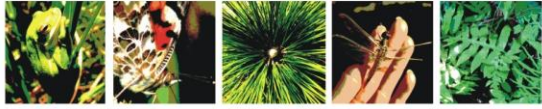


NURTURE

It's our turn



12th Annual Symposium
 South Carolina Native Plant Society
May 7 – 9, 2010
Magnolia Plantation & Gardens
 Charleston, SC

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA May 7-9, 2010

FRIDAY, May 7

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| 10am-3:00pm | Optional workday at Magnolia Plantation |
| 3:00-5:00pm | “Nurture Nature” Exhibition set-up at Quality Suites |
| 5:00-10:00pm | Symposium registration, cocktails, and Barbeque Quality Suites “Nurture Nature” Exhibition and Silent Auction |

SATURDAY, May 8 Magnolia Plantation

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| 8:00-9:00am | Registration | | | | |
| 9:00-9:30am | Welcome and Symposium logistics | | | | |
| 9:30-10:30am | Dr. Doug Tallamy- Plenary Address | | | | |
| 10:30-10:45am | Break | | | | |
| 10:45-noon | Panel Discussion- How to make natives more accessible in the trade. Kari Whitley (session moderator), Doug Tallamy, JR Kramer, and Nancy Hart | | | | |
| Noon-1:00pm | Lunch, opportunity to visit vendors, purchase plants, and network | | | | |
| 1:00-2:15pm <i>Concurrent #1</i> | A: Butterfly / Insect Walk <i>Doug Tallamy</i> | B: Plant Propagation <i>Mepkin Abbey</i> | C: Diversity of Native Azaleas <i>Ernest Koone</i> | D: Gardening as if All Life Mattered <i>Judith Kramer</i> | E: Creating a Personal Herbarium <i>Joel Gramling</i> |
| 2:15 - 2:30pm | Break | | | | |
| 2:30 - 3:45pm <i>Concurrent #2</i> | A: Rice Culture at Drayton Hall <i>Richard Porcher</i> | B: Plant Diseases <i>Kari Whitley</i> | C: Natural History of Magnolia | | D: Audubon Swamp Bird Watching <i>Billy McCord</i> |
| 3:45 - 4:00pm Break | | | | | |
| 4:00 - 5:00pm <i>Concurrent #3</i> | | B: Plant Diseases <i>Kari Whitley</i> | C: Plant Propagation <i>Mepkin Abbey</i> | D: Diversity of Native Azaleas <i>Ernest Koone</i> | |
| 5:00 - 8:00pm | Reception / Lowcountry Boil / Great Catesby Video - Food served @ 6pm, Gullah Singers begin @ 6:15pm, Great Catesby Video begins @ 7pm | | | | |

SUNDAY, May 9

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| 8:00-9:00am | SCNPS Member Meeting at Quality Suites Field Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Oak Terrace Preserve, The Lowcountry’s First Green Community ▪ Mepkin Abbey with Father Guerric ▪ Botany Bay Plantation with Bess Kellett and Bill Johnson ▪ Self-guided historic tour of Hampton Park ▪ Beidler Forest with Mark Musselman ▪ Dungannon Heritage Preserve with Billy McCord |
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| FRIDAY, MAY 7 | |
| 10:00am – 3:00 pm | Optional Workday at Magnolia Plantation with Tom Johnson, Director of Horticulture, and Jeff Jackson, Lowcountry NPS Education Chair – For those of you living locally, arriving early, or just eager to get your hands into some good ole plantation dirt, we will be planting native azaleas, attacking those pesky invasives, and generally helping out on the Plantation to enhance the native flora. Bring your gloves and pruners/loppers. Contact Jeff Jackson for details 843-478-5827. |
| 5:00pm-10:00pm | Nurture Nature Exhibition at Quality Suites with BBQ dinner and Silent Auction. All are invited to submit entries on your idea of “Nurturing Nature”. Three different formats will be accepted: photos, posters, and table displays. Visit http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nuturingnaturedisplay to register your entry. |
| SATURDAY, MAY 8 AT MAGNOLIA | |
| <p><u>Plenary Speaker</u></p> <p>Dr. Doug Tallamy, PhD is the nationally-acclaimed author of <i>Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants</i>, which was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writer’s Association. Dr. Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. He will speak to the importance of integrating native plants in our landscapes in order to maintain the balance of nature. He will also participate on our panel discussion and be available at different times during the conference for book signings. We will have copies of his book available for purchase. <i>This program is co-sponsored by the Charleston Parks Conservancy.</i></p> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <p>This will be an opportunity to discuss the use of natives in the horticultural industry by speaking with nursery and landscape professionals firsthand. Kari Whitley, owner of Scout Horticultural Consulting and plant pathologist, will moderate the discussion with comments from Doug Tallamy, JR Kramer (landscape architect, Remark Studios), and Nancy Hart (Church Creek wholesale nursery owner).</p> <p><u>Concurrent #1</u></p> <p>A: Butterfly/Insect Walk – Doug Tallamy. Explore the insect world of Magnolia Plantation with our Plenary Speaker.</p> <p>B: Plant Propagation – Vivian Whorley, Mepkin Abbey Horticulturist and Director of Native Plant Propagation, will talk about various ways to propagate native plants. Demonstrations of sexual (seed) and asexual (cutting, layering, divisions) propagation practices used at the Mepkin Native Plant Nursery will be included in the class.</p> <p>C: The Diversity of Native Azaleas - Ernest Koone III, President of Lazy K Nursery, will discuss just about everything you want to know about native azaleas, with particular emphasis on species that thrive in South Carolina. Covered topics will include: native habitat, techniques for successful cultivation, and a few great companion plants for native azaleas in the Lowcountry. Ernest’s nursery is located on lands under the continuous ownership of his family since 1827 and is the largest producer of native azaleas in North America.</p> <p>D: Living in the Layers of the Landscape: Designing as if All Life Mattered - Judith Kramer, Garden Designer, Singing Woods Gardens and Design, Master Naturalist and Gardener. Discover ways to live beautifully in your landscape while supporting critters who share your space. Bring pencils, eraser, ruler and a copy or sketch of your property plat so you can personalize design techniques and create habitat for your wild neighbors.</p> <p>E: Creating a Personal Herbarium – Dr. Joel Gramling, Department of Biology, The Citadel Learn the importance of herbariums, the techniques of collecting specimens, and the proper way of mounting and storing them. This is a hands-on workshop with a brief foray into nature to look for specimens.</p> | |

