



FYI: Your Upstate Native Plant Society participated in this year's BELLFEST event at Lake Jocassee!

UPSTATE happenings

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At February's SWU meeting, Joe Townsend was honored for meritorious service with an SCNPS vest. Looking Good, Joe!



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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Events

(in Bold)

Saturday, April 14, 9:30am - 1:00'ish

Field Trip: Boggs Rock for Rare Spring Ephemerals • Liberty, SC

Meeting Place: Pickens County Museum

parking lot at 9:30am for car pools, 307 Johnson St., Pickens, SC 29671

Leader: Dan Witten

This is another in our "Local Hidden Gems" series of field trips. We will visit Boggs Rock, a granite outcrop in Liberty, then return to Pickens to see the native plant garden surrounding the County Museum. (See this date at the [scnps.org](http://www.scnps.org) website [calendar](#) for more information.)

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00pm,

Program: Photos from Fascinating Trips!

Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC

Speaker: Bill Robertson, photographer
(See write-up this page.)

SATURDAY, April 21, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Annual Spring PLANT SALE!!

Conestee Park, 840 Mauldin Rd., Greenville, SC

A three-minute drive south of I-85 near the baseball stadium. Visit our website for more information <www.scnps.org>

We are changing the sale entry rules this year to give 2018 paid members a special chance to make purchases early and to encourage new people to join NPS.

The gate will open from **9am to 9:30 for PAID MEMBERS ONLY**. At 9:30 the gate will open for the general public. The sale will be open to *everyone* until 1pm.

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00pm,

Program: Shortia Around the World

SWU, Central, SC

Speaker: Dr. LL "Chick" Gaddy

Parks Mill Spider Lily Open House May 19 & 20, 2018

Since the SC Native Plant Society and the Naturaland Trust secured the ownership of the Parks Mill Rocky Shoals Spiderlily site on Stevens Creek in McCormick County and the job of preserving the site for posterity, there has been a large amount of interest by the public in learning more about the Site.

In May of 2017 we held the first Open House event at the Site during the peak bloom season of the lilies. We are planning another Open House event on the site for the weekend of **May 19-20, 2018**.

Members of the SC Native Plant Society and other environmental organizations, as well as the general public, will be able to step onto the historic grist mill site and view the lilies

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Using Nature's Brilliant Imagery,

photographer Bill Robertson specializes in creating a visual atmosphere of serenity, wonder and healing.

"Healing," did you say? Yes.

Psychologist Rachel Kaplan, PhD, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, is at the forefront of research on what they call "restorative environments." She is exploring nature's impact on people's mental functioning, social relationship, and physical well being. In her well-known study called "restorative environments," Dr. Kaplan has found that simply viewing beautiful photographic images from nature can help relieve stress. In fact, patients surrounded by peaceful nature images are easier to manage and less dependent on medications, and their hospital stays are generally shorter.

Another researcher, Roger S. Ulrich, PhD, director of the Center for Health Systems and Design at Texas A&M University, found that heart surgery patients in intensive care units could reduce their anxiety and need for pain medication by viewing pictures depicting trees and water.

Anyone talking photography with Bill Robertson for any period of time knows there are two words very close to his heart (and camera): *water* and *color*, both of which exist abundantly in nature!

"Good water" to Bill Robertson means a waterfall or mountain stream that's flowing at or near capacity, but not flooding. "Good color" translates to stunning, tight-in macro views of colorful wildflowers! Often times, Robertson's photographs are printed in oversized frames and can be seen lining both sides of a hospital hallway or opposite an elevator station. His nature images grace the walls of rehabilitation facilities, hospitals and health centers all around the Southeast, as well as here in Upstate South Carolina.

At the April 17th meeting in Landrum, Bill Robertson will be sharing his brand of nature photography from places like Iceland, Yellowstone National Park, and two others that, for now, will be surprises!

