



Tuesday, September 20th  
Tim Spira presents, "Waterfalls & Wildflowers," in Greenville!

# UPSTATE happenings

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20th ANNIVERSARY

## Upcoming Society Events

**Wednesday, August 10, Field Trip to Rich Mountain, Oconee County**

**Leader: Bill Stringer**

The trip leader will meet everyone at the Ingles Store at **10am** and lead the way to Rich Mountain Road.

This USFS road travels through the Andrew Pickens District of the National Forest, offering some great roadside botanizing sites. Only short hikes from road side parking are involved, except one potential stop, which is at most .25 mi. Native orchids, federally listed smooth cone-flowers, milkweeds, native asters, native grasses, etc. all can be found here. There is a deep gorge where a creek approaches the Chauga River that is very dramatic.

Please wear field clothing and shoes. For extra safety, snake gaiters are recommended. Bring a hiking stick, lunch, water, and sunscreen.

By **10am**, meet at the Ingles Store at the intersection of Hwy 11 and Hwy 28 near Walhalla for the trip to Rich Mountain Road.

The carpool site for those coming from the Greenville/Spartanburg area: meet at **9am** at Holly Springs Store at the intersection of Hwys 11 and 178 north of Pickens.

To sign up, please email Virginia Meador, <virginia\_meador@hotmail.com> by **August 8**.

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growings on  
at the GREENHOUSE

**Greenhouse Work Days**

**July 21**  
**Aug 10 & 18**

Come out and help put our plants in good shape for a fall greenhouse plant sale!

We will start at **8:30am** each day and work until about Noon. Bring gloves, hat, water, sunscreen and your green thumb. If you plan to attend, please email Miller Putnam at <millierputnam@gmail.com>.

The greenhouse is at 180 Lakewood Dr., Greenville, about a mile from Conestee Park.



On Saturday, July 9th we did a 5.5 mile hike to **Bridal Veil Falls** in DuPont State Forest via the Corn Mill Shoals Trail. The weather was predicted to be in the high 90's but fortunately, that wasn't the case. We got an early start at 8:30 and four of us set out to see what we could find. (Photo above: Dale Stone, Sherrie Whitten, Perry Whitten Houghton, and I found plenty of wonders of nature.)

Some of the highlights were the cool wet crossing of the Little River twice. Also were the three sets of cascades that comprise Bridal Veil Falls. The top drop is a shelf of about eight feet that can be accessed from the side for a damp walk behind. It felt really great sticking my hands and head out for a refreshing shower.

Wildflowers were abundant and included Sweet Azalea (*Rhododendron arborescens*), Mountain Pepperbush (*Clethra acuminata*), Curtiss' Milkwort (*Polygala curtissii*), and Yellow False Indigo (*Baptisia tinctoria*). Edible plants were sampled which included Sweetleaf, Blackberry, Dewberry, Blueberry, Buckberry, Serviceberry, Smooth Chanterelle and Cinnabar-red Chanterelle. Other plants of interest found were the Sweet-Fern (*Comptonia peregrina*), Beaked Hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*), and New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*). By 1:45 we were back to the cars and the temperature was a comfortable 84 degrees.

— Dan Whitten



Fly poison



Sweet-fern



Sweet azalea

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### No Program in August!

*Enjoy the remaining days of summer!*

### Saturday, September 10, Field Trip to Crowders Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain, NC

**Leader: Dan Whitten**

The features on this hike will be the Bear Oak (*Quercus illicifolia*) whose southern most range is on top of The Pinnacle. But the view from the top is the best view in the Piedmont without being in an airplane. On the return hike, we will take the Turnback Trail and Fern Trail to make more of a loop hike than a straight out and back. So total mileage will be about five (5) miles. Most of the hike is moderate with the exception of the strenuous ascent of The Pinnacle. Wear field clothing and shoes. For extra safety, snake gaiters are recommended. Bring hiking stick, lunch, water, and sunscreen.

Meet at **10am** at the visitor's center off Sparrow Springs Road. Take I-85 north towards Charlotte, then Exit 10 onto US 74 East. Take Sparrow Springs Road to the park entrance. For carpooling, Dan suggests meeting at **9am** at the Hampton Inn parking lot, intersection of I-85 and US 221. Take Exit 78 off I-85 for Hwy 221 towards Chesnee.

To register for this hike, email Dan at [sdwhit10@aol.com](mailto:sdwhit10@aol.com)

### Tuesday, September 20, Greenville "Waterfalls & Wildflowers"

**Speaker: Tim Spira**

This meeting will be at the J. Verne Smith Technical Resource Center Auditorium on the Main Campus of Greenville Tech., 620 South Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville.

*Tim Spira's new book by the same title as his program will be available for purchase at the September meeting.*

Save the Date!



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**Our 2016 Symposium** will be held at Clemson University on October 7 - 9. This year we are celebrating our 20th Anniversary, and the theme for the symposium is *Native Plants Connect Communities*.

In keeping with this theme, we are very pleased to have the South Carolina Botanical Garden and the Garden Club of South Carolina co-sponsor this event, connecting three of our state's premier botanical and conservation organizations. We have an exciting lineup of speakers, workshops, field trips and fun fellowship events planned.

**Our keynote speakers** will be Drs. Patrick McMillan and Drew Lanham. Patrick is Director of the SC Botanical Garden, Bob Campbell Geology Museum & Clemson Experimental Forest and host of the Emmy Award-winning nature show, *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*.

Drew is an Alumni Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Forestry and Environmental Conservation at Clemson, a distinguished ornithologist, and a widely

published author and popular speaker whose focus is translating conservation science to a broad spectrum of audiences.

**Symposium programs** will be held the South Carolina Botanical Garden and the Madren Conference Center, along with many workshops and field trips on the Clemson campus and at special sites in the Clemson area.

growing on  
at the GREENHOUSE  
**Fall plant sale!**  
Sep 30-1 Oct

We are again going to have a special Fall Sale at the greenhouse because we know how perfect a time the fall is for planting. We will have a very large selection of perennials, ground covers, vines, grasses, trees and shrubs. **Mark your calendar!**