Concurrent #2

A: Rice Culture at Drayton Hall – Dr. Richard Porcher, Professor Emeritus of Biology, The Citadel. We'll carpool for a short drive from Magnolia to neighboring plantation Drayton Hall to explore the natural and cultural history of the rice fields and other historic plants brought to the Hall by the Draytons. Other topics of discussion will include: the phosphate industry, the wildflowers on the 500-acre tract adjacent to Drayton Hall and the Charles Drayton Diaries.

B: Plant Diseases – Kari Whitley, BS in Horticulture and MS in Plant Pathology. This interactive session will focus on creating healthy, native landscapes through the discussion of diseases and insects affecting native plants. Examples of diseased plants such as Dogwood Anthracnose and Redbay Wilt will be available for study with the aid of dissecting microscopes. Participants are encouraged to bring plants from their own landscapes for in-class diagnosis.

C: Natural History of Magnolia Plantation- Take a tour of historic Magnolia Plantation with one of the family members who know it best. You'll learn about the history of the property, its landscape evolution throughout time, and current management practices.

D: Audubon Swamp Birdwatching – Billy McCord, SCDNR Wildlife Biologist, coastal ecologist and naturalist. Explore this unique black water environment via path and boardwalk for an amazing diversity of plant and animal life. You will see nesting egrets, herons and other waterfowl up close. Encounters with other wildlife are also likely, and there will be plenty of interesting native plants.

Concurrent #3

B: Plant Diseases (*repeat from Concurrent #2 B above*)

C: Plant Propagation (*repeat from Concurrent #1 B above*)

D: Diversity of Native Azaleas (*repeat from Concurrent #1 C above*)

SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS (Transportation on your own- Maps will be provided at conference registration.)

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| 10:00am – 12 noon <i>Begins promptly at 10am</i> | #1 Tour of Oak Terrace Preserve, The Lowcountry's First Green Community located in North Charleston. Recipient of the National 2008 Green Builder of the Year Award, this neighborhood is leading the way to greener development in the Southeast. The tour will start at the main entrance of Oak Terrace Preserve and end at the home of J.R. Kramer, Landscape Architect and Oak Terrace Preserve's HOA president. His home show cases native plants and how to integrate a native landscape onto a small lot (40' x120'). http://oakterracepreservesc.com/ |
| 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Tour begins at 10:00am, but participants arriving later can tour the gardens on their own.</i> | #2 - Mepkin Abbey Fr. Gueric Heckel will lead us through the various layers and ecosystems of this beautiful 17 th century plantation property. Mepkin, a Trappist Monastery, has everything from high, dry bluffs to rice fields, a meadow and labyrinth planted with natives, a native plant ID walk and a sustainable vegetable garden that supplies the Abbey's kitchen. We will also catch a glimpse of the Abbey's propagation greenhouses and their mushroom industry. www.mepkinabbey.org |
| 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Participants can arrive anytime during this period.</i> | #3 - Beidler Forest http://sc.audubon.org/Centers_FBF.html This is a self-guided tour of the Audubon Center at Francis Beidler Forest. Show your symposium badge for free admission. Mark Musselman, master naturalist and education director at FBF, will be available for questions and information. The 1.75-mile boardwalk through the old-growth, cypress-tupelo swamp will provide an intimate view of a variety of birds, reptiles, and plants. You are also invited to participate in gathering research for Operation Prothro, the Prothonatory Warbler banding project which will be in full swing. |
| 10:00am – 1:00pm <i>Participants can arrive anytime during this period.</i> | #4 - Layers of the Landscape at Hampton Park: A Self-Guided Tour Experience first hand the important people, places, and plants that create the layers of the landscape at historic Hampton Park, downtown Charleston. Tour participants will travel to the park and pick up their iPod and earphones in exchange for a valid driver's license at the volunteer table located in the Hampton Park cafe. Upon completion of the tour, please return the iPod to retrieve your driver's license. <i>This field trip is sponsored by The Charleston Horticultural Society</i> |