Bill is an avid hiker and a frequent traveler to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, one of his favorite places to roam and photograph. He knows the "Smokies" like the back of his Nikon. At a breakfast several years ago, Bill casually mentioned to me that he had

Photo of Hepatica by
Bill Robertson

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Bill Robertson

Nature Photographer • Avid Hiker

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

Tues., April 17, 7:00 pm

****Landrum Depot****
211 North Trade Ave

Landrum, SC 29356



The Spring Plant Sale on April 21st is Just around the Corner!



Corner!

Our Upstate Spring Sale is at Conestee Park, 840 Mauldin Road, Greenville. Paid members have a special early entry time of 9:00am with the general public admitted at 9:30. Not sure if you have paid?? Check the label on this newsletter where your membership expiration date is below your name.

Make plans now for the native plants you want to add to your landscape.

We still need lots of help for the sale. First of all, invite your friends, neighbors, and other groups to the sale and put a SALE POSTER in their hands, either a paper copy or an electronic copy. The poster can be downloaded from the NPS website, www.scnps.org.

[org](http://www.scnps.org). Go to the April calendar and click on April 21/upstate sale. A personal invitation from you is our best advertisement!

After you download the poster, hit the volunteer here link and sign-up to help at the sale. Sign up for any job you are willing to do and Steve Thompson will get back to you to let you know where you are needed. **There are volunteer slots open on April 19, 20, and 21.**

It takes about 50 volunteers to put on the sale. Volunteers have the opportunity to shop on Friday before the sale. There are several new jobs this year, so check out the list.

We especially need people to arrive around 12:30pm on Saturday to help tear down the sale and transport equipment back to storage and plants back to the greenhouse. Trucks are helpful for the tear down.

The sale is a great way to contribute to NPS with your time and talent, and it is a lot of fun to send all those native plants out to local landscapes! The spring sale generates our largest income of the year and allows us to fund many special projects.

Judy Seeley is still looking for an apprentice sale coordinator for next year. We have a great committee planning the sale this year. You could be a planner and leader in 2019!

Contact Judy at <judy_seeley@hotmail.com>

THANK YOU!

to our 28 SCNPS Team Volunteers who gave time and energy at the recent *Southern Home & Garden Show!!* (You know who you are :-)
Eighty-three (83) attendees registered to know more about the Society and our mission!

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Native Plant Society
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in their full glory. There will be Native Plant Society members present to serve as guides and to answer questions during the hours of **10:00 till 12:00** and **1:00 to 3:00** on both **Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and May 20.** We will make brief presentations on the lilies preservation and on-going efforts to stabilize the historic mill facility. As there is very limited parking at the Site, we ask that visitor groups indicate which of the four time slots they prefer, and that very rigorous car-pooling practices be observed.

For more info on the Parks Mill site, go to <<http://scnps.org/activities/rocky-shoals-spider-lily-preservation-project/>>

— Dr. Bill Stringer

Tuesday, June 19, 7:00pm,
Program: **Saving Our Hemlocks**
Greenville, SC **Speaker: Donna Shearer**

Nature's Brilliant Imagery...

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"only about 70 more miles to do!"

"To do what?" I asked.

"I'll finish all 850 miles of backcountry trails in the Smokies," he said, allowing a Cheshire Cat grin.

At another breakfast just a few weeks later, Bill said he was having "bittersweet thoughts." He had only one more trail to hike, one that was less than ten miles. "I feel mentally 'torn' between doing it or not doing it." Bill loved the Smokies so much and liked the challenge of completing all the trails, but wasn't really sure that he wanted to hike that last mile...

But he did.

— Steve Marlow

growings on
at the GREENHOUSE

The greenhouse is burgeoning with plants for the **April 21** sale. Workdays coming up are:

Tuesday, April 3
Wednesday, April 11
Tuesday, April 17
Wednesday, April 18
Thursday, April 19...

...for the last push before the sale. We will work mornings, 8am to Noon. Come when you can within those hours. You can also come out on your own on other dates. Contact Miller Putnam at 327-9700 to schedule individual times.

Remember to dress in layers, bring water and any snacks you need along with gloves and a hat. Check your garden storage area for plant pots to donate to the greenhouse. We need 4in, trade (3/4) gallon and full gallon sizes. Black pots only please, although we can use green or black for the 4in.

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