

The FEBRUARY program meets at Easley High School! See map on Page 4!

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# UPSTATE happenings

FEBRUARY 2015 ■ NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## Upcoming Events ± Approximate time

**Tuesday, Feb 17, 7:00 pm, Easley**

**Speaker: Patrick McMillan**  
(See Page 1.)

This special meeting will be held at the auditorium of the new Easley High School. Plug in 965 Pelzer Highway in your GPS and check the map on Page 4.

**Saturday, Feb 21, Greenville**

**"Potting Party" 10:00 am to Noon; Lunch; Propagation Workshop 1:00 pm to 3 pm±**

(See details on Page 2.)

Address: 180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville

**Fri-Sun, March 6-7-8, Spring Southern Home & Garden Show, Greenville**

Attn: Booth volunteers! — Sign up early at the February meeting in Easley!

Haven't worked the Show? You do **not** have to be a botanical expert. Simply greet people, hand out flyers and invite them to our field trips and monthly programs. Shifts are only three (3) hours, plus you get in to see the Show! Parking is free for exhibitors.

E-mail [steve@marlowcreativeservices.com](mailto:steve@marlowcreativeservices.com) or call (864) 430-2604.

**Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm, Landrum Depot, Landrum (Spartanburg County)**

**Program: 20 Years of Hawthorn Hunting — Stories from the Journey!**

**Speaker: Ron Lance**

Ron Lance is an expert on all things woody and the author of the recent book, *Haws — A Guide to Hawthorns of the Southeastern United States*. The preparation of this guidebook included more than 20 years of exploration, a journey filled with botanical discoveries of many kinds, in all manner of places.



The author will share descriptions, stories and pictures of the most memorable experiences gained from hawthorn hunting. His book will be available at the meeting.

**Thursday, March 19, 9:00 am to 3 pm± Field Trip to Chesnut Ridge HP**

Spring wildflowers and photography!  
**Leaders: Bill Robertson, Lynne Scoggins, and Bill Sharpton**

This is an outing for both photographers and non-photographers to enjoy the wildflowers of this nearby heritage preserve. (Details on Page 3.)

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## Rediscovering Catesby

Have you ever wondered what natural really is?

What is truly Carolinian?

What our Piedmont was like 300 years ago?

*"An exciting joint project of the SC Botanical Garden and Furman University, 'Botanica Caroliniana' is helping us answer some of these intriguing questions."*

— Dr. Patrick McMillan

Mark Catesby, an intrepid explorer and naturalist, arrived in South Carolina in 1722 and spent over two years traveling far beyond the English settlements, documenting and describing the marvels of the wild interior of Carolina. His *Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands* is well-known for its dazzling illustrations and tales, but this is only part of the story. The collections sent back to England that now reside at Oxford and in the Sloane Herbarium at the Natural History Museum, London, complete the description of what South Carolina was like during the first decades of European settlement.

Join Patrick as he takes us back in time to examine a Carolina that most of us would find quite foreign today — and learn just how powerful our choices are in transforming the world around us.

Visit — <http://folio.furman.edu/projects/botanicacaroliniana/>

— Eva Pratt



## Patrick McMillan

Host, co-creator, and writer of Emmy-award winning ETV nature program *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*

**Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm** with reception following

NOTE LOCATION!

Easley High School Auditorium • 965 Pelzer Highway 8, Easley

(See map on Page 4.)

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

# Propagation Workshop and "Potting Party," Saturday Feb. 21st

- **Potting Party 10 am to Noon.**  
(Open to everyone)
- **Lunch Noon to 12:45.**
- **Workshop 1 pm to 3 pm±**  
(Members only, \$10 instructor/supplies fee)

You are invited to an informal "Potting Party" in the morning and a members only workshop on propagation techniques in the afternoon, both at **Miller and Kitty Putnam's greenhouse at 180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville.**

The potting party is to pot up plant divisions to be sold at the April 18 spring NPS plant sale. With an early start in the greenhouse, the plants should be in

good shape by April. You are encouraged to look around your property for native plants you could divide and bring to the potting session. We would like 10-20 of each plant. Email Miller with a list of what you could potentially bring. We will let you know if your plants are ones we can use for the sale. If you do not have plants to bring, there will still be plenty to pot up. Bring gloves, a trowel and your lunch and a drink.

