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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## If a Tree Could Talk...

### Upcoming Society Events

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

**Program: "If a Tree Could Talk"**

**Speaker: Newt Hardie**

*(See article this page.)*

**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 trifoliolate 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](mailto: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 rescue site at 9:30 and remove plants until 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](mailto: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

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Newt Hardie is no stranger to trees nor to the Native Plant Society. In November 2010, he brought us his Kudzu Coalition message, championing the controlling of this horrific invasive — *without* herbicides! Remember Kudzilla? At the time, this was the latest weapon against mighty kudzu, cleaning up sites that once seemed hopelessly large and overgrown. Over a ten-year period, the Kudzu Coalition has eradicated this invasive plant in thirty-nine (39) places in Spartanburg County!

Building on the successes of the Kudzu Coalition, Newt Hardie is bringing his newest and latest campaign, the **Trees Coalition**, to our first meeting of the New Year on January 17th at the Landrum Depot.

**Saving Trees in the Upstate™** defines the Trees Coalition — a mix of volunteers and paid landscapers who work alongside neighborhoods needing help caring for their trees. The not-for-profit group is based in Spartanburg, using the Hatcher Garden as a "portal" for operations.

"Educating and engaging the community," says Hardie, "is paramount to maintaining healthy trees on a regular basis." As an example of how he engages the community, the Trees Coalition is set to host in December about 70 Milliken associates who will give an afternoon to doing "good things" in the community. A dozen other volunteers will lead and instruct this large group on invasive removal along a local river trail.

Hardie is also talking with a conservation instructor at a local high school, hoping to connect with students who have the capability of producing videos of work projects-in-progress for the Trees Coalition. "The videos would not only add a lot to our website and on Facebook to help get our message out, they would involve young people, offering them an opportunity to learn about the importance of healthy trees."

In January's presentation, Hardie will "speak" for our native trees. "We'll talk about the '10 Most Wanted — DEAD, Not Alive' public enemies which are infesting our woodlands, like Tree of Heaven, Non-Native Wisteria, English Ivy, Bamboo, Elaeagnus and others!

"We'll touch on proper tree care and having 'Tree Parties' that show examples of hands-on activities aimed at improving the health of trees.

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## Newt Hardie

President/Chairman of the Trees Coalition • Kudzu Coalition Co-founder

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



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**Tues., February 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 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, "Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies Preservation Project," on our website [www.scnps.org](http://www.scnps.org))*

**Tues., April 18, 7:00pm, Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC • Program: "Catesby, London, and 300 Years of Carolina Botany"**

*Speaker: Amy Blackwell*

## Plant Sale Planners Needed!

Do you like to make things happen? Here is your chance to make the Upstate Spring Plant Sale become a reality. The Board of Directors is looking at **April 21 and 22, 2017** at Conestee Park for a smaller sale with a spotlight on our Guest Vendors. We are taking a breather after the last two huge and hugely successful sales, but we still need a chairperson and a team of enthusiastic, creative people to order plants, organize volunteers, do publicity, keep the database of plants, run the holding area, and manage the site. You do not need to be an expert in native plants. Previous plant sale leaders are available to share their expertise and their records.

*You can make it happen!* Contact Judy Seeley at <[judy\\_seeley@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_seeley@hotmail.com)> to volunteer or for more information.

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Bill Sharpton's photo of the Eastern Shooting Star (*Primula meadia*) gets a New Year's art deco makeover for 2017!



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"Our Coalition volunteers meet every Wednesday at 9 am at the Hatcher Garden. Members and friends of the Native Plant Society are invited to join us any time as we'll go out to just one or more of the 184 sites in Spartanburg County to work a while on behalf of our beloved native trees. We provide hands-on training and a few special tools for our work."

Don't miss January's presentation in Landrum! Anyone with a love of native trees and an interest in keeping the trees healthy in their backyard or community needs to hear what trees will say through their interpreter, Newt Hardie from the **Trees Coalition**.

— Steve Marlow

*Coalition volunteer Liz Patterson (left in photo) attacks English ivy using a "de-viner" tool, an original invention by Trees Coalition. Newt Hardie says, "It works well and is useful for (removing) all vines."*

Photo courtesy of Trees Coalition



*"The distinction between tree identification and tree recognition should be clearly understood.... Identification is based on observation of details. Recognition means knowing trees at a glance, just as one recognizes one's friends." — George W.D. Symonds, **The Tree Identification Book***