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| <p>10:00 am <i>Tour begins at 10am</i></p> | <p>#5 - Botany Bay Plantation with Bess Kellett, SCDNR Botany Bay Volunteer Coordinator, and Bill Johnson, Master Naturalist. This 4,630-acre tract located on Edisto Island contains a diverse array of habitats including maritime forests, salt marsh, tidal creeks, freshwater ponds and hammock islands. Over the year and a half that Botany Bay has been open, Bess has identified and catalogued the plants along the causeway to the beach. Dead low tide will be at 12 noon allowing for a leisurely beach stroll. https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/managedland?p_id=57</p> |
| <p>1:30pm – 3:00pm <i>Tour begins at 1:30pm</i></p> | <p>#6 – Dungannon Heritage Preserve at 1:30pm with SCDNR’s Billy McCord. Dungannon Heritage Preserve is a 600+ acre section of the original Dungannon Plantation containing large wood stork, egret and heron rookeries. A shell dike and new boardwalk allow visitors to view clusters of native plants including Atamasco lilies and swamp dogwoods. https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/managedland?p_id=120</p> |

Accommodations:

Our symposium hotel is located in North Charleston only 15 minutes away from Magnolia Plantation. We will be conducting all of our Friday evening events and Sunday morning SCNPS member meeting here. Please reserve your room by April 23, 2010.

Quality Suites
5225 N. Arco Lane
N. Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: 843.747.7300
<http://www.qualitysuitescharleston.com/>

- Rates are \$99.00/night as part of the “SC Native Plant Symposium” block. Be sure to mention this when you call and reserve your rooms. Please don’t book on-line as our meeting costs are tied to these reservations.
- Includes hot breakfast and complimentary cocktails from 5:30-7:30pm in the atrium.
- Directions: <http://www.qualitysuitescharleston.com/directions.php>

Other Symposium details:



Laura Moses

The silent auction will be held Friday night at the Quality Suites during the Nurture Nature exhibition with a wide array of donated items. Bring cash or check to pay for items won.

Our host for the symposium, Magnolia Plantation, is located along historic Hwy 61 nestled among other neighboring plantations. You can learn more about the site by visiting <http://www.magnoliaplantation.com/>



Laura Moses

Native plants will be for sale at Magnolia Plantation on Saturday May 8th. Bring cash or check. Visit <http://www.scnps.org/symposium.html> for additional symposium information.



Registration Form

Please register online at www.regonline.com/2010_native_plant_symposium
 OR you can mail completed registration form and check payable to SCNPS to:

Lisa Lord
 960 Morrison Drive, Ste 100
 Charleston, SC 29403

Please Note: The deadline for registration is April 23, 2010. A \$10 fee will be added to registration after this date. Cancellations by April 30, 2010 will be refunded less \$10. No refunds offered for cancellations after April 30th, 2010. Contact Lisa Lord with any questions 843-937-8807 x-13 or llord@tnc.org.

| SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION | | | | | |
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| Name(s): | | | | | |
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| EVENTS | | Member | Non-Member | Number | Total |
| Entire Weekend (includes all activities Fri evening - Sun: breaks, meals & Sunday field trips) | | \$75 | \$95 | | |
| Friday, 7 May 2010 | | | | | |
| Optional Workday at Magnolia, Friday 10am-3pm | | Free | Free | | |
| Friday Night Barbecue with "Nurture Nature" Exhibition and Silent Auction Only | | \$15 | \$15 | | |
| Saturday, 8 May 2010 | | | | | |
| All Day Saturday and Sunday Only (includes Plenary, Lunch and Evening Social plus Sunday field trips) | | \$65 | \$80 | | |
| Saturday Morning Plenary Speaker, Doug Tallamy, and Panel Discussion Only | | \$10 | \$15 | | |
| Saturday afternoon Field Trips and Workshops Only (includes Lunch) | | \$45 | \$55 | | |
| <i>Please rank your choices (1st, 2nd, 3rd) for <u>each</u> of the concurrent sessions. Note that some workshops overlap sessions.</i> | | | | | |
| Concurrent #1 | A | B | C | D | E |
| Concurrent #2 | A | B | C | | D |
| Concurrent #3 | | B | C | D | |
| Saturday Evening Social Only (includes Lowcountry Boil, Gullah Singers, and Great Catesby Video) | | \$15 | \$20 | | |
| Sunday May 9th Field Trips: <i>If registered please rank your first three choices:</i> | | | | | |
| 1st Choice: | | | | | |
| 2nd Choice: | | | | | |
| 3rd Choice: | | | | | |
| Symposium T-Shirt ___M; ___L; ___XL; ___XXL @ \$15 each | | | | | |
| Dues Renewal (\$25 Individual; \$35 Family) | | | | | |
| Please consider a tax-deductible donation to support the Symposium and the SCNPS. Thank you! | | | | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: | | | | | |