

# SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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Greetings!

In addition to our normal fall lineup of guest speakers and field trips, there are a few other events taking place in our state this fall that you should add to your calendar.

- The **South Carolina Exotic Pest Plant Council** (SC-EPPC), in conjunction with the Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council, will host their 2016 Annual Conference **September 14-16** at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Bluffton-Sun City, SC. This year's theme is "In Plain Sight." For more information and to register, please see <http://www.se-eppc.org/southcarolina/>
- The **2016 Annual SCNPS State Symposium** will be held **October 7-9** at the SC Botanical Garden. In keeping with this year's theme, "Native Plants Connect Communities," we are very pleased to have the SC Botanical Garden and the Garden Club of South Carolina cosponsor this event – connecting three of our state's premier botanical and conservation organizations. Our keynote speakers will be Drs. Patrick McMillan and Drew Lanham. More information and registration can be found here: <http://scnps.org/2016-symposium/>
- **Magnolia Plantation & Gardens** and the **Charleston Horticultural Society** will host a Horticulture Symposium – A Showcase of Garden & Home – on Saturday **November 12**. Speakers include Ernest Koone ("Native Azaleas of the Low Country") and our very own Jeff Jackson ("Native Plants in Southern Landscapes – What's Old is New Again") and many more. More information will be provided on the social media pages for both organizations. <https://www.facebook.com/Magnolia-Plantation-and-Gardens-96960662156/>

Katie Ellis  
Lowcountry President

*Fall Native Plant Sale!*

**Saturday, October 22, 9 am -12 noon**

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

*Volunteers can shop at 8:00 am!!*

**Charles Towne Landing parking lot  
1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston 29407**

We have a great selection of native plants with many hard-to-find species... colorful perennials, shrubs, trees, grasses, ferns and edibles. Cash, check, or credit card accepted. A plant list will be available before the sale on the SCNPS website. Admission to the plant sale is free. If you wish to explore Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, please pay admission in the visitor's center. For more information or to volunteer, contact Colette DeGarady, ([cdegarady@tnc.org](mailto:cdegarady@tnc.org), [843-937-8807 ext. 15](tel:843-937-8807)) or visit [scnps.org](http://scnps.org).

## 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**. See map at <http://www.citadel.edu/root/visitor-parking> Yellow indicates visitor parking. SCNPS attendees may also park in the lot just below the Hagood Gate. ***Please join us after each lecture for a reception including hors d'oeuvres and wine, plus native plant give-aways!***

### **September 20: Native Plants: Connections with SC Audubon and Local Nurseries**

*Heather VanTassel, SC Audubon*

*David Manger, Roots & Shoots Nursery & Living Landscapes of Charleston*

Heather, project manager for sustainable solutions for Audubon South Carolina, is working on initiatives aimed at mitigating the negative effects of urbanization and climate change on native wildlife, particularly birds. One of those initiatives focuses on restoring habitat by promoting native plants in backyards and community spaces. David recently purchased Roots and Shoots Nursery from Jane Jabbour & Lynn Meffert. Come meet David, and learn how his business fits in with the Audubon initiative!

### **October 18: Longleaf Pines and Fire Ecology**

*Den Latham, novelist and author of "Painting the Landscape with Fire"*

Using the tools of a novelist, Latham will tell three stories: the story of his personal discovery of a great American forest almost lost to logging and the suppression of healthy fire; the story of foresters and wildlife biologists who work to restore longleaf pine savannas; and the story of the plants and animals that inhabit this rich, diverse, and unique Southeastern landscape.

### **November 15: Learning the Tricks of the Trade: Natural Photography!**

*Ken Carman, naturalist and founder of the Lowcountry Pollinator Park*

For the past 4 1/2 years Ken has been promoting wildlife diversity through his spectacular photography of the wildlife found in Roxbury Park in Meggett, SC. He takes all of his photos with a simple low cost point and shoot camera [Panasonic Lumix DMC FZ70] that allows him to capture both long distance and macro photos without having to change lenses. Ken's presentation will cover topics such as "spotting," "sun angle," "first shot," "hidden opportunities," "to chase . . . or not," as well as cropping and other editing techniques.

### **December 13: Holiday Party**

SCNPS will provide a main dish – please bring a side, dessert, or beverage to share! If you have a suggestion for a venue or would like to host the party, please contact Colette DeGarady at [cdegarady@tnc.org](mailto:cdegarady@tnc.org) or [843-937-8807 ext. 15](tel:843-937-8807). Thank you!

## **STAY CONNECTED:**

If you haven't already, make sure you have signed up to receive email updates on our [scnps.org](http://scnps.org) website (look for a brown box on the right hand side of the main page). Also, be sure to "like" SCNPS on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SCNPS>

## FIELD TRIPS

### **Saturday, September 24, 9 am-11 am**

#### **Driftwood Plantation, Awendaw, SC**

Colette DeGarady, Asst. Director of Science and Stewardship for The Nature Conservancy, will guide participants on a tour of a property recently acquired by The Nature Conservancy. Driftwood is approximately 2,000 acres of mixed pine hardwood, maritime forest, salt marsh, and working cattle farm. The rare Belted Galloway cattle have been bred on this property for more than 20 years and are world-renowned for their superior quality. Learn how conservation management and agricultural use occur here side by side. We'll meet at the "camp house" and walk the border of an impounded wetland to view shorebirds, waterfowl, and crabs. Then we'll take a walk through maritime forest habitat. 1.5-2 hours of hiking will occur on mowed or dirt roads. Bring binoculars, shade hat, snack, water, bug spray, and sunscreen. There will be a 30-person limit to this field trip. Due to limited parking space, please consider carpooling. To register, contact Colette at [cdegarady@tnc.org](mailto:cdegarady@tnc.org) or [843-937-8807 x15](tel:843-937-8807). Directions to the camp house will be provided upon registration.

### **Saturday, November 19, 9:00 am-noon**

#### **Photography Lesson and Tour de Roxbury**

Leader: Ken Carman

Feeling inspired after Ken's lecture? Join him as he points out examples of many of the techniques mentioned in his talks, as well as sharing a number of the special features that Roxbury Park has to offer. There is no group limit, but please RSVP to Katie Ellis ([Kathryn.k.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.k.ellis@gmail.com) or 843-906-9916). Roxbury Park is located at 4468 SC-174, Hollywood, SC 29449. You may meet at the park or carpool (carpool will meet at 8:00 am at Publix West Ashley Place, 3642 Savannah Hwy #132, Johns Island, SC 29455).

## **Community Project Funding Opportunity**

To support the use of native plants in local landscape, the Lowcountry Chapter is accepting applications for its Community Project Grant Program. Community projects must be directed at protecting, preserving, restoring, and/or educating the public about native plants or plant communities in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Individual award amounts will not exceed \$500. **The deadline for Fall 2016 is October 1**, with the grant being awarded by November 1. Please contact Katie Ellis or check <http://scnps.org/lowcountry-chapter-fund-community-projects> for application details.

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