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# UPSTATE happenings

NOVEMBER 2016 ■ NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## Upcoming Society Events

**Saturday, Oct 22, 10:00 am to 12 noon**  
**Bunched Arrowhead Work Day /**  
**Poinsett Hwy at Old Buncombe Rd**  
 (Across from University Square & Publix)  
**Leader - Frank Holleman, NLT**

Bunched arrowhead is a very rare, federally endangered plant that exists only in Greenville and Henderson Counties in the Carolinas. Perhaps the largest population of this plant is in a large Piedmont wetland and stream near Furman University, around which a development is being built. The plants are covered up by exotic grasses growing in the wetland, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has urged that these exotics be removed. So come help us for a couple hours on behalf of these rare plants!

We will meet at the McDonalds at the corner of Poinsett Hwy 276 and Old Buncombe Road at 10 am. We will then go together to the site, which is very nearby. Wear boots, long sleeves, long pants, and gloves. There is some poison ivy on the site, but generally not in the wetlands. We will be walking in and on the edges of the shallow water/mud, pulling up the exotic grasses, Japanese honeysuckle, and a few privet bushes. We'll finish by noon.

**Saturday, Oct 29, 10:00 am to 12 noon**  
**Work Day / "Pulling for Bats" Privet Pull**  
**• Bunched Arrowhead HP,**  
**Travelers Rest, SC**  
**Leader - Mary Bunch, DNR**

Mary Bunch of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources invites SCNPS to participate in a "Pulling for Bats" Privet Pull in the piedmont seepage forest habitat at Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve. We'll also attack some multiflora rose.

We will meet at the Preserve's paved parking area on McCauley Road, Travelers Rest, SC (across from the Monastery of St Clare) at 10 am.

This event is to celebrate National Bat Week, and our work will also benefit endangered bunched arrowhead plants. For other activities for Bat Week please check the official website: <<http://www.batweek.org/>>

Be prepared to hike about 1/2 mile, and wear waterproof boots and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Bring gloves and

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## Mountain Nature

### Why Does there Exist Such High Biodiversity in the Southern Appalachians?

Please welcome Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert on Tuesday November 15, 2016, for a delightful presentation on Southern Appalachia's vast biodiversity.

Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert is a full Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Brevard College, where she has taught since 1997. In January of 2014, she was promoted to Division Chair of Science and Mathematics. She teaches courses in environmental perspectives, biodiversity, and natural history and was awarded the 2003-2004 Award for Exemplary Teaching. She earned her Ph.D. in Zoology from Clemson University in 1995 and completed a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Smithsonian Marine Station in 1996-1997.

For nearly 15 years Jennifer and her husband Edward Ruppert lived in a log cabin that they built in Balsam Grove, NC. They generated their own electricity and lived "off the grid" without a direct connection to the power grid. Once their son, Fritz, was born, they decided to adopt a more traditional lifestyle and built a "normal" home that does connect to the power grid, but is energy efficient and fits into the landscape. She is working on a book entitled *Dreams of Eden* that describes both the skills they acquired in living off the grid and the philosophy they developed in living so close to nature.



Jennifer and morels from the wild!

Many of the skills necessary to live without modern conveniences were cultivated during a period in which Jennifer and Ed lived aboard a sailboat, cruising the Southeast. In 2014, Jennifer published *Waterways: Sailing the Southeastern Coast*, which relates these experiences. Combining insights from ecology and sailing, she blends travel narrative and nature writing to inspire and educate.

Originally from South Carolina, Jennifer grew up with a love of nature and an appreciation for her surroundings. She has written several scientific articles, most recently on the biology of the

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## Jennifer Frick-Ruppert

Professor at Brevard College

**Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 pm**

Founders Hall in Dining Commons,  
 Southern Wesleyan University, Central

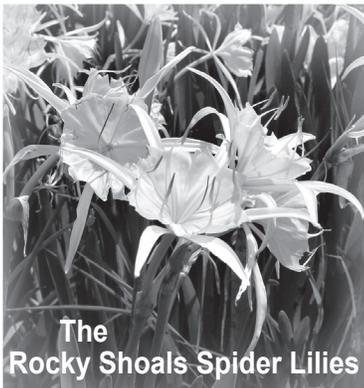
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Appalachians. Illustrated with both color and black-and-white images, *Mountain Nature* conveys the seasonal change in animals and plants of the region, emphasizing their interactions and unique characteristics. It has won praise for lively writing and engaging style.

Her presentation, "Why is there such high biodiversity in the Southern Appalachians?" will focus on describing a little of the astounding local biodiversity and explaining why this region supports such a profusion of life. It will be illustrated with her photographs, many of which are taken from *Mountain Nature*. And she'll bring a few books for sale if you haven't already purchased your own copy!

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**Preservation Project** web page and video are LIVE on our website. (Thank you, Lisa Lord and Jim Ferguson!)