After lunch, expert nurseryman **Joe Townsend**, assisted by **Betsy George**, will share his wisdom on growing plants from seed, cuttings, and by other techniques. Learn the how and when of

propagating plants for your own garden and for our spring sale. There will be a \$10 instructor and supplies fee. The workshop will run from 1pm to about 3pm. Registration limited to 12. Bring a notepad, pen, and gardening gloves.

You can come for both sessions or for just one. In either case, plan to bring your own lunch and drink for the Noon to 12:45 social time. Dress in layers as the greenhouse is solar heated only.

To register, email Miller Putnam at [millerputnam@gmail.com](mailto:millerputnam@gmail.com) with cc to [judy\\_seeley@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_seeley@hotmail.com). Carpooling is encouraged, as parking space is limited.

## New Plant Sale Site Needed!

Help!! We need a new plant sale site!

The parking lot at University Center may not be available in April and will definitely not be available next fall. We need to find a new plant sale location. If you have any suggestions, have any good contacts, or know of a site, please contact **Dan Whitten** ASAP at [sdwhit10@aol.com](mailto:sdwhit10@aol.com).

Greenville members, please keep your eyes open as you drive around, and take on the project of finding us a great, new spot that has:

- 1) A place with easy access
- 2) Ample parking, and
- 3) High visibility

We can pay a modest rental fee. NPS is a non-profit organization. Do you know a businessperson or a land owner who would like to help us out, do a good deed, and *take a tax deduction* for their donation of space? E-mail me. Dan W.

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Deadline for the March edition is **Monday, 2 February 2015**



## Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES 2015

### — Native Plant Garden at Pickens County Museum

I recently had the pleasure of spending a morning with the dedicated crew of volunteers who work hard to keep the **Pickens County Museum's native plant garden** in good condition. Frequently, the volunteers have to "cut back" or "dig out" plants that are encroaching on other plants. So I came over to "harvest" some of these plants which will eventually be sold at the SCNPS spring and fall sales.

This volunteer crew is a dedicated bunch and you can tell they know what to do as they discuss the various plantings needing attention with Diane Coiner, volunteer coordinator. As a result of their morning's work, I returned to my greenhouse with my truck bed full of plants potted (70+) and labeled ready to be sold at a subsequent Native Plant Sale. I was struck with the group's dedication and comradery. These volunteers have fun!

Diane and the crew are looking for a few more volunteers this coming year. They meet every first and second Tuesday morning. If the weather is not cooperating, they have a favorite coffee spot. This is a great group of volunteers who make a big difference on this beautiful "all Native" garden that surrounds the museum.

Interested in joining this group? Contact Diane Coiner at [dcme1@att.net](mailto:dcme1@att.net) or (864) 843-0707.

— Miller Putnam

### — Field Trip Coordinators, One Trip at a Time

Do you love going on the NPS field trips? Many of our members joined NPS because of a great field trip. We want to keep them going and need a few people to help organize, plan, and coordinate trips.

**Could you take on planning one trip in 2015?** Is there a spot you would love to visit? Well, shout out that idea and sign on to make it happen. Duties include picking a destination and date, finding a trip leader (if not you!), and taking reservations. Some ideas for 2015 are already partially planned — just waiting for a volunteer coordinator to step in! Contact **Judy** at [judy\\_seeley@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_seeley@hotmail.com).

**Planning for the plant sale** has started with the selection of Saturday, April 18 as the date. Now, we need a team of willing organizers to make the sale happen. There are openings in almost all areas. We will have minimal full committee meetings. Our plant sales support not only the goals of NPS but bring in most of our yearly revenue. Here are your leadership opportunities. You can play a BIG role without feeling over-committed.

**1. Plant Sale Co-Chairs (2):**

1. Judy Seeley / Rita Lance. Positions Filled!

**2. Plant Propagation:**

2. Grow and prepare plants for the sale. Miller Putnam is growing perennials at his greenhouse and maintaining plants left from last fall. Bill Stringer and Judy Seeley are growing plants at their homes. We need more members to propagate and share plants. We also need volunteers to help at Miller's greenhouse. Email Miller Putnam at millerputnam@gmail.com with your potential plant donations or to volunteer at the greenhouse.

