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JULY 2012

UPSTATE *happenings*

Plants & Adventures ALONG THE *Appalachian Trail*

Heyward Douglass, who is known in the upstate for his long-term involvement with the local Foothills Trail, recently became well acquainted with a very different trail – the Appalachian Trail. Heyward spent the spring and summer of 2011 – from March 12 through September 20 – hiking the length of the Appalachian Trail, from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine's Mount Katahdin, and he will describe his adventures at our July meeting.

Heyward says the early March start date ensured that he would be able to complete the trail before winter weather closed the northern section, but it also led to a big disappointment. He was looking forward to seeing spring in the Smoky Mountains — and he missed it. It turns out that spring doesn't arrive in the Smokies as early as he had anticipated, so it was still winter when he traveled that section of the Trail.

However, he did see many beautiful places and plants as the summer progressed, and he will share pictures and stories of many of them. Heyward wants his audience to know what it's really like out there on the Trail, and he will describe some of the basics — accommodations, food, and the people he met. No, he didn't sleep on the ground all the time, and no, he didn't have to forage for food — or even live on dehydrated stuff in little packets.

Of course Heyward plans to include lots of pictures of the plants and flowers along the trail. His program will provide an opportunity to see some new and different native plants; natives of more northerly areas, that is. Heyward commented that once he left the Southeast he encountered lots of unfamiliar plants and

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Heyward Douglass
Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 pm

Founders Hall in Dining Commons,
Southern Wesleyan University, Central

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Upcoming Events

Monday-Friday, July 16-20 PULSE coming to Enoree District of Sumter National Forest

We are invited to participate in PULSE 2012, the 25th Annual Carolina Vegetation Survey Field Foray. Any level of experience is appropriate; the only requirement is that you bring an enthusiasm for field work.

During July 16-20, Pulse will focus on the north-central Piedmont of South Carolina with special emphasis on the Enoree District of the Sumter National Forest. Complimentary lodging for participants at Newberry College has been arranged. To find out more, visit the website <http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/pulses.htm>

To get on the mailing list to receive PULSE announcements, email Dr. Bob Peet, peet@unc.edu

Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 pm The Natural and Cultural History of Fire in the Southlands

We often tend to think of fire as a destructive force that must be stopped as soon as possible. Outdoorsman, land manager, and DNR biologist Johnny Stowe is fascinated by the natural and human history of fire and our perceptions and uses of it. Johnny has experienced, studied, and managed fire in the Southeastern landscape, and he will discuss the philosophies and benefits of burning, both historically and currently, illustrating his points with photos of many types of ecosystems. Greenville Tec @ University Center, 225 S Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville.

Put it on your calendar!

Saturday, Sept 22

Fall Native Plant Sale!

Parking lot of University Center, 225 S Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville.

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Stay tuned in...

The new South Carolina Native Plant Society website is now "live" at scnps.org !

With the new site, member services including renewals and new memberships can be completed online with a secure credit card payment. We have also added a bookstore, expanded our education section and created many new ways for you to stay informed.

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In the coming weeks, our new e-mail announcement system will be replacing the listserve. The current Yahoo e-mail system is difficult to join and difficult to maintain. With the new system, simply go to our home page, provide your e-mail address and hit "subscribe"... that's it. You will be able to unsubscribe at any time.

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Please check out our new site... and thank you for supporting SCNPS!
— Harry Davis

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had to ask other hikers what they were.

Heyward is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic birder, and he thoroughly enjoyed all of the birds he saw and heard. He kept a record of the birds he encountered and reports there were a good many surprises in what he saw, even though he had previously birded over much of the United States.

Whether you are considering an Appalachian Trail adventure of your own or are a confirmed armchair hiker, Heyward's program promises to provide a fascinating look at the sights and sounds of American's most famous hiking trail. — Amy Fendley