



UPSTATE happenings

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OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
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September 2019

A New Volunteer Opportunity!
SCNPS **PLANT KEEPERS**
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Upcoming Society Programs, Events & Field Trips (in Bold) ± Approximate time(s)

Wednesday, August 21, 8:30am till Noon, Greenhouse Work Morning! • 180 Lakewood Dr., Greenville

We'll be preparing plants for our Fall Greenhouse Sale on Oct. 4 & 5. Bring gloves, hat, water, and lots of energy to get the greenhouse and the plants into good shape for the sale. Call Miller Putnam (864) 325-9700 with questions.

Can't make this one?

TWO more opportunities in September!...

Saturday, August 31, 8:00am till 5:00pm±, Field Trip: Tour Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP) Cost: \$25 per person • Limit: 15 participants Leader: Dan Pittillo, Botanist

This all-day field trip to the beautiful and diverse BRP will be led by Dan Pittillo, a renowned botanical Parkway expert.

Fall comes early on the Parkway; flowering perennials and grasses will be attracting threes of butterflies and birds!

Participants will meet at **8am** at 1309 Grove Road (*Earth Design*) in Greenville. SCNPS will provide a 10-passenger van. Others may carpool to the site where we plan to arrive at **10am** on the Parkway near Asheville. Final itinerary will be sent prior to the event. Dress appropriately and bring lunch and water.

Register by contacting Rick Huffman (864) 901-7583 or <rick_huffman@earthdesignsc.com>

Thursday, September 5, 8:30am till Noon, Greenhouse Work Morning! • 180 Lakewood Dr., Greenville

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Saturday, September 14, 7:00am till 5:00pm Field Trip: Buck Creek Serpentine Barren Cost: \$25 per person • Limit: 15 participants Leader: Gary Kauffman, Botanist, USFS

This all-day field trip to the Nantahala NF in Clay County, NC, is between Franklin and Hayesville at approx. 3,000 ft elevation.

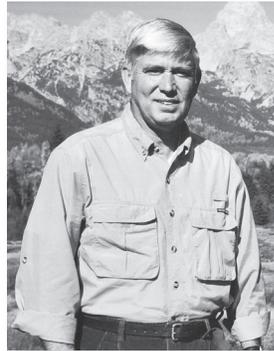
Participants will meet at **7am** at 1309 Grove Road (*Earth Design*) in Greenville. SCNPS will provide a 10-passenger van, and others may carpool. We plan to arrive at the site at **10am**. Final itinerary will be sent prior to the event. Dress appropriately and bring lunch and water.

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Tuesday, Sept 17, 7:00pm, Greenville

Speaker: Rudy Mancke
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Rudy Mancke!

"Let go that snake, Rudy Mancke! Whenever it bites you, you're good as dead!"

Ten-year-old Rudy Mancke had no response for his Maa Maa's warning. The snake had bitten him already and already he'd planned to lie awake that night counting down the hours with prayer until the grim inevitable. He ducked beneath his covers.

Morning came. It streaked across his windowsill and in that light, the boy examined himself as if he were his own scientific study. Arms. Legs. Perfect! As ruddy and scruffy and perfect as ever! He was alive!

Rudy Mancke is a man now. He's the South's very own naturalist. He's the one we go to, *have* gone to for decades, whenever we've sought enlightenment concerning our natural world. Now, in his 70's he delights us on television reruns, traipsing down ETV's longest-running syndicated walk in the woods, *NatureScene*.

"At a time when television programming threatened me with boredom," says Jim Welch, Rudy's *NatureScene* co-host for over twenty years, "and when, glued to a desk, I'd grown plump and pale, Rudy Mancke opened the door to the world's backyard and invited me in."

