



Mark your 2016 calendars now to volunteer and shop at our Upstate Spring Plant Sale.
Friday, April 15 and Sat. April 16.

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information, go to
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■ NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

± Approximate
times

Upcoming Society Events

Sunday, Jan 24, 9:00 am, Greenhouse Workdays (See "Growings On.." Pg. 2.)

We want to have 2000-3000 plants for the sale so you are needed to put those lovely natives in their pots! Email judy_seeley@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

Saturday, Jan 30, 9:00am, 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. 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.

Wednesday, Feb 10, 10:00am and Saturday, Feb 27, 10:00am, Greenhouse Workdays

Things are hopping at the greenhouse as we gear up for the April 16 plant sale. Join Miller Putnam and the greenhouse gang to propagate and tend plants. Help those plants hop into their pots! Email judy_seeley@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, Feb 16, 7:00pm, SWU, Central Speaker: Kay Wade (See this page)

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UPSTATE happenings

P R E S E N T I N G . . .

Shortia galacifolia

Most friends of the SCNPS are familiar with the story of our rare and elusive native wildflower known as Oconee bells (*Shortia galacifolia*). On Tuesday, February 16th, Kay Wade will share with us an in-depth look at the history of the discovery, and re-discovery, of *Shortia*. Joe Townsend will also make a short appearance to speak about the propagation of *Shortia*.

Those who know the story of the Oconee bells are already acquainted with Asa Gray, the famous American botanist who became nearly obsessed with finding this plant from the Southern Appalachians after seeing a specimen in Paris collected by Andre Michaux in the late 1700s. And you might also know the role of seventeen-year-old George McQueen Hyams in finally locating *Shortia* in the wild. But who were these people behind the story? And what exactly happened in those 40 years that transpired while botanists searched in vain for *Shortia*? Kay will focus on the human interest stories that are an integral part of the history of *Shortia*.

Joe Townsend will also share the challenges he has faced in his work to propagate *Shortia*. Very little is known about the reproduction of *Shortia* from



seed, and only a few people in the world have successfully propagated Oconee bells. Joe will share his own observations about the reproduction of *Shortia*.

Kay Wade is a Master Naturalist and co-owner of Jocassee Lake Tours. She writes columns in The Seneca Journal and the Friends of Lake Keowee Society's The Sentinel. Joe Townsend, owner of Wildside Garden, has had the very rare opportunity to study *Shortia* seedlings as they mature to produce a flower.

— Jessica Harwood

Kay Wade

Co-owner of Jocassee Lake Tours • Master Naturalist

Tuesday, Feb 16, 7:00 pm

Founders Hall in Dining Commons,
Southern Wesleyan University, Central

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

growings on at the GREENHOUSE

Propagation Workshop Sat., February 20, 2016, 9 am to Noon

Do you want to know more about propagating your own plants?

Then, join Miller Putnam for a free propagation workshop on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9am to Noon. Miller will lead us in a hand-on session covering seed collection, stratification, and planting; making plant divisions, and starting plants from cuttings. We will start plants for the April 16 NPS Spring Plant Sale and some for you to take home.

Workshop limited to 10 participants. (TWO SPACES LEFT) Current NPS members will be given preference. Please bring a notepad and pen, gloves, sharp crosscut pruners, and a container of rooting powder, which is available at home and garden centers. Dress in layers, as the greenhouse warms quickly if the sun is out.

Please arrive by 8:45 at Miller and Kitty Putnam's greenhouse at 180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville, SC. To reserve your spot, email judy_seeley@hotmail.com. Questions? Call Miller at 864 325-9700.

Greenhouse Workdays in February

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SCNPS SnapSHOTS

Friday, June 6th, 2014

*Botanizing at Steve &
Cheryl Holding's place,
Travelers Rest*



UPSTATE happenings

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Newsletter submissions
welcomed.

