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UPSTATE happenings

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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Events

(in Bold)

**Friday, June 23, Field Trip: 10:15am to 12:00;
Ferns at Pearson's Falls, 2748 Pearson's Falls
Rd., Saluda, NC**

\$5 Admission* at entrance • Carpool available -
See details below

Leader: Virginia Meador

Hike the quarter mile trail to the falls and identify the eleven species of ferns found within visual reach of the path.

Bring the small field guide, *Fern Finder* by A. and B. Hollowell, to mark the location as we find them.

Suggested items to increase comfort are: lunch and a drink for the end of the walk, a walking stick, pencil/pen for notes in book. *Admission of \$5 is used for upkeep at the glen.

Carpool: Meet at **8:50am** at Home Depot, 1385 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greer, SC, to leave by 9:00am. Email <virginia_meador@hotmail.com> to make reservations. The group is limited to 12. Please give cell number for last minute communication.

**Thursday, July 13, Field Trip 8:30am-3:00pm:
In Search of Mt. Mitchell's Purple Fringed
Orchids and Blue Ridge Parkway Botanizing**

Leader: Rick Huffman

Meet at the Ingles parking lot in Landrum, SC, at intersection of SC Hwy 14 and I-26 at 8:30am.

This will be a park and stroll, low stress, hopefully cool temperature for July, field trip. The edges of the BRP and overlooks will be investigated. Blooming at this time of year are: Fly Poison, Rosebay Rhododendron, Fire Pink, Bee Balm and numerous others. Email <virginia_meador@hotmail.com> to make reservations for this field trip.

**Tuesday, July 18, 7:00pm, Landrum Depot •
Landrum, SC**

**Program: "Rare Plants and Botanical Oddities
of Low Country Wildlife Refuges"**

Speaker: Keith Bradley
(See article this page.)

**Saturday, August 12, Field Trip:
Durant Ashmore Native Plant Nursery**

Leader: Durant Ashmore
(Details pending)

No program meeting in August!
Enjoy the remaining days of summer!



**Thursday, September 7, Field Trip:
Roper Mountain Butterfly Garden**

Leaders: Dr. Cheryl Ross, Virginia Meador
(Details pending)

Save the date!!

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SCNPS Annual Meeting

RARE PLANTS

and Botanical Oddities of Low Country

Wildlife Refuges

Curious about the unique plants treasured by our low country neighbors? Join us on July 18th in Landrum as Keith Bradley shares "*Rare Plants and Botanical Oddities of Low Country Wildlife Refuges.*" Program begins at 7:00 pm; refreshments at 6:30.

Keith was recently asked by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to survey and map the rare plants of the national wildlife refuges in the low country, including the Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve in Horry County, South Carolina. According to Keith, there was not a lot of previous botanical work done in these reserves. "They didn't really know what they had," he says, "so I was starting from scratch."

In his talk, he will highlight some of the unusual finds he discovered during his work surveying rare plants in the low country. He hopes that by attending the meeting, people will enjoy learning about some of the unique plants he has discovered in the wildlife refuges. He is especially passionate about the rare plants that aren't usually given much attention. Some plants, such as the dwarf spring lily (*or pygmy spider lily*), are "under the radar in the conservation community," according to Keith.

Keith Bradley has been a research botanist for over 25 years, with expertise in plant taxonomy and conservation, and has authored southeastern US plant identification guides.

— Jessica Harwood

Keith Bradley

Research Botanist • Author

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 pm

Come at 6:30 for refreshments!

→ Landrum Depot • 211 North Trade • Landrum, SC

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

Upcoming Society Events

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Tuesday, September 19, Greenville Program: **Polinators and the Plight of the Monarch Butterfly**

Leader: **Dr. Sarah V. Ross**
(Details pending)

★★★★★

Ooops!

Plant Sale Volunteer Correction

In the June newsletter, the Volunteer Coordinator was incorrectly identified. Steve Thompson was the Volunteer Coordinator, and he wrangled all 82 great volunteers! Thank you, Steve.

Two plants you don't see every day...

Rosy Twisted-stalk (*Streptopus lanceolatus*) and Umbrella Leaf (*Diphylleia cymosa*) were just waiting for Dan Whitten's camera as he and Sherrie trekked recently into the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area in southwest Virginia.



Rosy
Twisted-stalk



Umbrella-
leaf



Welcome New Members!



- ✓ Connie Bailey-Clayton, Greenville
- ✓ Camille Buck, Greenville
- ✓ Kenneth & Susan Fretz, Greenville
- ✓ Katherine Hollifield, Mauldin
- ✓ Doug Lockard, Greenville
- ✓ Upstate Forever, Andrea Cooper, Executive Director, Greenville

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SCNPS State Board Update

We would like to thank outgoing State President **Jeff Beacham** and Treasurer **Ted Thern** for their many years of service on the SCNPS state board of directors. Jobs well done and greatly appreciated!

Our former Vice President, **Lisa Lord**, will become our new President. **Katie Ellis** was elected as Vice President. **Darlene Sterzinger** assumes the Treasurer's role, and **Laura Lee Rose** continues in the position of Secretary.

The complete list of state board members, as well as Chapter board members, can be found on www.SCNPS.org under "Contact Us".

VOLUNTEER

Pickens County Museum

Native Plant Garden

The native plant garden at the Pickens County Museum is a must see for native plant lovers! This demonstration garden is full of ideas you might use in your own landscape. Designed by Rick Huffman, one of the founders of SCNPS, the garden is lovingly tended by folks from Upstate NPS and Master Gardeners.

Volunteers work on the first two Tuesdays of each month and the first Saturday of the month. We currently start between 7-8 am and stop about 11.

How about coming out to enjoy the garden and also lend a hand with the weeding and up-keep? Arrive when you can. Volunteers often leave with some of the "extras" that the garden produces. Master Gardener Sally Gurrie is the coordinator. Contact her at <sgurrie@att.net> for the monthly schedule, or email Judy Seeley at <judy_seeley@hotmail.com> for more information. Native plants, sunshine, and good company; what better way to spend a morning!

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." — John Muir