



Volunteer Op: Join the crew at the Pickens County Museum native plant garden!
Interested? Contact Sally Gurrie at <sgurrie@att.net> or Judy Seeley at <judy_seeley@hotmail.com>

UPSTATE happenings

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— DECEMBER 2016 — NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

'Tis the 13th of December...

Upcoming Society Events

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00pm, Landrum Depot • Landrum, SC

Program: "If a Tree Could Talk"

Speaker: Newt Hardie

Newt Hardie is President and Chairman of the Trees Coalition, an expansion of the Kudzu Coalition. Hardie says they are a mix of volunteers and paid landscapers who train and work alongside neighborhoods needing help caring for their trees.

**Saturday, Jan 21, 10:30 am
DNR Workday at Stevens Creek HP in McCormick County**

Coordinator: Mary Bunch, Preserve Manager, DNR

"Please consider joining us at Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve for a few hours of privet, honeysuckle and trifoliate orange control. We'll also do some trail maintenance, if needed. We always find something in bloom to admire, and we always have a great time! Wear appropriate work clothes and bring a lunch. I'll bring some drinks and extra gloves.

"Let's meet at the Preserve parking area at 1355 Garrett Rd., Clarks Hill, at 10:30 am. Plan on two hours of work (we won't stop you from working longer). If it is raining hard or snowing or sleeting on the 21st, please consider coming on our alternate rain date, Saturday, January 28th (same time & place).

"Let's keep this Natural National Landmark in great shape; we'll see you there!" — Mary Bunch, email <bunchm@dnr.sc.gov>

NOTE: Garrett Road is currently open to local traffic only. SCDOT is replacing the bridge over Stevens Creek. If you are coming in from the Clarks Hill direction, Hwys 28/221, you need not worry — the road to the Preserve is open. If you are coming in from the east, such as from Edgefield, you'll want to take an alternate route.

Saturday, Jan 28, 9:30 am, Plant Rescue at Twin Chimneys • South of Ware Place
Coordinator: Bill Sharpton

A carpool will leave at 9:00 am from the Home Depot parking lot on South Pleasantburg Dr in Greenville. For those coming from other areas and wanting to carpool, meet at the Clock Restaurant on SC Hwy 25 south just past the 185 toll road, ready to depart at 9:10.

We'll meet at the Greenville County Twin Chimneys Landfill at 9:30 and remove plants until

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*...when we meet before
Christmas!*

- ♦ **Bring finger foods & drinks to share; we'll provide the fun!***
- ♦ **Dan Whitten will host Team Quiz — a fun based facts & knowledge game based upon Society events of the past year!**
(Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 Teams!)
- ♦ **PLUS great shopping opportunities at the book table...**

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm

University Center • Greenville Technical College
225 South Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville

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

➔ PLEASE NOTE that this is the 2nd Tuesday in December, not the usual 3rd.

* YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT until the meeting to start having fun! Find ALL the holiday decorations in this issue of the newsletter (snowflakes are not decorations); email your TOTAL number to <steve@marlowcreativeservices.com> by **Dec. 1st**. The earliest correct answer (or closest) wins a \$20 gift certificate for the book table! Winner must attend the December 13th meeting to receive their certificate. (Members of the Upstate Chapter board of directors are not eligible to enter.) Good Luck!

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about 11:30 (yes, volunteers do get to take a few plants home), then have lunch at a nearby restaurant. Rescued plants will be held for use in upcoming SCNPS projects.

Please sign up with Bill Sharpton, gsharpton@aol.com • This will allow us to better plan the day's agenda, and it is the only way we can know whom to contact if there is a change of plans, rain delay, etc. Be sure to provide a phone number!

Bring gloves, shovel or sharpshooter; wear long pants. If you have available, please bring POTS 3-gallon and larger.

Directions to the Twin Chimneys Landfill plant rescue site: From Greenville, take US Hwy 25 South to Ware Place (where 418 & 8 intersect 25). Go south approx. 7.5 miles; turn left onto West Ridgeway; bear right onto Traynham Road, then look for signs.

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Native Plant Society
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Upstate Chapter

Change Service Requested.

Tues., Feb 21, 7:00pm, SWU, Central, SC
Program: "Waterfalls of SC; Hikes, Waterfalls and Wildflowers along the way." Speaker: Thomas King
Thomas King was hiking in the Upstate before established trails were commonplace. His book, *Waterfall Hikes of the Upstate South Carolina*, features 125 waterfall hikes in the mountains of our area.

Tues., March 21, 7:00pm, University Center, Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC
Program: Stevens Creek HP and Parks Mill on Stevens Creek
Speakers: Bill Sharpton/Dan Whitten
(See the special video, "Spider Lilies Preservation Project," on our website www.scnps.org)

Tues., April 18, 7:00pm, Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC • Program: Catesby conversion of herbarium specimens to digital records • Speaker: Amy Blackwell



"It was hotter than blue blazes," says Virginia Meador when she snapped this view in June from the rock face at Glassy Mountain HP in Pickens County. Bill Stringer was group leader.

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It's Time...

...to Start Planning the April 2017 Plant Sale!

April 2017 seems a long way off, but believe it or not, it is time to start the planning. Now is the time to request our dates and site and let our guest vendors know the date.

The Upstate board of directors is looking at holding a much smaller scale plant sale next April, but we need new leaders to make it happen. If you value the plant sales, now is the time to join the planning team. We need a **chairperson** and **volunteers** for publicity, a **volunteers coordinator**, **guest vendor coordinator**, **holding area manager** and **sale site manager**.

Many of the 2015-2016 leaders will still be available to advise new folks. Schedules, databases, and lists from past sales are

available to pass on. We also need members willing to **propagate plants** at home and donate them to the sale.

You do not need to be an expert on native plants. Use your creativity and organizational skills to put on an event which educates the public on our beautiful

natives and sends them out into yards and landscapes all over the Upstate. Keep the tradition going. Grab the phone right now and call **Judy Seeley at 864 855-6396** to volunteer or email <judy_seeley@hotmail.com> for more information.



Field Trip/Photo Workshop
Thursday, November 3rd
at Dupont State Forest

Nine photography enthusiasts with gear and eyes seeking fall color were not disappointed by day's end at Dupont SF.

Bill Robertson, Bill Sharpton, and Lynne Scoggins led the group around ponds, woods, and ultimately to one waterfall.

Bridal Veil Falls by Bill Robertson