Please email articles, photos (with description and/or caption) and general announcements to steve@marlowcreativeservices.com

Deadline for the March edition is
Friday, 5 February 2016

*Tuesday,
January 12th, 2016*

*Upstate Chapter board
meeting at the Swamp
Rabbit Cafe, Greenville*

*On the agenda... reports
from all committee chairs
including field trips, special
projects, merchandising,
newsletter, H&G Show,
plant rescues, Spring plant
sale, greenhouse, chapter
By-Laws, and the Swamp
Rabbit brochure!*



Many of you have shared the excitement and the work of previous sales. There are lots of ways you can volunteer and be a part of our mission of education as well as sending thousands of our captivating native plants out to new homes in the Upstate. We need many volunteers to make the sale happen.

April 14, 15, and 16 will be the big push to get plants labeled, transported to sale site, organized there, and then help with the big sale day. The SCNPS web page will soon be up to volunteer on-line or you can sign up at a monthly meeting, or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Diane Coiner at 864 843 0707, or e-mail dcme1@att.net.

More help is always needed!

RIGHT NOW, we need to complete our Sale Organization Team. The volunteers for April 14, 15, and 16 will then work with this organizing team. As you see below, some Team positions are taken care of, but we need numbers **4, 6, 9, 10, & 13** filled. Where could you fit in?

1 Plant Sale Co-Chairs (2):

■ Positions filled. Judy Seeley / Rita Lance.

2 Plant Propagation:

Miller Putnam is growing thousands of natives at his greenhouse. We need more members to propagate and share native plants. We also need volunteers on to help regularly at Miller's greenhouse. Email Miller Putnam at millerputnam@gmail.com with your potential plant donations or to volunteer at the greenhouse.

3 Guest Vendor Coordinator:

■ Position filled. Betsy George.

4 Publicity:

We need several people to handle poster design, printing and distribution, write press releases, send online listings and press releases, email to our mailing lists and other outlets, and arrange for customer email sign-up sheets at the sale. New creative ideas needed to get out the word about our plant sales...Twitter? Facebook? Publicity chair position open. Already on team: Janie Marlow: poster and Jan Weakland: on-line listings and mail press releases.

5 Bookkeeper:

■ Position filled: Rita Lance

6 Plant Buyer / Transporter:

Drive your own truck/trailer (for reimbursement) to pick out and load purchased plants at nurseries within 50-100 miles of Greenville and unload in Mauldin. Usually done the week before the sale. Position open. 1-2 persons needed.

7 Plant Marketing Coordinators:

■ Plant ID/price tags - Position filled.

Dan Whitten. Plant photo and information laminated cards - Position filled. Lisa Lord

8 Volunteers Coordinator:

■ Position filled. Diane Coiner.

Join the NPS Spring Plant Sale Team!

10 Plant Transportation Coordinator:

Work with volunteer coordinator to find trucks/drivers. Supervise loading of plants in Mauldin, transport, and unloading of plants at site on Friday and return of plants to Mauldin after the sale on Saturday. Position open.

11 Site Set-up/Take-down Managers (2):

■ Positions filled: Katie and Bob Healy

12 Holding Area Manager:

Position filled. Jo Anne Conner

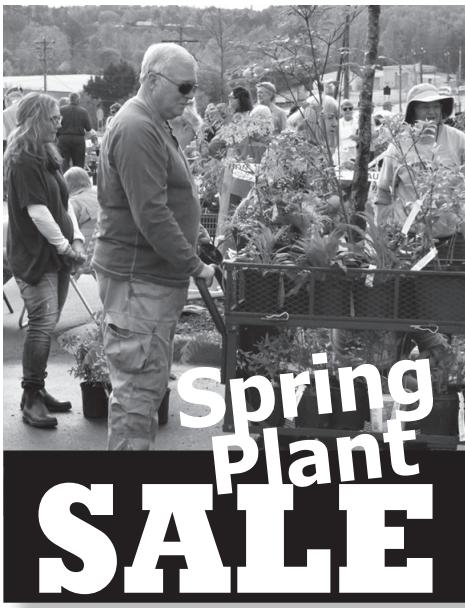
13 Special Projects Coordinator:

Identify and invite presenters/demonstrators for the sale. Sell special merchandise such as mycorrhizal tabs, fertilizers, seeds, t-shirts, etc. Position open.



