

# South Carolina Native Plant Society

## *Lowcountry Chapter Newsletter*

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Fall...did someone say fall? I don't know about you but I'm about ready for it. And hopefully it will not be accompanied by the seemingly-unending current monsoons. But anyway, it's been a great summer to be a wildflower in South Carolina. Let the colors roll right into 2014!

Speaking of, our organization is on quite a roll! We have great things happening in almost every part of the state. (ahem...Horry County take heed) People always ask just what it is that The South Carolina Native Plant Society does. Hmmmmmm, to summarize... lectures and fieldtrips are just the tip of the iceberg, but what a great tip! Protecting plants, via ourselves and our partners. Plant rescues and replantings. Plant sales –AWESOME sales - statewide several times a year. Newsletters, a newly-revamped website (scnps.org) and our excellent Journal. We influence environmental policy. We grant grants, with more of that on the horizon. We gather seeds and kill weeds. And much more, but above all, we educate educate EDUCATE about the beauty and incalculable value of our natural heritage – the native flora of South Carolina.

I'm sure by now you're asking "How, Jeff, how IS all of this done?" One word sums it all up – VOLUNTEERS. Yep, everything I mentioned is accomplished through the dedication of our membership and their volunteer efforts. We do what we do because we all share a common thread, and that's our passion for native plants. Be they in a Heritage Preserve or our own backyard butterfly garden, we love natives. Do you have this passion? Do you enjoy learning about native plants and meeting new people? If so, make like a passion flower and climb aboard! We have many – and varied - volunteer opportunities to help the Society spread the word. And no, you don't have to be a botanist or know Latin. A desire to help, a smile and a hello to me or anyone on our Board is all you need to get you started.

So, about that Fall. After the warmth (and wet!) of Summer it's a time to get back outdoors and enjoy all of this abundance that South Carolina has to offer us. Think about pitching in, and let's all get out, make a difference AND enjoy it together!

See you soon!

*Jeff Jackson, President*

*Lowcountry Chapter, SC Native Plant Society*

As most are aware, the South Carolina Botanical Gardens took a big BIG hit in the summer rains. Damage is massive, but cleanup and rebuilding are under way. If you'd like to kindly donate to the SCBG towards its restoration, look for details on their website - [www.clemson.edu/public/scbg](http://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg). Checks made out to SCBG Attn: Flood Relief Fund will go entirely to the effort!



## **FALL 2013 NATIVE PLANT SALE!**

**Saturday, September 28th, 9 am-12 noon**

***SCNPS Members can start shopping at 8:30!***

***(Memberships and renewals available that morning)***

**Charles Towne Landing parking lot**

**1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston 29407**

Come shop early and get your fall planting started! Great selection of native plants with many **hard-to-find species. Colorful perennials, shrubs, trees, grasses, ferns and edibles available.** Admission to the plant sale is free. If you wish to explore Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, please pay admission in the visitors center. For more information, contact Colette DeGarady, at [cdegarady@tnc.org](mailto:cdegarady@tnc.org), 937-8807 ext-15, or visit our website at [scnps.org](http://scnps.org).

### **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](http://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 native plant give-aways! Unless otherwise stated, all lectures and field trips are open to the public and confirmation is not required.

### **SAVE- THE- DATE!**

**Saturday November 16, 2013, 10am-2pm, Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC**

***SCNPS State Meeting & Picnic***

Details to follow at [SCNPS.ORG](http://SCNPS.ORG)

### **LECTURE SERIES**

**Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel**

***Coastal Butterflies***

**Billy Mc Cord, Ecological Consultant**

There are nearly 125 species of butterflies in coastal SC, many of which have fairly specific larval host-plant associations – and, there are many native plants that are used as nectar plants by adult butterflies. Please join us as Billy McCord, a biologist with the SC Department of Natural Resources, discusses these Lowcountry butterflies and their connection to native plants.

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel**

***A New Land – The Very Short History of Sullivan's Island's Accreted Lands***

**Jeff Jackson, Landscape Designer & Environmental Consultant**

We usually think of succession as a long, l-o-n-g process, but this talk may change your mind about that. At Sullivan's we see, as Jeff says, "Succession on Steroids". In a geological blink, it's gone from salt water to an emerging maritime forest. And a VERY important one at that! Jeff has been helping the town with this area for 18 years now and his love of it precedes that. Come find out how this land came about and what's happening there now and later. Then join us on Saturday for a field trip there and see this area from an insider's perspective.

**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall at The Citadel  
Matthew Moldenhauer, Charleston County Parks**

Matthew is a Land Resource Manager for the Charleston County Parks, with a background in forest management and planning. He will be sharing an overview of the plant communities in our county parks and will discuss the approach CCPRC has adopted for maintaining, improving, or restoring certain plant communities, depending on their level of disturbance. Although no ongoing surveys are being conducted, Matthew will also be discussing ways SCNPS members can be involved in the parks, especially as site conditions start to improve following our various management prescriptions.

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Location TBD  
Lowcountry Chapter Annual Holiday Get-Together**

We are seeking someone to host this year's event, either in their home or at some other cozy venue. Here's your chance to have all your favorite native plant enthusiasts come into your home and celebrate the holidays together. We're a festive crowd, but unlike most Holiday visitors, we go home after a few hours. So step up, find that punchbowl in the attic, throw around some native trimmings and let's celebrate!



**FIELD TRIPS**

**Saturday, September 21st, 8:45am-12pm**

**Fall Wildflower Walk in the Francis Marion National Forest (FMNF)**

If April showers bring May flowers, what does 6 months of rain bring? Join us in the National Forest and find out. We will begin with a 15 minute presentation at 9:00 am in the Sewee Visitor Center to learn how we can provide feedback for the new management plan for the FMNF. Then we will head out thru the forest, stopping at several hotspots to botanize and see a forest, probably in flood. Prepare to get your feet wet! Bring any required bug protection, too. The Sewee Visitor Center is on Hwy 17 north in Awendaw. Contact Jeff Jackson for more info – [Lowcountryroots@aol.com](mailto:Lowcountryroots@aol.com) or phone/text at 843-478-5827.

**Saturday, October 19th, 9 am-12 noon**

**Sullivan's Island Accreted Land Walk-about**

Come join Jeff Jackson for an in-depth tour of the accreted land. See how geology, time, and man have all had a hand in shaping this gem of a natural area. Fall in the sand dunes brings flowers, and flowers bring butterflies galore. We will look at life in this area from the tidal beach to the emerging maritime forest. Also expect a preview of the new Sullivan's Island Nature Trail, and hear how the island plans to fight off those pesky invasive exotic plants. Meet at the corner of Station 16 and Atlantic Ave. Contact Jeff Jackson for more info – [Lowcountryroots@aol.com](mailto:Lowcountryroots@aol.com) or phone/text at 843-478-5827.

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am – 12 noon**

**Roxbury Park, Meggett, SC**

Join us as we explore the newest park to be incorporated into the Town of Meggett. We will be led by Ken Carman, caretaker of the property. Roxbury Park is a preserved area on the northeast corner of Highway 174 and Little Britton Road. It may appear small, but what makes Roxbury so special is its diversity. On its 156 acres, there are at least eight unique and diverse ecosystems, including wetlands, hayfield, fresh and brackish ponds, and tidal creek. *No park fee yet; donations suggested.* Contact Katie Ellis for more info: [kathryn.k.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.k.ellis@gmail.com)

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