



2016 DUES for everyone are due in January.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Events (in Bold)

**Wednesday, Jan 6, 9:00am and
Sunday, Jan 24, 9:00 am, Greenhouse Workdays**

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 either day.

**Saturday, Jan 9, 10:30am
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 truss bridge (scheduled for dismantling soon) over Stevens Creek, you've gone too far.

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

Speaker: Janice Haldeman, PhD.
(See this page.)

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, 9:00am, 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

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A Focus on Invasive Exotics:

How we can better avoid, replace and help eradicate these plants from our gardens and landscapes. — Dr. Jan Haldeman



South Carolina is a small state with a big variety of land forms, climates, and soils, giving rise to a big variety of plant life as well. Interesting and attractive native plants grow in every part of the state, from the mountains in the northwest to the coastal regions in the southeast. But native plants are far from the only plants that we see on a hike in the countryside or a drive down the highway. Many now-common species are actually non-native, or exotic, plants.

Our state has become home to people from many different states and countries. Early settlers brought plants for food and fiber and sometimes for their beauty, and South Carolinians have been adding new plants to the landscape ever since. New – and often exotic – plant varieties are marketed enthusiastically and are planted by many landscapers and homeowners. Some exotics are non-invasive and grow where they are planted without producing offspring in new places. Others, unfortunately, spread widely through efficient seed-dispersal, runners or stolons. As a result, South Carolina currently has a great variety of exotic plants competing with our native plants.

Dr. Jan Haldeman, of Erskine College, says she was first impressed with the widespread distribution of invasive exotic plants during the 1980's, when she was commuting regularly between her home in Due West and Clemson University. Jan realized that she was seeing Bradford pears throughout the commute, thriving in many kinds of terrain. She wrote "Who Let the Pears Out?" and shared the article with the S.C. Native Plant Society for distribution.

Jan also joined the SC Exotic Pest Plant Council at that time, and she continues to share information about both the Council and SCNPS with her students at Erskine and with other groups when she gives talks about invasive exotic plants. She also includes identification and control of invasive exotics in the field courses she teaches at Erskine.

When she speaks to garden clubs and other organizations, Jan provides handouts the audience can take home and samples of the

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Dr. Jan Haldeman

Botany Professor, retired from Erskine College

Note
Location!
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Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 pm

Landrum Depot • 211 North Trade • Landrum, SC

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



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SPRING PLANT SALE! Sat., April 16th

Mark your 2016 calendars now to
volunteer and shop at our Upstate
Spring Plant Sale.



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± Approximate
time

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.

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

Speaker: Kay Wade

Topic: Oconee Bells

Tuesday, Mar 15, 7:00pm, Greenville

Speaker: Jim Fowler

Topic: The Green Swamp

Wednesday, Mar 23, Field Trip to Pearson's Falls (Details TBA)

Leader: Virginia Meador

Saturday, Mar 26, Field Trip to Station Cove - Devils Fork (Details TBA)

Leader: Dan Whitten

**Saturday, April 16, 9am - 1pm
SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE!!**

Conestee Park (old baseball stadium), 840 Mauldin Road, Greenville

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plants she is discussing so the audience can learn to identify the invasive plants. She focuses on invasive exotics that are currently being used by landscapers and those that are for sale locally, and shares a list of native alternatives to use in place of imported plants.

Jan also warns that some varieties of "non-blooming" exotic species will indeed bloom and go to seed if they are not pruned regularly; "non-blooming" ligustrum and Chinese privet are examples. Mahonia, or Oregon grape, is another example: the "grapes" should be removed and burned while still green. Sending seeds to a landfill doesn't necessarily take them out of the environment.

At our first 2016 meeting, Jan will provide us with information about avoiding invasive exotic plants in our gardens, replacing them with native plants, and helping to eradicate them from our landscape.

Jan earned her B.S. Degree in biology with distinction from Rollins, her master's degree in biology from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and her Ph.D. in plant physiology from Clemson University. She taught biology at Erskine College from 1967 until retiring in May 2002. She continues to teach Botany courses at Erskine as an adjunct faculty member and to supervise development of Erskine's Botanical Garden. In addition, Jan serves as a member of the board of the South Carolina Native Plant Society.

— Amy Fendley

growings on
at the GREENHOUSE
(Learn more
about propagating
your own plants!)

Propagation Workshop

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

Leader: Miller Putnam

Join Miller Putnam for a free propagation workshop where he will lead a hands-on session covering seed collection, stratification, and planting; making plant divisions, and starting plants from cuttings. "We will start plants for ongoing greenhouse sales and the 2017 Spring Plant Sale and some for you to take home," says Miller.

Workshop is limited to 10 participants. 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.

"Being out in nature resets your biological clock." — Bobby Holliday