9 Hospitality Coordinator:

Make, buy, or find volunteers to donate simple refreshments, purchase cups, plates, etc., and supply water/coffee for volunteers on Friday and Saturday. All purchases reimbursed. Position open.



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Upcoming Society Events

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Saturday, Feb 20, Free Propagation Workshop, Greenville (See Page 2.)
Leader: Miller Putnam

Fri-Sun, Mar 4-5-6, 2016, Southern Home & Garden Show, Greenville
Attn: All returning and NEW Booth volunteers! — Sign up early at a meeting!

You do not have to be a botanical expert. Simply greet people, hand out flyers and invite attendees to our field trips and monthly programs.

Tuesday, Mar 15, 7:00pm, Greenville
Speaker: Jim Fowler

Topic: The Flora of the Green Swamp
In his presentation, Jim will tell us about the environmental structure of the preserve as well as share colorful images of some of the most interesting and beautiful flowers and plants that are found there. He will also tell us what it takes to make it survive.

Wednesday, Mar 23, Field Trip to Pearson's Falls • Meet at 10am at the Falls, 2748 Pearson Falls Rd., Saluda, NC
Cost is \$5.00 per person; an annual pass is available.

Leader: Virginia Meador
There is a gentle .25 mile climb along the trail's whole length, though it is never steep. Watch for occasional loose rocks, roots, and wet areas. Walking Fern (*Asplenium rhizophyllum*) is one of the rarities due to the neutral soil in this glen. We will also explore looking for interesting plants that can also be found outside the gate and along the public road.

Email virginia_meador@hotmail.com to sign up. Questions? Call (864) 468-4160

Saturday, Mar 26, Field Trip to Devils Fork State Park & Station Cove • Meet at 9:30am at the State Park's Oconee Bell Loop Trailhead on the south side of the park, 161 Holcombe Cir., Salem, SC 29676. Cost is \$2.00 gate entry fee (\$1.25 SC seniors)

Leader: Dan Whitten
The loop trail is one (1) mile long. Next we car pool to Station Cove and Creek botanical area. The falls are reported to be a spectacular 60 feet high. This hike is .75miles to the falls, making it 1.75 miles total distance. Difficulty rating for both hikes is easy. Plan to bring a lunch water/drink, and a camera. Estimated time duration for the two (2) hikes is 9:30-2:30±.

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**Saturday, Apr 2, Field Trip to Stevens Creek HP, McCormick County.
(Details TBA)**

Saturday, April 16, 9am - 1pm
SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE!!
Conestee Park (old baseball stadium), 840 Mauldin Road, Greenville

Saturday, Apr 28 Field Trip to Corneille Bryan Native Garden at Lake Junaluska
Leader: Janet Manning, Director of Horticulture for CBNG.
“Inside the spiritual retreat at Lake Junaluska, Appalachia’s most threatened plant species find a place of refuge,” writes Heidi Coryell Williams for *Our State Magazine*. You don’t want to miss this visit to the Corneille Bryan Native Garden in April — so much will be in full bloom!

For now, visit the *Our State* website and read Heidi’s article about this special place: ourstate.com/corneille-bryan-native-garden/

Saturday, May 14, Field Trip to Ashmore HP, Greenville County
Leader: Virginia Meador

Thursday, June 2, Field Trip to Nine Times Preserve HP, Greenville County

Wednesday, June 22, Field Trip to Glassy Mountain, Pickens County
Leaders: Dan Whitten, Bill Stringer



Some folks acknowledge that the first thing they ever came to at the Society was an NPS field trip!