

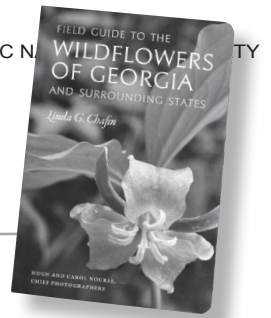
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Upcoming Society Events (in Bold)

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**SATURDAY, April 22, 9:00am - 1:00pm,
Annual Spring PLANT SALE!!
Conestee Park, 840 Mauldin Rd., Greenville**

A three-minute drive south of I-85 near the baseball stadium. Visit our website for more information <www.scnps.org> (See "FYI... Plant Sale" Page 2.)

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Wednesday, April 26, Time Travel to the Blue Ridge Parkway • Black Balsam, 9:00 to 3pm

Leader: Rick Huffman

Itinerary: Field trip will depart from Holly Springs Grocery at the junction of SC 178 and Highway 11. We will carpool through Rosman and up to the Parkway. We will have lunch at Black Balsam, returning around 3pm.

Hike: Short and Moderate. Dress for cooler weather.

Narrative: We are blessed to live so close to the timeless treasure called the Blue Ridge Parkway. Our journey begins in Pickens County and climbs 4 thousand feet up and over the Blue Wall through Rosman, North Carolina. Our journey will carry us through 400 million years of geological time. We will go from temperate spring back to early spring alpine-like conditions. Mile by mile we will see a procession of plants that reflect the geological past and changes in elevation.

To reserve space, email Virginia by **April 23** at <virginia_meador@hotmail.com> and include a cell phone number for last minute information.

Saturday, April 29, 9:00am - Noon Propagation Workshop • Greenville • Class limited to 12 • \$5 materials fee

Instructor: Miller Putnam

Miller Putnam is offering his popular propagation workshop again on Saturday, April 29. This is a hands-on workshop at Miller's greenhouse. You will learn the basics of propagation from seeds, cuttings, divisions, and other techniques. Learn how to propagate plants for your own landscape. You will go home with new skills and some new plants!

Email <judy_seeley@hotmail.com> to sign up. Call Miller at 864 325-9700 with any questions. Location: **180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville**. Preference will be given to current SCNPS members.

Saturday, April 29, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Water, Wildlife, & Wildflower Project Day Keowee-Toxaway State Park, 108 Residence Drive, Sunset, SC. Help with planting native plants at the park. RSVP or questions: Contact: Cathy at <creas@clemsun.edu> or 864-202-5062

Saturday, May 13 & May 20, Open House at the Parks Mill Site, Home to the Rocky Shoals Spider

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Wildflowers of Georgia

We are excited to have Linda Chafin speak to us this May. Like us, she has a passion for plants. She will present her knowledge of native flora which grows in the similar habitats found in Georgia and South Carolina.

Linda grew up on the south side of Atlanta, Georgia. She learned to love plants and the outdoors from camping with her family throughout the United States, and from her mother, aunt, and grandmother, who were all avid gardeners. In 1988, Linda received a Master's Degree in Botany from the University of Georgia. There she studied under Dr. Sam Jones and conducted rare species surveys and natural community inventories throughout the southeastern U.S.

Chafin is the Conservation Botanist with the Science and Conservation Program at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, in Athens. At the Garden, she teaches botany classes, conducts plant and natural community inventories, and writes articles and books about Georgia's native plants. She also works with the Botanical Garden's "Certificate in Native Plants" program where she teaches classes in tree and wildflower identification.

Linda has written three published books. As Senior Botanist for the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, Linda wrote *The Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Florida*, which was published in 2001. The University of Georgia Press published her book, *The Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Georgia* in 2007 and *The Field Guide to the Wildflowers of Georgia and Surrounding States* in the spring of 2016.

The Field Guide to the Wildflowers of Georgia and Surrounding States is the first field guide devoted exclusively to Georgia's wildflowers. However, it includes a large number of plants found in neighboring states. In fact, more than 90% of the species included in this book also occur in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Alabama.