**3. Guest Vendor Coordinator:**

3. Betsy George. Position Filled!

**4. Publicity:**

4. We need several people to handle poster design, printing and distribution, online listings and press releases to the list serve, email to our mailing lists, and other outlets. Arrange for customer email sign-up sheets at the sale. New creative ideas needed to get out the word about our plant sales... Twitter? Facebook?

**5. Bookkeeper:**

5. Keep track of expenditures, coordinate reimbursements and payments, and reconcile vendor sales/payments (with vendor liaison Betsy George).

**6. Plant Buyer / Transporter:**

6. Bill Sharpton / Steve Marlow. Position Filled!

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**7. Plant Labeling & Pricing / Plant Information Cards**

Dan Whitten. 1st position Filled!  
2nd person to research, print and have laminated the photo/information cards to post with plants.

**8. Holding Area Manager:**

8. JoAnne Conner. Position filled!

**9. Volunteers Coordinator:**

9. Recruit and schedule volunteers for Thursday, Friday and Saturday to do final plant preparation, transport plants, unload plants, set-up site, staff sale on Saturday, and clean up site, inventory plants, and transport plants after the sale. We will have an on-line volunteer sign-up system in place.

**10. Plant transportation Coordinator:**

10. Works with volunteer coordinator to find trucks/drivers. Supervise loading of plants at Putnams' place, transporting and unloading plants at site on Friday and returning plants to the Putnams' after the sale.

**11. Site Set-up Managers (2):**

11. Plan site layout. Prepare materials for marking and numbering plant squares. Pick up fencing, tables, tents, etc. at storage unit. Supervise and instruct volunteers doing site layout on Friday and supervise site set-up of tents, tables, signs etc. on Saturday. Return equipment to storage after the sale.

**12. Hospitality Coordinator:**

12. Make, buy, or find volunteers to donate simple refreshments, purchase cups, plates, etc., and supply water/coffee for volunteers on Friday and Saturday. All purchases reimbursed.

**13. Special Projects Coordinator:**

13. Identify and invite presenters/demonstrators for the sale. Sell special merchandise such as mycorrhizal tabs, fertilizers, seeds, t-shirts, etc.

**14. Master of Ceremonies:**

14. Play host at the sale, use PA system to make announcements, and to interview vendors, experts, and guest presenters.



**Many hands make light work. We need ALL our members helping out to make the sale a success!**

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

## Field Trip to Chestnut Ridge HP

Thurs., March 19th  
9 am to 3 pm±

Optional carpool meets at 8:15 am at McDonalds, University Square Shopping Center near Furman.

*Leaders: Bill Robertson, Lynne Scoggins, and Bill Sharpton*

This is an outing for both photographers and non-photographers to enjoy the wildflowers of this nearby heritage preserve. The trail is of moderate difficulty up and over Squirrel Mountain. The photography group will hike in and out a total of **4 miles**. Photographers should bring their camera gear and a tripod. Our leaders will give tips and advice on nature photography. *Non-photographers* will move more quickly along the trail, botanizing, all the way to the Pacolet River for a total in and out of **6 miles**.

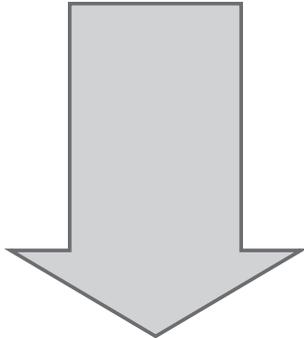
Meet at the trailhead parking area at 9am. The HP is off Hwy. 11 at Oak Grove Road, Landrum, SC 29356. Go to <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands> for directions and trail map. Bring a lunch, water, and snacks. Wear hiking footwear, seasonal clothing and a hat.

To reserve for this trip, email Judy Seeley at [judy\\_seeley@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_seeley@hotmail.com). Please give a cell phone contact for last minute information and indicate if you plan to carpool or to drive directly.

