

South Carolina Native Plant Society

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Hello SCNPS Lowcountry chapter members! I hope you all are having an enjoyable summer.

Our board has developed a fall schedule full of interesting and exciting programs. We invite you to read about them on the following pages, including two speakers, multiple field trips, our fall native plant sale, and the Native Plant Symposium that will be taking place in Charleston this November!

I also have some updates to pass along. As mentioned in our Spring 2021 newsletter, we're in the process of phasing out the mailed newsletter and lecture/field trip postcards. Since we anticipate maintaining some form of virtual program moving forward, changing to an e-mailed newsletter and meeting reminder is more user-friendly and it helps our society save money and fund other initiatives. We will continue to post information to our website (<https://scnps.org/lowcountry>) and our Facebook page. We appreciate your feedback and input on our online communication.

Additionally, your board has been hard at work over the summer on some improvements to the SCNPS website. Working alongside our other chapters, the goal is to make our website more user-friendly and easier to navigate. If any of you reading this would like to assist in making website updates (or in serving as our chapter's Membership Chair), please e-mail me at scnps.lowcountry.president@gmail.com. We look forward to unveiling these updates at the symposium in November.

Lastly, though the deadline for our fall grant cycle may have closed by the time this newsletter reaches your inbox, please continue to encourage a school or worthy organization to apply for an SCNPS Project Grant. The Lowcountry chapter will be accepting applications for both school (up to \$500) and community (up to \$1,000) projects. **The deadline for Fall 2021 applications is Monday, September 6th**, with grant funds being awarded by Friday, October 8th. For application details, please visit: <https://scnps.org/lowcountry>.

Matt Johnson
Lowcountry President

Save the Date: South Carolina Native Plant Society Symposium!

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday ~ November 5, 6, and 7
Fort Johnson, Charleston, South Carolina

The Lowcountry chapter of the South Carolina Native Plant Society will be hosting the biennial symposium this November in Charleston! With a theme of "Sustainability & Resilience", this year's program will feature dynamic speakers, hands-on demonstrations, fun field trips, and more. Please save the date for what promises to be a great weekend in Charleston. More details coming soon!

LECTURE SERIES

Due to our symposium taking place November 5th-7th (which we invite you to attend!), we will only be hosting lectures in September and October this fall. Since our speakers for this fall reside out of state, **both programs will take place through Zoom and Facebook Live at 6:30pm on the dates listed below.** If you can't join our lectures live, please note that recordings of past talks are available on the SCNPS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SCNPS/); click the "More" tab and then "Videos" to view them at any time.

September 21st: Nature's Best Hope

Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware

In partnership with the Upstate Chapter of the South Carolina Native Plant Society, we are pleased to bring you our September lecture by professor, author, and native plant advocate Dr. Doug Tallamy. Dr. Tallamy's first book, Bringing Nature Home, awakened numerous readers to an urgent situation: wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives. His sequel to Bringing Nature Home is Nature's Best Hope. Dr. Tallamy's presentation to our society will be based on this book in which he outlines his vision for a grassroots approach to conservation. Douglas Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. He has taught courses in insect taxonomy, behavioral ecology, humans and nature, and insect ecology. **Zoom link coming soon!**

October 19th: The History and Operations of Superior Trees Native Plant Nursery

Amy Webb, Superior Trees

Join us for a lecture by the owner of one of the native plant nurseries that provides plants for our SCNPS plant sales – Superior Trees! The oldest nursery in Florida, Superior Trees started as a pine tree seedling nursery for the St. Regis Paper Co. The Webbs bought the business in the late 1980s and turned it into a private business enterprise. While Superior Trees still grows several million pine trees each year, the nursery also provides containerized native trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses, ferns and vines to the wholesale market. A brief history will be presented, along with a discussion of the everyday challenges involved in providing native plant material to a vast customer base. An offshoot mail-order business, Mail-Order Natives, provides hard-to-find native plants to the entire continental USA. **Zoom link coming soon!**

November – No Lecture (See Symposium info on front page)

December 7th: Holiday Party!

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

Join us this December for a twist on our annual holiday party! We'll gather 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 outdoor fellowship. We'll have hors d'oeuvres to snack on and there will be drinks for purchase (alcoholic and nonalcoholic). Edmund's Oast is a family-friendly brewery, so feel free to bring your crew if you'd like!

FIELD TRIPS & PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 18th: Kayaking at Camp St. Christopher

Location: 2810 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island, SC 29455

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Details: Our first field trip of the fall will be a fun paddle at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. With over 300 acres of never-developed maritime forest, salt marsh, and beach, there are many opportunities for discovering native plants in their typical Lowcountry habitat. This will be a two-hour guided kayak tour beginning on the North Edisto River and then heading up Privateer Creek, ending at the camp's private dock in the marsh. Space is limited so RSVP quickly. The price for the trip is \$40/person. More information on what to bring as well as a waiver form will be sent out to participants before the trip. *Please RSVP to Austin Trousdale at awt3rd@gmail.com (preferred) or 864-554-8722. Individuals registering by e-mail **must** include their phone number. The deadline for registering is Sept 10th.*

Saturday, September 25th: Black River Cypress Preserve

Trip Leader: Botanist Cecelia Dailey

Location: 16368 County Line Rd, Andrews, SC 29510

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Details: Escape Charleston for the day by joining us on a tour of this new preserve on the Black River. This trek will be, according to our BRCP guide, botanist Celie Dailey, "rigorous." Weather and plant phenology permitting, we will search for birds-in-a-nest, *Macbridea caroliniana*, in flower, through habitat outside of the area normally toured by the public. Please wear hiking shoes/boots and pants appropriate for swampy terrain. Bring plenty of water and a sense of adventure! There will be a catered lunch option for \$12/person following our hike (meat, vegetarian, and vegan courses available); we will coordinate lunch orders with participants during sign up. *Space is limited to the first 12 members who register. To register, contact Austin Trousdale, awt3rd@gmail.com (preferred) or 864-554-8722. Individuals registering by e-mail **must** include their phone number. Register by Sunday, Sept 19th if you plan to order lunch. All other registrants: please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 22nd.*

Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fall Native Plant Market at Charles Towne Landing (See details below)

November – Our only scheduled field trips this month will be those offered at the Fall Symposium, though keep an eye on your e-mail for impromptu plant-based meetups!

December – No scheduled field trip, but please join us for our annual holiday party!

Save the Date: Fall Native Plant Market

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Charles Towne Landing parking lot

1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston, SC 29407

Similar to Spring 2021, our Fall sale will be a farmer's-market-style sale with several vendors offering a variety of natives. We will also be offering a limited selection of affordable plug-sized natives for the first time! 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 Cyruлик at lcyrulik72@yahoo.com. Details on a pre-sale are being finalized and will be announced soon.

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