

South Carolina Native Plant Society

Fall 2022

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Greetings, SCNPS Lowcountry chapter members! I hope you have had a fun and safe end of summer.

The Lowcountry chapter board has been hard at work over the last few months preparing an exciting slate of programming for the coming months. Our fall schedule will include another lecture in partnership with the Upstate chapter (featuring Patrick McMillan!), a paddle trip on the Black River, our plant sale at Charles Towne Landing, and the SCNPS annual meeting in Chesterfield, SC! We invite you to read below for details on these and other programs.

We also hope that this fall will bring a return to in-person lectures. While our September and October lectures will be virtual, we are trying to secure space to host an in-person lecture in November. We are exploring new locations for our regular meetings, so please reach out to the board if you have suggestions for potential locations.

Lastly, this fall will also bring board elections for our chapter. At the end of this newsletter, we've provided an overview of how our board operates and a description of how the election process will unfold. If you are reading this introduction, I hope that you will consider taking a more active role in our chapter by filling one of the vacant positions or simply joining our board as a member-at-large. I've served on the board for five years and I can truly say that it is a fun and rewarding experience. Please e-mail me (scnps.lowcountry.president@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in any of the positions available.

Matt Johnson
Lowcountry President

Fall Native Plant Market!

Saturday, October 8, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Charles Towne Landing, behind the main parking lot
1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston, SC 29407

Our fall native plant sale will be farmer's-market-style with several vendors offering a variety of natives. We recommend subscribing to our e-mail list (<https://scnps.org/>) to get up-to-date information about the plant sale, including a list of plants that will be available. To learn about ways that you can volunteer before and at the sale, please contact Lisa Cyrulik at lcyrulik72@yahoo.com. Admission to the Native Plant Market is free. If you wish to visit Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, please pay admission in the Visitor Center.

LECTURE SERIES

Our Fall 2022 lecture series will feature a slate of virtual presentations, as well as the in-person annual meeting in Chesterfield, SC. Please read the details for each lecture carefully below. These lectures will take place via Zoom and Facebook Live. We will continue to archive virtual on the SCNPS Facebook page for those that cannot join live (www.facebook.com/SCNPS/); click the "More" tab and then "Videos" to view them at any time.

September 20th: Wildflowers of South Carolina

Speaker: Dr. Patrick McMillan

Details: The Lowcountry chapter will join the Upstate chapter for this virtual program with Dr. Patrick McMillan, a well-known naturalist, biologist, and educator. Dr. McMillan will give us an overview of the new book *A Guide to the Wildflowers of South Carolina*, authored with Richard Porcher, Jr. and Douglas Rayner, and will highlight our state's most significant rare plants. A recording of this program is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/197587877016725/videos/6169524853063888>.

October 18th: South Carolina Native Shrubs for Smaller Spaces

Speaker: Anthony Trimboli, Busy Bee Nursery and Consulting (Glasgow, KY)

Details: Anthony will cover about a half-dozen species of shrub that are native to the South Carolina Lowcountry. The list includes a mix of sun-shade species, some that hold winter interest, are excellent pollinator plants, and even one that grows as a large shrub/small tree that is also a host plant for the giant swallowtail. All of these shrubs stay relatively small and don't require much work to keep them looking nice. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88534909942?pwd=UWQ2TktlaWkzcG40YUhqUzRCaUlUT09>

October 29th: SCNPS Annual Meeting

Details: Every other year, our society has a state annual meeting, which gives us the opportunity to gather across chapters to discuss statewide business, elect board positions, and of course enjoy some native plant-related fun together! This year's meeting will be hosted by the Piedmont chapter and will take place at Southern 8ths Farm in Chesterfield, SC. There are more details about this event, including a link to register, here:

<https://scnps.org/event/scnps-annual-meeting-2022>.

November 15th: All About Heron Farms

Speaker: Sam Norton, Owner of Heron Farms

Details: (Talk description and lecture location coming soon.)

December 13th: Holiday Party!

Location: Edmund's Oast Brewery (1505 King St, Charleston, SC 29405)

Details: Last year was such a success that we thought we'd do it again! Join us this December for our annual holiday party at Edmund's Oast Brewery in Charleston to toast another great year for our society. Drop by any time between 5:30-7:30pm for some fun and festive outdoor fellowship. Our chapter will provide hors d'oeuvres to snack on and there will be drinks for purchase (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Edmund's Oast is a family-friendly brewery, so feel free to bring your crew if you'd like!

