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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Events (in Bold)

Fri-Sun, Mar 4-5-6, 2016, Southern Home & Garden Show, Greenville

Attn: All returning and NEW Booth volunteers! — **Now you can sign up online!** GO TO the website scnps.org, click on "Activities...Calendar of Events," click to March, and then click on any Show day to bring up the online sign-up form. You can also email Steve Marlow at <steve@marlowcreativeservices.com>

Haven't volunteered at the Show before? 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. Plus, you get to see the Show either before or after your shift!

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 for interesting plants that can 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 (\$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 .75 miles 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)

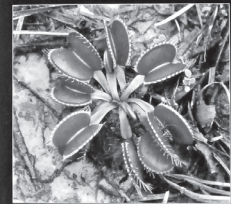
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Flora of the Green Swamp

Jim Fowler's most recent book, *Orchids, Carnivorous Plants, and other Wildflowers of the Green Swamp, North Carolina*, was published in 2015.

Orchids, Carnivorous Plants, and Other Wildflowers of the Green Swamp, North Carolina:

EXPLORING NORTH AMERICA'S MOST DIVERSE ECOSYSTEM



James Alexander Fowler

The first impression many people have of the Green Swamp is the sight they see while traveling north from Supply or south from Bolton along North Carolina Highway 211 in Brunswick County, North Carolina. It is a place of wild, natural beauty that provides the habitat for many rare plants including native orchids and carnivorous plants. This 2-lane highway cuts through the heart of the Green Swamp Preserve and is a beautiful drive through acres of towering, longleaf pine. Separating many of these pine tree savannahs is a thick, almost impenetrable woodland known as a pocosin or evergreen shrub bog.

In his presentation, Jim will tell us about the environmental structure of the preserve and 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 for the preserve to survive.

Jim Fowler was born in Bennettsville, South Carolina. As a child, under the influence of his father and maternal great-grandmother, he developed an interest in nature in general and wildflowers in particular. An independent, self-taught botanist and a former software systems developer, Jim holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Clemson University.

Jim's writing has appeared in the *North American Native Orchid Journal*, *American Orchid Society's Orchid* magazine, the *Native Orchid Conference Journal*, and numerous other publications. He is the author of *Wild Orchids of South Carolina: A Popular Natural History*, published in 2005 by the University of South Carolina Press. His photography has appeared in numerous magazines, newsletters, and websites in North America and overseas. His current website is www.jfowlerphotography.com, and he can be reached by email at <jimstamp@aol.com>

Jim Fowler

Photographer • Author of *Wild Orchids of South Carolina*

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm

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

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



Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) thrives in wetlands and supports the endangered Monarch butterfly. This plant to be featured at our **Spring Plant Sale April 16th.**

Photo courtesy of North Creek Nurseries, Inc.

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Saturday, April 16, 9am - 1pm
SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE!!
840 Mauldin Road, Greenville. Our biggest sale of the year will be at Conestee Park, 840 Mauldin Road, near the former municipal stadium. Spread the word to friends and family!

Tuesday, Apr 19, 7pm, Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC
Speaker: Pam Torlina, Director of Stewardship & Land Protection, PAC
Topic: Polk County's Most Wanted!

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!

Visit the *Our State* website and read Heidi's article about this special place: our-state.com/corneille-bryan-native-garden/

Trip limited to 12 persons; email Janie Marlow <publicity@scnps.org> to reserve a spot. Include cell phone number and if you would be willing to drive.

Saturday, Apr 30, 9am - 1pm
Water 'n' Wildlife Workday • Keowee Toxaway SP (Potluck picnic & guest speakers!)
Projects abound for volunteers: Carolina Fence, planting native plants, removing exotics, trail maintenance, and more! Contact Cathy Reas Foster at <creas@clemson.edu>

DID YOU KNOW if you go to the "Calendar" at scnps.org, click on a day with an activity or program, you'll get a whole page of information? Try it!

**Spring Plant Sale
April 16!**

Planning for the Spring sale is well underway and we need your help! Many volunteer positions are still unfilled. Help is needed April 14 and 15 to label and move plants, April 15 to set up tables and plant areas, and April 16 to greet customers, pull tags and tally plants for checkout, and clear out remaining plants at the end of the sale. No special knowledge required, just a willing pair of hands! To thank you for getting involved, volunteers get first choice to purchase plants on Friday before the sale.

This year's sale is even bigger than before with eight guest vendors and more than 170 types of plants, including some that are especially attractive to backyard wildlife. The volunteer signup form is on the website at SCNPS.org. (Click on "Activities", then "Calendar" and "April 16". On the flyer page, click on the link "To Volunteer." A paper form is also available thru a link on the volunteer page. Complete the form and mail to Diane Coiner, Volunteer Coordinator. Address is on the form.) Join the team and help us build larger native plant communities across the whole Upstate!

For more information on volunteering, contact Diane Coiner at <dcme1@att.net> or 843-0707

On Saturday, January 30th, Bill Sharpton led a group of 13 energetic volunteers in rescuing Christmas ferns (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) from a soon-to-be covered site at Twin Chimneys Landfill in southern Greenville County.



Plant Rescue & Planting

After lunch at a nearby restaurant, the group headed to a section of the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Cleveland Park near the Greenville Zoo to plant the rescued ferns.

Now Here!...



Our handsome SCNPS water bottle! (Thanks Rick Huffman and Bill Stringer.)

— Available for purchase at meetings, the Plant Sale, and beyond!
...only \$8⁰⁰

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Coming (real) soon!



Featuring nearly 400 plant species, the "Wild Plants on the Rabbit" folding pocket guide is on the way to the printer! — Thanks to a host of great sponsors and Janie Marlow's creative graphic design!



Your membership renewal was due in January.
To renew now, please go to <http://scnps.org/scnps-membership/renew-membership/>