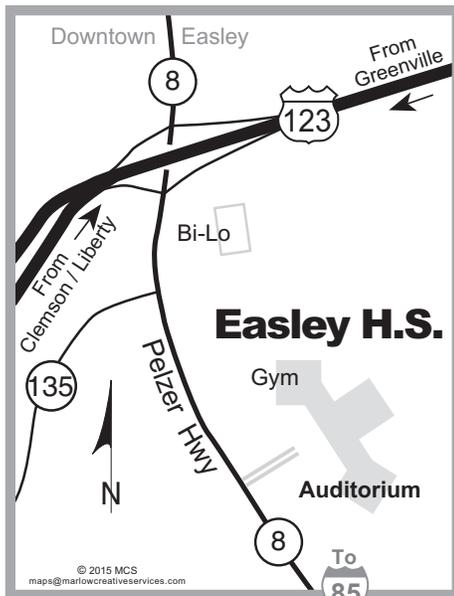
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## Map TO the February Meeting!



Most maps and GPSs will take you to the OLD high school. To get to the new Easley High School, plug in **965 Pelzer Highway, Easley**. That will get you to the entrance as shown on Page 1 and at the double "road" lines above.

Parking should be available in and around the **auditorium** area.

### Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve WORKDAY — Jan 10, 2015

Five hardy volunteers participated in the workday along with three SCDNR staff. The trail was cleared of down trees (*thanks Bill and Rusty*), and Japanese honeysuckle and privet were pulled up in the rare plant zone.

Some litter was removed. It was a brisk morning but not too brutal. The ground was frozen at the overlook but not in the areas below. It was too cold for any herbicide work.

— Mary Bunch, Biologist/Preserve Manager



**DNR**  
bunchm@dnr.sc.gov

## Upcoming Events ± Approximate time

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**Saturday, April 4, 9:30 am to 3 pm±**  
**Field Trip to Betsy and David George's property on Oil Camp Creek  
plus a trek into Jones Gap SP • Rain date is Saturday, April 11.**

**Leader: Betsy George**

Betsy and David invite us for a morning to enjoy spring wildflowers along Oil Camp Creek. We will eat lunch at the Georges' home and then carpool or shuttle folks to the end of Oil Camp Creek Road to hike the access trail to Pinnacle Pass Trail, #20, in Jones Gap State Park. We will walk on an old Civilian Conservation Corps road built back in the 1930s, going at least one-half mile to Oil Camp Falls with its cataract bog at the base. You can expect to see a wide variety of spring flowers including trout lily, Vasey's and sweet Betsy trillium, yellow root, dwarf crested iris, bloodroot, mayapple, wood anemone, and much more.

Meet at 9:30 at the Georges' home, **229 Oil Camp Creek Road, Marietta, SC 29661**. There is ample parking. Wear hiking footwear and clothing. Bring your lunch, snacks, and water. Hiking sticks suggested for one short climb. High clearance vehicles required for the last bit of Oil Camp Creek Road. Parking there is very limited.

Email **Judy Seeley** at [judy\\_seeley@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_seeley@hotmail.com) to reserve your space. Please indicate the number in your party and give a cell phone number for last minute information.

**Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 pm, SWU, Central  
Program: Nature Journaling**

**Presenter: Gale McKinley**

Gale McKinley is an award-winning artist who strives to create artwork that "will trigger in others the realization that nature is not an entity apart from ourselves, but that we are an integral part of the natural world..."

**Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm, Greenville**

**Speaker: Tim Lee**

Tim is a Naturalist and Interpretive Ranger with the SC State Park Service at Caesar's Head and Jones Gap State Parks. His responsibilities include educational programs and exhibits, as well as inventorying and monitoring flora and fauna. Tim has been instrumental in the success of the Master Naturalist program in the Upstate.

### Plant Sale Lost and Found

At our last two plants sales we found a few things and hope you might be the one who lost them. In Spring 2014, someone left a **Starbucks mug**. In Fall 2014 someone left a **dark brown pullover sweater**. Also, several years ago, someone left **two Adirondack chairs** at a sale.

If any of these items belongs to you, contact Betty and Ted Thern at [tthern@netzero.com](mailto:tthern@netzero.com) to claim your poor, lost, lonely item.

4 *Some folks acknowledge that the first thing they ever came to was an SCNPS Field Trip!*