

South Carolina Native Plant Society

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I'm not sure about you, but by this point in the summer I'm more than ready for fall to arrive, bringing cooler temperatures; beautiful fall flowers, tasty fruits, and intricate seedheads; and the best time of year to plant many perennial native plant species. As well as a fresh set of SCNPS events!

During the third week in October (October 12-19th) we will be celebrating the second annual South Carolina Native Plant Week. Stay tuned for details about Native Plant Week events, including hands-on volunteer opportunities! For more information: <https://sc.audubon.org/conservation/south-carolina-native-plant-week>

The 2019 SCNPS Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, at Audubon South Carolina's 3,400-acre Audubon Silver Bluff Preserve in Aiken County. This one-day event will include speakers, lunch, Board Elections, and an afternoon field trip on the property. Space is limited, so purchase your ticket soon! For more information: https://scnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/SCNPS-Annual-Meeting-Flyer_2019.pdf

Please encourage a school or worthy organization to apply for an SCNPS Project Grant this fall! For the first time, the Lowcountry chapter will be accepting separate applications for school projects and community projects. School projects (up to \$500) must be directed at educating students about Lowcountry native plants or plant communities, and community projects (up to \$1,000) must be directed at protecting, preserving, restoring, and/or educating the public about native plants or plant communities. **The deadline for Fall 2019 is September 13th**, with grant funds being awarded by October 1st. For application details: <https://scnps.org/lowcountry-2019-2020-grant-opportunities>.

Sharleen Johnson
Lowcountry President

Fall Native Plant Sale!

Saturday, October 5th, 9 am - 12 noon

SCNPS Members can start shopping at 8:30! Volunteers can shop at 8:20!

**Charles Towne Landing parking lot
1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston 29407**

We have a great selection of native plants with many hard-to-find species... colorful perennials, shrubs, trees, grasses, ferns and edibles. Cash, check, or credit card accepted. A plant list will be available before the sale on the SCNPS website. Admission to the plant sale is free. If you wish to explore Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, please pay admission in the visitor center. To learn more about ways you can volunteer before and at the sale, contact Colette DeGarady at cdegarady17@gmail.com or 843-640-1489.

LECTURE SERIES

Unless noted otherwise, monthly meetings for our lecture series are held on the **third Tuesday of the month** at **6:30 pm** at the **Biology Auditorium, 101 Duckett Hall, at The Citadel**. A map is available at this website: <http://www.citadel.edu/root/visitor-parking>. Yellow indicates visitor parking. Attendees may also park in the lot just below the Hagood Gate. ***Please join us after each lecture for a reception, including hors d'oeuvres!***

September 17: Lowcountry Native Plants at Moore Farms Botanical Garden

Robert Davidson, Horticulture Manager, Moore Farms Botanical Garden

Robert will discuss what's new at Moore Farms, and how they use plants native to the Lowcountry in many of their landscapes. This talk will go over carnivorous plants, the importance of managing land with use of fire, and certain threatened or endangered species that could be hiding in your backyard. Robert will also share photos of species found while hiking through Francis Marion National Forest earlier this year.

October 15: Conserving Our Original Native Forest

Colette DeGarady, Longleaf Pine Whole System Director, The Nature Conservancy

Our native fire-adapted longleaf pine forests once covered 92 million acres of the southeast. Today less than 5% remains. In Colette's role with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), she is working across nine states with many partners and TNC staff to help restore and maintain longleaf pine forests. Learn about the importance of private working forests, the role our national forests play, and how the Endangered Species Act is a key part of the puzzle. Colette will also highlight robust examples of this biodiverse native forest in our backyard as we celebrate Native Plant Week.

November 19: Ethnobotany in the Lowcountry and in the Western territory of Brazil

April Punsalan, Botanist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Founder, Healing Plant Traditions

Biologist April Punsalan will discuss the rich history of ethnobotany in the Lowcountry and will highlight several useful plant species. She will then shift the discussion to the western territory of Brazil, State of Acre. April will cover her recent cultural immersion with the Huni Kuin tribe and draw parallels between the Huni Kuin and the indigenous people of North America.

December: Holiday Party

Date, time, and location TBA.

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, September 21, 10:15 am – 12:30 pm

Walking Tour of Moore Farms Botanical Garden

Leader: Robert Davidson, Horticulture Manager, Moore Farms Botanical Garden

Join us at Moore Farms Botanical Garden for a diverse but native-plant-emphasizing tour with Horticulture Manager Robert Davidson. Bring your walking shoes and a water bottle as we visit many of the garden's finest landscapes. This field trip will include informative stops at the bog garden, green roof, Texas garden, formal garden, vegetable garden, Fire Tower center, production center, and much more. The garden is ever-changing, and with a variety of landscapes there is something for everyone to enjoy. Location: 100 New Zion Road, Lake City, SC 29590. Limited to 20 participants; SCNPS membership must be current to register. RSVP to Austin Trousdale at awt3rd@gmail.com or 864-554-8722.

Saturday, October 5, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Fall Native Plant Sale! Charles Towne Landing. See front page for details.

October 12-19: South Carolina Native Plant Week

- **Saturday, October 12, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Moore Farms Botanical Garden**

If you aren't able to attend our September field trip to Moore Farms Botanical Garden, here's another chance! Moore Farms is offering a guided tour for SCNPS members on October 12th at 10:30 am. This is available to any member throughout the state. The cost is \$5 per person. This walking tour of the garden will last approximately 1.5 hours and will be provided by one of their native plant gurus. The tour will provide significant emphasis on their native plant areas and collections. To participate, pre-registration is required. This trip is limited to 30 members, so sign-up early! To register, send an email to lisajlord1@gmail.com. To learn more about Moore Farms, and for directions, visit their website: <https://moorefarmsbg.org>.

- ***Stay tuned for details about additional Native Plant Week events***, including hands-on volunteer activities!

Saturday, November 23, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Ethnobotany and Tea Cupping in the Lowcountry

Leader: April Punsalan, Botanist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Founder, Healing Plant Traditions

Join us for a stroll along the West Ashley Greenway with botanist April Punsalan as we locate easy to identify plants that have a traditional or medicinal use and can be readily added to your cupboard. After a 1-to-2 hour stroll, we will have a tea cupping session nearby. We will try teas from plant species identified and discussed along the West Ashley Greenway. Limited to 10 participants; SCNPS membership must be current to register. RSVP to Austin Trousdale at awt3rd@gmail.com or 864-554-8722.

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