If you missed the Symposium or haven't visited the spider lilies web page, go to [scnps.org](http://scnps.org) and click on the image of the lilies when it comes across on the photos "slider" on the home page.

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Deadline for the December edition is  
**Friday, 4 November 2016**



## OPPORTUNITIES2017

# Spring Plant Sale Needs New Leadership Help

The SC Native Plant Society-Upstate is considering scaling back the scope of the plant sale for Spring 2017. The successful sales of the past two years have put us in a good financial condition so we can look at a smaller sale for next spring.

A smaller sale means less overall work, but does still require a committee of leaders. The Chapter is considering some new projects, so some current leaders need to pass their leadership role to new people. Thus, we are looking for some new help in running the Spring Sale.

All positions from general chairperson to publicity, volunteers coordinator, guest vendor coordinator, holding area manager and sale site manager are available. However, many of the current leaders will still be available to share their experience with new folks. Over fifty of our members worked on some aspect of the sale last April. Put that experience to work by stepping in to help make the Spring 2017 Sale happen.

Most of the leadership roles need organized people, but extensive knowledge of native plants is not a requirement. The site and dates need to be reserved soon, so

don't delay in letting the board know how you can help.

Contact Judy Seeley at [judy\\_seeley@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_seeley@hotmail.com) for more information or call **864 855-6396**.



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your lunch; some drinks will be provided. We can work in light rain but not if it is pouring or storming.

Please email Mary Bunch if you plan to attend: <bunchm@dnr.sc.gov>

**Thursday, Nov 3, 8:15 am to 5 pm ±  
Field Trip/Photo Workshop at Dupont  
SP • Limit 15**

**\*\*Reservations Deadline: Oct 29<sup>th</sup>\*\*  
Leaders: Photographers Bill Robertson,  
Bill Sharpton, and Lynne Scoggins  
Preference given to paid up members. Join us for a day of fun and adventure at Dupont State Forest in NC. We will go to Lake Julia, Bridal Veil Falls, High Falls, Triple Falls, and Hooker Falls. There should be good fall color! Personal instruction available.**

We have permission to drive three vehicles into the forest for transporting photography gear. There is no fee for the workshop but there will be shared costs for entry fees (\$27 gate fee and \$1 per person fee) and possibly for renting a van to stay within the three vehicle limit. Bring camera gear, tripod, and wear field clothing and shoes appropriate for November. For extra protection wear snake gaiters. Bring lunch, snacks, and water.

To reserve for the trip, email Virginia

### Attention Writers!

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

We need a writer or two to join our group of volunteer journalists to contribute to the *Upstate Happenings* newsletter — specifically, to interview our program speakers and put together a short write-up describing their upcoming presentations.

Contact Steve Marlow at <steve@marlowcreativeservices.com>

Meador at <virginia\_meador@hotmail.com>  
Please include a cell phone number for last minute information.

**Tuesday, November 15, 7:00pm, SWU,  
Central, SC  
Program: "Mountain Nature: A Seasonal  
Natural History of the Southern  
Appalachians" Speaker: Jennifer Frick-  
Ruppert (See Page 1.)**

**Tuesday, Dec 13, 7:00pm, University  
Center, Greenville • Christmas Social!**  
Bring finger foods to share; drinks will be provided.

**Tuesday, January 17, 7:00pm, Landrum  
Depot • Landrum, SC  
Program: "Kudzu, English Ivy, and  
Native Trees"  
Speaker: Newt Hardie**

Newt Hardie is President and Chairman of the Trees Coalition, an expansion of the Kudzu Coalition. Hardie says they are a mix of volunteers and paid landscapers who train and work alongside neighborhoods needing help caring for their trees.

**Tuesday, February 21, 7:00pm, SWU,  
Central, SC  
Program: "Waterfalls of SC; Hikes,  
Waterfalls and Wildflowers along the  
way." Speaker: Thomas King**  
Thomas King was hiking in the Upstate before established trails were commonplace. His book, *Waterfall Hikes of the Upstate South Carolina*, features 125 waterfall hikes in the mountains of our area.

**Tuesday, March 21, 7:00pm, University  
Center, Greenville Technical College,  
Greenville, SC  
Program: Stevens Creek HP and Parks  
Mill on Stevens Creek  
Speakers: Bill Sharpton/Dan Whitten**  
(See the special note about the "Spider Lilies Preservation Project" on Page 2.)



**English Ivy does indeed kill trees, but who is posting these signs in the Carolinas and Georgia??**

This picture was taken on White Horse Road in Greenville. — Janie Marlow



You are invited to the dedication of the  
**Skip Still Meadow**  
Monday, October 31, 2016 10:00 am  
SC Dept. of Natural Resources  
311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson SC  
Please RSVP to Renee Watson (864) 878-1394 x114

Questions? Contact Cathy at <creas@clemson.edu>