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UPSTATE happenings

JULY 2014

NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 9, 9:00 am
Field trip to Nancy Barnette's property
and N. Pacolet River, Saluda, NC

Leaders: Nancy Barnette and Dan Whitten
Carpools meet at 8 am or meet at 9 am
at the hike site.

Let's go to the cool mountains to explore a most interesting private property which includes the headwaters of the N. Pacolet River. Nancy Barnette has invited us to do a one way hike (we will do a car shuttle) from her house to a cottage on her property where we will eat lunch. The hike will be through a wild area and the trail is not highly groomed. We will cross the river (headwaters) twice. Nancy expects the turk's cap lily, black cohosh and astilbe to be in bloom and we will see many other native plants along the way. There is a waterfall on the property and we may hike to it if there is time.

Please wear field clothing and shoes that can get wet. Bring a hiking stick, lunch, water, and sunscreen.

There are two carpool sites: Holly Springs Store at the intersection of Hwys 11 and 178 in Pickens, and Cherrydale Mall in Greenville, in the lot in front of Regal Cinemas Cherrydale Stadium 16 at 3221 N. Pleasantburg Dr.

Meet at one of the carpool sites at 8 am or drive directly to 685 Mine Mountain Road, Saluda, NC 28773, arriving no later than 9 am.

Email judy_seeley@hotmail.com to reserve for the hike. Please include a cell phone number for last minute communications.

Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 pm

Program: Create a Carolina Yard!

Speaker: Cathy Reas Foster (See Page 1.)

Thursday, August 7, 8:30 am - 12 noon

Field Trip: "Lookin' at Paw Paws" at Clemson University's Musser Fruit Research Center and Richard Cain's property.

Leaders: Dave Ouellette & Richard Cain
Paw Paws, our native "tropical" fruit tree, have generated lots of interest in the past few years.

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Stormwater pollution is our most common cause of water pollution and is a challenging water quality problem. Unlike pollution from industrial or other point source discharges, stormwater or non-point source pollution is caused by the daily activities of people everywhere. Rainwater and snow-melt run off streets, lawns, farms, and construction and industrial sites and pick up fertilizers, pesticides, sediment, oil and grease, bacteria and many other pollutants on the way to our rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.

Because stormwater pollution is caused by so many different activities, traditional regulatory controls will only go so far. But each of us can help by managing our own landscapes in a way that enhances water quality and protects the environment.

Create a Carolina Yard!

Clemson Extension Service's "Carolina Yards" program was created to help homeowners with landscape management. The Extension Service's Cathy Foster will describe and illustrate this popular program, whose goal is to assist homeowners in creating an environmentally-friendly yard that will ultimately protect and enhance the watersheds that we all depend on.



The Carolina Yards program includes a user-friendly, comprehensive website that lists a dozen specific actions you can take to protect the environment as you beautify your surroundings. You can even accumulate "inches" for each action until you reach 36 inches and achieve certification of your "Carolina Yard."

On the Carolina Yards website, clicking one of the "actions" listed leads to a page that provides specific steps, tips, and even videos about the topic. You can get an overview of environmentally-friendly lawn care, for instance, or you can pursue in-depth information about particular aspects of the topic – fertilizing, mowing, watering, or other topics.

The Carolina Yards program describes low maintenance, low cost actions that will enhance the environmental quality of your yard, neighborhood and surrounding waterways. That's a big impact for a small investment of time and effort. Some of the actions, such as reducing the need for the use of chemicals, removing invasives and adding native plants, also include a bonus — attracting more butterflies and birds to your yard!

— Amy Fendley

Cathy Reas Foster

Natural Resources & Carolina Clear Agent • Pickens County Extension Service

Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 pm

Founders Hall in Dining Commons,
Southern Wesleyan University, Central

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Dave Ouellette, who spoke about Paw Paws at an NPS meeting last year, will give us a tour of the trees at Clemson's Research Center in Seneca. We will then travel to Richard Cain's property in Westminster to see his home grown Paw Paws and take a hike around Richard's place. He has done frequent burns over the past two decades and has an interesting grassy meadow.

Richard plans to show us Allegheny mountain goldenbanner (*Thermopsis mollis*), a stand of silverbell shrubs and a variety of other native plants as we walk the trail. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring sunscreen and water.

Meet at 8:30 am at 604 S. Friendship Road, Seneca, SC 29678. Park by the main office building. Let Judy know if you would like to share a ride to Seneca. She will put possible carpoolers in contact with each other.

Email judy_seeley@hotmail.com to reserve your space. Please send your cell phone number for last minute communications.



FIELD TRIP to Ashmore and Eva Russell Chandler Heritage Preserves

— Saturday, 24 May 2014

NPS hikers were "over the fence" excited to find blooming tuberous grasspink and rose pogonia along with mountain sweet pitcher plant at Ashmore Heritage Preserve.

It was a beautiful day as Dan Whitten led the hike to Ashmore HP and then to the spectacular view and waterslide on a granite outcrop in Eva Russell Chandler Heritage Preserve.

MONTHLY PROGRAM CHANGE!

At the recent Upstate SCNPS board meeting on June 10th, a motion passed by majority that the month of August will be exempt from regular monthly programs. Our monthly newsletter schedule is not affected.

After the summer "break," we'll see you in **Central on September 16th!**

BULLETIN BOARD

NPS is already working hard toward having a successful Fall Plant Sale. We now have something we have not had before, a *greenhouse to propagate our own plants*.

There are many reasons why members who are interested in propagating plants may want to help in the greenhouse:

- **Every dollar we make** for the NPS goes toward worthy projects like saving a population of endangered Bunched Arrowhead or ridding invasive species like Fig Buttercup from Conestee Nature Park.
- **Working in the greenhouse** is an opportunity to learn more about propagation or refine and test your propagation knowledge in real life.
- **Working in the greenhouse** offers a special

opportunity for members whose job or hectic schedule has prevented volunteer time. You can be totally on your own schedule as the jobs can be accomplished by yourself when you have time to help out.

- **As a greenhouse volunteer**, there are often opportunities to pot up a species for yourself that you don't already have from extra seeds or extra plugs we are not going to use.

The greenhouse is located at 180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville, near Lake Conestee Nature Park. Contact me so I can share what we are doing and how you can be a part of producing these wonderful native plants.

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