

# UPSTATE happenings

NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER  
OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
[www.scnps.org](http://www.scnps.org)

April 2020



## Important Note

*Out of concern for the health of all members, customers and the general public, the April 18 Native Plant Sale has been cancelled. We are working with the City of Greenville and Greenville County Parks and Recreation staff to reschedule for fall. Fall is a really good time to plant! Thank you to all who volunteered for the sale and who work at the greenhouse. We will continue to need greenhouse volunteers to maintain all the plants that were ordered for April 18*

*NPS has had to cancel or reschedule most field trips and events on our calendar as outlined below. Stay safe, stay healthy, and we will keep you updated.*

### Cancelled:

**Saturday, April 4** Field Trip: Boggs Rock and Glassy Mountain, Pickens

**Tuesday, April 7:** Upstate SCNPS Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 14:** Upstate Chapter Open Meeting

**Saturday, April 18:** Annual Spring Plant Sale

## Upcoming Programs, Events & Field Trips

**Saturday, May 16, Parks Mill Lilies Open House:** Save the date! See story in Column 2.

**Tue., May 19, 7 PM, Speaker:** Dr. Saara DeWalt, Professor/Chair of Biological Sciences, Clemson University will be speaking about her research on invasive plants on the island of Dominica

**July 11 Mt. Mitchell TBD – No info**

## Welcome!

Please wish a warm welcome to Candace Pitzer, our new Publicity Chair. She will be working closely with Judy Seeley to both learn and develop the position. In this position she will be responsible for media relations, publicity efforts, our website (including new content such as this monthly newsletter) and our "Tiny Letters" that go out for special announcements.



## Parks Mill Spider Lily Open House

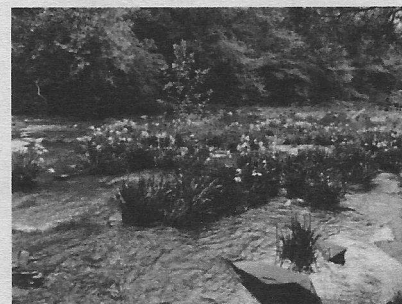
The SC Native Plant Society and the Naturaland Trust have secured the ownership of the Parks Mill Rocky Shoals Spider Lily site on Stevens Creek in McCormick County. We are now engaged in preserving the site for posterity. There has been a large amount of interest by the public in learning more about the Site and our lilies preservation project. In May of 2017 we held our first Open House event at the Site during the peak bloom season of the lilies. Since that time we have been scheduling an annual Stevens Creek Lilies Open House. This year's version is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020.

Members of the SC Native Plant Society and other environmental organizations, as well as the general public, will be able to step onto the historic grist mill site and view the lilies in their full glory. There will be Native Plant Society members present to serve as guides and to answer questions during the hours of 10:00 till 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, May 16. We will make brief presentations on the lilies preservation and on-going efforts to stabilize the historic mill facility. As there is **very limited parking area** at the Site, we ask that visitor groups indicate their preference for the morning or afternoon time slot, and that very rigorous car-pooling practices be observed.

The Site is located on SC Rt. 283, about 2.5 miles east of Plum Branch, where Stevens Creek flows under the Stevens Creek bridge. If you are heading east from Plum Branch, the entrance is on your right, about 100 yards before you reach the Bridge. There is limited parking on site, so you can park in Plum Branch in the parking lot between the Bracknell's/E.C. Rice store building and the railroad. We will have a shuttle vehicle on call to ferry folks to and from the parking lot to the Mill site. You can call 864 979 3169 to request a shuttle.

If you are planning to attend the Open House, please send an e-mail to [catboyz@nctv.com](mailto:catboyz@nctv.com) indicating whether you are planning to attend the 10:00 slot or the 1:00 slot, and the number of folks in your party.

For more info on the Parks Mill site, go to <http://scnps.org/activities/rocky-shoals-spider-lily-preservation-project/>



**Field Trip Report**

**March 7, 2020**

**Such Fun!**

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