The guide includes nontechnical species descriptions and comparisons with similar or confusing plants, information on habitats and natural communities that support wildflowers and suggestions for the best times and places to see wildflowers. A brief guide

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Linda Chafin

Conservation Botanist • Author • Certificate in Native Plants Instructor

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 pm

Founders Hall in Dining Commons,
Southern Wesleyan University, Central

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

Upcoming Society Events

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Lilies, McCormick County • Leader: Bill Stringer
(See announcement below.)

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00pm, SWU, Central Program: "Wildflowers of Georgia"
Speaker: Linda Chafin
(See write up on Page 1.)

Tuesday, May 23, 10am - 3:15pm, Statewide Meeting (See "Save Date" below.)

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00pm, Greenville Program: Ferns Speaker: Virginia Meador

Friday, June 23, Field Trip: Ferns at Pearson's Falls, Saluda, NC
Leader: Virginia Meador

Saturday, July 8, Field Trip: Mt. Mitchell to see the Purple Fringed Orchids
Leader: Rick Huffman

Rick says to expect a little botanizing along the Blue Ridge Parkway!

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00pm, Landrum Depot • Landrum, SC
Program: "Rare Plants and Botanical Oddities of Low Country Wildlife Refuges"
Speaker: Keith Bradley

FYI... Spring Native Plant Sale

This issue of the newsletter went to press before the April 22 sale date. Many thanks to all who are working at the greenhouse and who will work on the preparation, set-up and actual sale date. Catch the full report with photos in the June newsletter!

The 2017 Plant Sale committee includes the following leaders: Bill Stringer, Judy Seeley, Susan Lochridge, Miller Putnam, Kitty Putnam, Steve Thompson, Ted Thern, Mary Margaret Dragoun, and Kathy Russ.

Georgia Wildflowers...

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to pronouncing scientific names is also included. Linda says, "I know this feature will be beneficial for me so I can impress fellow botanists!"

There are detailed descriptions for more than 750 of the most common wildflowers found in Georgia and throughout the southeastern United States. The brief descriptions of plant communities introduce the reader to the great diversity of habitats in our area.

The species descriptions are organized scientifically by plant family; however, for non-technical users, there is a flower color key with 710 color photos at the back of the guide.

— Rita Zollinger

***** SAVE THE DATE! *****

Statewide Meeting

Tuesday, 23 May 2017

10:00am - 3:15pm

RIVERBANKS BOTANICAL GARDEN
COLUMBIA, SC

\$25 includes lunch

Re-Thinking the Urban Watershed
Through Sustainable Landscape Design —

More topics & speakers! Kim Counts Morganello

To register, go to www.scnps.org/PAGEGOESHERE

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**OPEN HOUSE at
Parks Mill Lilies Site**

***Sat., May 13, 11:00am**

****Sat., May 20, 11:00am**

There is a huge interest in our Rocky Shoals Spider Lily site at Parks Mill on Stevens Creek in McCormick County. We have had so many groups ask about coming that we are scheduling **two** Open House Saturdays, May 13th & May 20th, beginning at 11:00am.

*Upstate Native Plant Society enthusiasts are asked to come on May 13th along with folks from our other state-wide Chapters. On that day, too, we're only inviting the Foothills Chapter of the Sierra Club to join us on Saturday, the 13th.

**The Upper Savannah Land Trust folks, the Savannah River Chapter of Sierra Club, and others will be coming on May 20th.

We will be proudly showing the lilies, the Creek, and the mill machinery. Brief presentations will inform everyone about the people and resources that had to come together to get this site protected. By working to inspire folks to embrace this wonderful resource with the same passion and intent as we do, we're hoping to capture the spirit of a "Friends of the Park's Mill Lilies" group.

Some serious car/van-pooling may be the order of the day, since parking is limited on site. It's a short walk on nearly level ground to the lilies. All persons interested in attending the Open House, please register by emailing Virginia Meador at <virginia_meador@hotmail.com>. Include a cell phone number for last minute information.



The Skip Still meadow restoration project - Work Day on March 30th. Leopold Bench made by and sign installation by Bill Stringer and Miller Putnam... The native plants are starting their Spring comeback! Thank you!!