Formally educated at Wofford and USC, Rudy Mancke acquired much of his knowledge of natural history through his own voracious curiosity and diligent self-study. After serving in the US Army, he joined the staff at SC State Museum. He founded SCAN, the SC Association of Naturalists. At ETV, he served as director of science and nature programming. With all that done, he was recruited by The University of South Carolina and was named the university's own Naturalist in Residence, possibly the first and only nomination of its kind. And now the adventure continues, the seeking of understanding and the sharing of understanding with others.

When I think of Rudy Mancke, I like to remember where it began. I like to imagine a regular little boy, although extraordinarily curious, who went to bed one night understandably filled with trepidation. I like to imagine him,

Rudy Mancke

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Naturalist • Co-host of South Carolina ETV's *NatureScene*

Host of *NatureNotes* on South Carolina Public Radio

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

Tues., Sept 17, 7:00 pm



****Camperdown Academy****

65 Verdae Commons Dr • Greenville, SC

Verdae Commons Drive is opposite Henderson Road at Laurens Rd and across from Bradshaw Mazda

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Historically, following the SCNPS Fall Sales, we usually have from 2,000-3,000 plants remaining in inventory to care for over the winter months in order to be prepared for the big Spring Sale. Miller and Kitty Putman have largely maintained these in the past; however, this year we'd like to identify a few volunteers willing to take some of these plants home to care for between October and March.

The winter plants will be predominately in trade gallon pots which will fit about 4 per square foot, so if you have a little space available with decent sun and accessible water, and a desire to contribute, we'd love your help!

No experience is necessary and each SCNPS **Plant Keeper** will be assigned to a **Mentor** who will help get them set up with a comfortable quantity and type of plant based on their circumstances, and will also be available to consult as needed through the season.

If you think you might be interested in taking some plants after the Fall Plant Sale on October 5th, please reach out to one of our MENTORS below to discuss further:

Miller Putman (864) 325-9700 <millерputnam@gmail.com>
Virginia Meador Prefer email responses to <vmeador@camperdown.org>



cautiously peeking from his covers into the next day, then bursting, like a chick from an egg, a little scientist, born.

Overnight, he'd been shown the importance of truth, had been given the need to know why. Moreover, he'd been led to consider charity, knowing he must somehow reveal to his well-meaning Maa Maa that she had been wrong!

— by Ceille Baird Welch

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These "Pots" legal in SC. (They are medicinal for making little plants grow happily.)



Do you have any of these lurking in your yard or shed?? Don't toss them out. The greenhouse needs pots. Bring them to the next meeting or to the greenhouse and we will re-fill them with native plants! Black pots only in the 1gal and 3/4gal. sizes. Black or green in 4inch pots, tall OR short. Greenhouse is at 180 Lakewood Dr., Greenville

Electronic Service Requested.

Upcoming Society Events

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Wednesday, September 18, 8:30am till Noon, Greenhouse Work Morning! • 180 Lakewood Dr., Greenville

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Tuesday, October 15, 7:00pm, Program: Scenes from "Nature Scene" Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC Speaker: Jim Welch

Of Interest... Wednesday, October 16, 2:00pm "Hardscape in the Garden with Pottery of Matt Jones"

A Presentation by Eleanor Owen & Matt Jones Tryon Garden Club at FENCE • Visitors welcome 3381 Hunting Country Road, Tryon, NC

The Fall Sale is set for **Friday, October 4**, from 3pm to 7pm and **Saturday, October 5**, 9am to 2pm. Fall is the best time to plant when the weather is cooler and the new...

Our Fall Greenhouse Sale is Almost Here!

...plants have plenty of time to establish their roots without a lot of stress. The Greenhouse is at **180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville**, about a mile from Conestee Park. There will be a selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns, vines and grasses. Cash, check and credit accepted. **We will post a list of plants by mid-September.** Mark your calendar and start a list of what you want! Parking is limited at the greenhouse. Please carpool if possible. Bring your friends and make it an outing! Call Miller Putnam at (864) 325-9700 if you have questions or would like to shop at the greenhouse between now and the sale.