall at 9:00 am. For more information, contact Lisa Lord at 937-8807 ext 13 or llord@tnc.org.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invasive/Native Plant Workshop, February 1-3, 2010
Controlling Invasives and Promoting Native Plants Through Collaborative Efforts in the Southeast
Camp St. Christopher, Seabrook Island, SC

Event sponsored by SC-EPPC and the SE NERR programs. Deadline to register is Jan 22, 2010. Visit www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/NERR/eventsctp.html to view agenda and register.

Lowcountry Chapter NPS Community Project Grant

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. Winter/Spring proposals will be accepted until **February 1** and awarded by March 1. Visit http://www.scnps.org/news_low.html for application information.

Native Garden at Charles Towne Landing

We would like to post educational signs at our native garden at Charles Towne Landing. If you would like to help create and order those signs, please contact Colette DeGarady cdegarady@tnc.org or Jeff Jackson lowcountryroots@aol.com

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