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DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Events (in Bold)

± Approximate time

Saturday, Jan 9, 10:30 am **DNR Workday at Stevens Creek HP** **in McCormick County**

"Please consider joining us at Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve for a few hours of privet and honeysuckle control. We'll also do some trail maintenance, if needed. We always find something in bloom to admire, too. Wear appropriate work clothes and bring your lunch. I'll bring drinks and extra gloves.

"Let's meet at the preserve parking area at 1355 Garrett Rd., Clarks Hill, at 10:30 am. Plan on two hours of work (we won't stop you from working longer). If it is raining hard or snowing or sleeting on the 9th, please consider coming on our alternate rain date, Saturday, January 16 (same time & place).

"Let's keep this Natural National Landmark in great shape; we'll see you there!" — Mary Bunch, (864) 654-6738 x15, email bunchm@dnr.sc.gov

Stevens Creek HP is in the southern tip of McCormick County. From the town of McCormick, go south on US 221/SC28. After US 221 veers right off SC 28 at Clarks Hill, go south on SC 28 for .2 miles and turn left onto the first paved road. After crossing a railroad, turn left onto secondary road 88 and go 1.2 miles to the parking area on the left. If you come to the steel girder bridge (scheduled for dismantling soon) over Stevens Creek, you've gone too far.

Tuesday, Jan 19, 7:00 pm, Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC

Speaker: Janice Haldeman, PhD., retired botany professor at Erskine College
Program: Invasives

Of Interest: Wednesday, Jan 20, 2:00 pm, FENCE (Foothills Equestrian Nature Center), Landrum, SC Ron Lance will speak to the Tryon Garden Club.

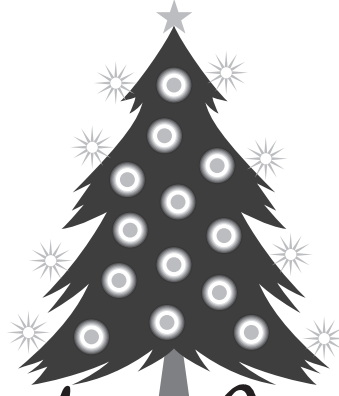
FENCE is located at 3381 Hunting Country Rd., Tryon, NC. Program is open to the public. For more information, call (828) 859-9021.

Saturday, Jan 30, 9:00 am, Plant Rescue & Planting • Twin Chimneys / Cleveland Park **Coordinator - Bill Sharpton**

A carpool will leave at 9:00 am from the Home Depot parking lot on South Pleasantburg Dr in Greenville. For those coming from other areas and wanting to carpool, meet at the Clock Restaurant on SC Hwy 25 south just past the 185 toll road, ready to depart at 9:10.

We'll meet at the Greenville County Twin Chimneys Landfill at 9:30 and remove plants until about 11:30 (yes, volunteers do get to take a few plants home), then have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

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It's Time for Good Food, Great Fellowship, & Our Seed Swap!!

- ◆ Bring finger foods to share; we'll provide drinks.
- ◆ Bring your SEEDS!
- ◆ PLUS Good shopping opportunities...



...at the book table!

Please note that this is the 2nd Tuesday, not the usual 3rd.

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 pm

University Center: Greenville Tec, 225 South Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville

For a map and more information, visit <http://www.scnps.org>



Walking the "Skip Still Meadow," on October 19th. Grasses and forbs were planted; invasives removed. (Photo by Cathy Foster)



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Afterwards, we will plant some plants at our Cleveland Park site in Greenville.

Please sign up with Bill Sharpton, gsharpton@aol.com • This will allow us to better plan the day's agenda, and it is the only way we can know whom to contact if there is a change of plans, rain delay, etc. Be sure to provide a phone number!

Bring gloves, shovel or sharpshooter; wear long pants. If you have available, please bring POTS 3-gallon and larger.

Directions to the Twin Chimneys Landfill plant rescue site: From Greenville, take US Hwy 25 South to Ware Place (where 418 & 8 intersect 25). Go south approximately 7.5 miles; turn left onto West Ridgeway; bear

right onto Traynham Road, then look for signs.

Tuesday, Feb 16, 7:00 pm, SWU, Central

Speaker: Kay Wade
Topic: Oconee Bells

Tuesday, Mar 15, 7:00 pm, Greenville

Speaker: Jim Fowler
Topic: The Green Swamp

Tuesday, Apr 19, 7:00 pm, Landrum Depot, Landrum

Speaker: Pam Torlina
Topic: Most Wanted Plants

Attention Writers... Have Skills. Will Publish!

We're soliciting volunteer journalists to contribute to the *Upstate Happenings* — specifically, to interview our speakers and put together a short write-up describing the upcoming presentations.

Here's your chance to get published, to hone your writing skills, and to chat with some very interesting people!

Interested? *Contact* Steve Marlow <steve@marlowcreativeservices.com>

Fall Seed Collecting Trips Resume for 2015.

Dense Blazing-star (*Liatris spicata*), Silvery Aster (*Symphyotrichum concolor*), Horseflyweed (*Baptisia tinctoria*), Wild Quinine (*Parthenium integrifolium*), Whorled Coreopsis (*Coreopsis major* var. *rigida*), Grass-leaved Golden-aster (*Pityopsis adenolepis*), Smooth False-foxglove (*Aureolaria flava*), Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), and Kidneyleaf Rosinweed (*Silphium compositum*) were some of the seeds gathered by our hardy group of seed collectors. We look forward to seeing these plants at an upcoming plant sale!

Editor's Note: Don't all these fellows look like ship captains?



Seed Collectors Nov. 8th: Left to right: Dale Stone, Miller Putnam, Tom Simpson, Bill Stringer, and Richard Ivey (Photo by JK Marlow).

"In every walk with nature one receives more than he seeks." — John Muir