FIELD TRIPS, VOLUNTEER DAYS & PLANT SALE

September 17th: Native Plant Garden Clean-up Day

Location: Charles Towne Landing (1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston, SC 29407)

Time: 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Details: Join us to help pull weeds and lots of spreading river oats at our native garden at Charles Towne Landing. Volunteers will learn some plant identification and have the opportunity to take some river oats home. Bring water, hat, gloves, clippers, and a trough or small shovel. Bring a bucket if you'd like to take plants with you. This will be an opportunity for fellowship with Lowcountry Chapter members as we kick off our programs for the Fall. Volunteers can show up the morning of September 17th (no need to register ahead of time). Enter the Charles Towne Landing entrance building and mention that you are helping with the native garden. Walk straight through the building and after a very short walk, you will see the garden and SCNPS volunteers on your left. Contact Colette DeGarady with any questions: Colette.degarady@tnc.org.

Saturday, September 24th: Paddle Trip on the Black River

Location: Black River Cypress Preserve, Peninsula Tract (16368 County Line Rd, Andrews, SC 29510)

Time: 9:00 – 2:00

Details: Open to NPS members only; limited to 10 paddlers. Kayaks, paddles, and PFDs are provided. Cost is TBD. (Note: The Black River Cypress Preserve main campus is under construction until November 2022.) To register, please contact Austin Trousdale at awt3rd@gmail.com and include your phone number. Registrants will receive more info and directions by email.

Saturday, October 8th: Fall Native Plant Market

Location: Charles Towne Landing (1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston, SC 29407)

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Details: This will be a farmers-market-style native plant sale including these local vendors:

- **Bottle Tree Gardening**
- **Flying Fig Farm**
- **Let It Grow**
- **Milkweed Madness**
- **Native Plants to the People**
- **Roots and Shoots Nursery**
- **SC Native Plant Society**

-- Each vendor will handle their own check-out process (cash, check, or credit card). There will not be a central check-out or a plant holding area, and shoppers should bring their own box, cart, or wagon to carry plants. SCNPS volunteers will be on hand to help shoppers.

-- **Clemson Extension Soil Sample Drive.** Bring a soil sample to plant sale! Your sample will be sent to the Clemson Soil Laboratory for analysis, and fertilizer and/or lime recommendations will be sent to you. \$6 per sample. For more info, please contact Samantha Porzelt at sporzelt@clemson.edu

November TBA: Magnolia Gardens Workday #2

Location: Magnolia Gardens (3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414)

Details: Following up from our successful workday this spring, we'll be organizing a second day to finish what we started! Date and details will be announced soon.

December: No field trip, but please join our holiday party on Dec 13!

LOWCOUNTRY SCNPS ELECTIONS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Every two years, the Lowcountry chapter holds informal elections for positions on the Lowcountry Board. The Board provides a panel of nominees; in addition, all chapter members in good standing are eligible to nominate themselves or other members to board positions. Nominations are due to Matt Johnson (scnps.lowcountry.president@gmail.com) by October 31, 2022. If there is only one nominee for a given position, that nominee will be considered elected by default. If there is more than one nominee per position, elections will take place in November. Election results will be announced at the November meeting or December holiday party, as well as by e-mail.

Board-developed panel of nominees for December 2022 – November 2024:

President: SEEKING NOMINATIONS
Vice President: SEEKING NOMINATIONS
Programs: Austin Trousdale
Field Trips: SEEKING NOMINATIONS
Plant Sale: Eddie Bernard
Education & Outreach: Lauren Boyd
Grants Coordinator: Matt Johnson
Publicity: Laura Moses
Hospitality: SEEKING NOMINATIONS
Membership: Samantha Porzelt
Member-at-large: Sharleen Johnson
Member-at-large: Colette DeGarady

If you are considering nominating yourself for a specific board position, please reach out to Matt to learn more about the responsibilities of that position. Also, the Board encourages interested members to become Board members at large to learn more about what the board does and to prepare for serving in a specific role in the future. If you would like to attend future Lowcountry Board meetings, please e-mail Matt.

Current Needs (PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING YOURSELF!)

President: The president of the chapter will oversee the board. They will schedule and plan board meetings, and will assist board members in completing their tasks. Working with the board, they will develop the spring and fall newsletter. The president will oversee chapter meetings and lectures, and will attend all state board meetings.

Vice President: The Vice President will assist the President in their duties, in preparation for becoming president during the following election cycle. The Vice President will represent the President when they are absent.

Program and Field Trip Lead: The Board member in charge of programs will work with the rest of the Lowcountry Board to plan lectures and field trips and then develop event descriptions for the newsletter (in collaboration with speakers and field trip leaders). A week prior to each lecture and field trip, the programs chair will reach out to speakers and field trip leaders, request bio information to facilitate introductions, either attend or identify another Board member to attend the field trip, and coordinate payment of honorariums and field trip fees as needed.

Hospitality: The Hospitality chair will welcome new members and seek ways for them to become involved in the chapter. They will help prepare for meetings, which may include coordinating meeting space and food. They will also support and attend special events, including the holiday party and plant sale.

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