



The July meeting is at SWU in Central! See below.

UPSTATE happenings

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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Patrick McMillan
speaks in
September!
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Upcoming Events

± Approximate Times

Saturday, June 20, 9:30am - 4pm±
Field Trip Loop Hike: Whitewater Falls to Round Mountain on the Foothills Trail
Leader: Dan Whitten

Meet at 9:30 at the gravel parking area where the Foothills Trail crosses NC 281. After climbing 600 feet over Grassy Knob to Round Mtn, we'll take a spur trail back to WWF and the parking area, a distance of just under five (5) miles.

The feature is a chance to see and photograph the rare Ash-leaf Golden-banner, *Thermopsis fraxinifolia*. Also featured are the views of Lakes Jocassee and Keowee from 3000 feet! Contact D. Whitten at sdwhit10@aol.com to register.

Saturday, July 18, 9:30am - 4:30±
Paddle/Hike Cascade Lake and DuPont Forest Waterfall Trails
Leader: Dan Whitten

Meet at fishing access parking just north of Wildcat Wayside at the intersection of SC 11 and US 276 by S. Saluda River at 9:30 to carpool to Cascade Lake Campground.

Flatwater paddling around Cascade Lake and to Hooker Falls. Hike to Triple and High Falls then back to boats. Then down Little River back to put-in. Sit-on-top kayaks and stand-up paddleboards available for \$10/person or bring your own boat.

Contact Dan Whitten to register at sdwhit10@aol.com. Limit of 12 for kayak rentals and 6 for paddleboard rentals. Small additional fee for campground access.

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00pm, SWU, Central Lake Jocassee: Jewel of the Upstate!
Speakers: Brooks and Kay Wade
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Put Your Creative and Organizational Skills to Use!

Field Trips Coordinator

In this important NPS position, you plan and schedule outings to special native plant areas in the Upstate, or to places like the Blue Ridge Parkway, for example. You may have some ideas?

Contact our present coordinator, Judy Seeley, at judy_seeley@hotmail.com or call (724) 882-4177 for more information.



Lake Jocassee

JEWEL OF THE UPSTATE!

Did you know that here in Upstate SC we have our own "biological hotspot", an area with an incredible diversity of lifeforms? Lake Jocassee has earned this distinction because of its many microclimates, each giving rise to distinct forms of flora and fauna. On July 21st, Kay and Brooks Wade of Jocassee Lake Tours, will be presenting a program entitled "Lake Jocassee: Jewel of the Upstate." They will share the story of this unique area, focusing on the indigenous wildlife.

When the Wades moved to the Lake Jocassee area several years ago, they were not only fascinated with the lake's biodiversity, but also amazed at how this vast diversity was so easily

accessible by boat. The Wades discovered that a short boat tour could incorporate over a dozen microclimates, from rocky outcroppings to bogs, each with its unique forms of flora and fauna.

"When you fall in love with a place, you want to learn more and more about it," says Kay. This curiosity led her and Brooks to complete the Master Naturalist program through the Clemson Extension. She credits this program with opening their minds and allowing them to "observe the world in a new way."

Although both Kay and Brooks had always been intense nature lovers, their new love of the lake led them to rethink their careers.

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Brooks and Kay Wade

Owners/Operators of Jocassee Lake Tours • Professional Gardening Services

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 pm

Founders Hall in Dining Commons,
Southern Wesleyan University, Central

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

Photo: View of Lake Jocassee from Jumping Off Rock © Steve Marlow

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Search for Native



The greenhouse project is in need of more and varied seed for our seed bank.

If any members have seed now or can collect seed this summer/fall and share with us, it will be a very important contribution to NPS.

Please provide your seed with their botanical name (*genus and species*) the date and location collected, your name, and if they have been stratified or not.

Contact Miller Putnam, (864) 325-9700, or millerputnam@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Events (continued from page 1)

Thursday, August 6, 9:15am - 1:00pm
Field Trip on Lake Jocassee • \$30 cost
Leaders: Brooks and Kay Wade

Beat the August heat with a three hour pontoon boat tour of Lake Jocassee. This trip follows-up the July general meeting presentation by Brooks and Kay Wade about Lake Jocassee. The Wades will show us the flora and fauna of the lake and shore and explain how Lake Jocassee came to be. No doubt a few waterfalls will be included in the trip.

In August we can expect to see a shore lined with flowering sourwoods, blooming devil's walkingstick, the red cones of fraser magnolias, cardinal flower, blue lobelia, mountain mint, asters and sunflowers, and possibly some colonies of bryozoans underwater. Great blue herons and even a family of bald eagles could show up!

Meet at the boat ramp at Devil's Fork State Park at 9:15 for a 9:30 departure. Cost is \$30 per person payable upon arrival. Restroom facilities available at the Visitors Center. There is a small park entrance fee or bring your state park pass. To reserve your space, email your name, cell phone number and the number in your party to: judy_seeley@hotmail.com.

No Program in August!

Enjoy the last remaining days of summer!

Tuesday, Sep 15, 7:00pm, J. Verne Smith Auditorium, Greenville Tec Main Campus, Greenville • "Rediscovering Catesby"
Speaker: Patrick McMillan

Plan to join us for Dr. Patrick McMillan's presentation 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.

Before September, visit: <http://folio.furman.edu/projects/botanicacaroliniana/>

Patrick is the host, co-creator, and writer of the popular, Emmy-award winning ETV nature program *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*.

Tuesday, Oct 20, 7:00pm, Spartanburg
Speaker: Dr. Douglas Rayner
(Details in next newsletter.)

Tuesday, Nov 17, 7:00pm, SWU, Central
Speaker: Bobby Holliday
(Details pending.)

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Water "n" Wildlife Workday



Photos furnished by Cathy Foster

On Sat., May 2nd, a variety of projects got underway at Keowee Toxaway State Park. Many hands make light work, they say...

If it weren't for some of our dedicated volunteers who work in "the background," month after month, the many fine programs and speakers that are made available to you and the general public would simply fizzle out.

Diane Creaton is one of those persons who has worked tirelessly on the Program Committee for seven years. (*Did you know we have a Program Committee?*) She has organized the monthly venues, arranged speakers, and tended to a host of details that make our monthly programs possible. She is stepping down in December for a well-earned rest.

About a year ago, a decision was made to simplify the work of the Program Committee by assigning "territories" to individual committee members. Dan Whitten covers Greenville, and Eva Pratt Spartanburg.

We need someone to be in charge of programs in Central.

Interested? Contact Diane Creaton at dicreation@yahoo.com

Lake Jocassee Brooks & Kay Wade (continued from page 1)

Kay says that after many years as a landscape gardener, she realized her job was largely "getting rid of nature" and the exact opposite of what she wanted to do. However, today she still draws on her gardening background when giving tours and highlights the native plants that would work great in a garden.

Kay Wade writes columns about gardening naturally in *The Seneca Journal* and the Friends of Lake Keowee Society's *The Sentinel*. Brooks Wade has also written articles for publications including *The Jocassee Journal* and *SC Wildlife*. — Jessica Harwood



On Saturday, May 23rd, Ryan Merck, with the assistance of Joe Townsend, led a plant propagation workshop at the Putnam greenhouse in Greenville. Ryan talked about four ways to propagate woody plants and demonstrated three of the methods. Ryan and Joe taught a technique for building a small propagation frame. Each attendee had the opportunity to take and pot cuttings and seeds to take home. Judy Seeley organized this event and had a packet for each attendee containing seeds, rooting hormone, etc. Photo by Rita Lance

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