2026 Statewide Symposium of the South Carolina Native Plant Society

Join us on Friday, September 18th: 5pm - 8pm | Plants & Pints @ Edmunds Oast Brewing Company

ADDRESS: 1505 King St #115, Charleston, SC 29405 (located inside the Pacific Box & Crate complex)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Time	Location	Activity
7:00 - 9:00 AM	Outside MRRI Entrance	**Registration Open** *Silent Auction Opens (Items on display inside MRRI lobby)*
7:30 - 8:45 AM	Outside MRRI Entrance	**Morning Bird Walk** with Jen Tyrell of Audubon South Carolina
8:00 - 9:00 AM	MRRI Lobby	**Breakfast** coffee, tea, & light breakfast provided
9:00 - 10:00 AM	MRRI Auditorium	**General Session 1:** **Welcome** Amber Von Harten, Lowcountry Chapter President **30th Anniversary Remarks** Rick Huffman, SCNPS Founder **Business Meeting** Tierney Rosenstock, SCNPS President & Chapters
10:00 - 11:00 AM	MRRI Auditorium	**General Session 2:** **Fostering healthy communities and resilience through plant selection and conservation** Dr. Martin A. Hamilton *Executive Director, South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University*
11:00 - 11:15 AM		**Break** (15 minutes)
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	MRRI Auditorium	**General Session 3:** **Community Conservation In Action Panel** Conversation with Tom Austin, Mika Gadsden, Aubrey Miller, Belvin Olasov, and Zack Snipes led by Rebecca Fanning
12:15 - 1:15 PM	Outdoor Classroom	**Lunch** Pick up preordered box lunches at the outdoor classroom
1:15 - 5:00 PM *(depart for field trips by 1:30 PM; end time for field trips is variable depending on trip)*	Meet Outside MRRI Entrance	**Field Trips & Workshops** **FIELD TRIP 1:** Sullivan's Island Maritime Forest Walk **FIELD TRIP 2:** Wild Herbs of the Carolina Coast **FIELD TRIP 3:** Growing Native Plants at Scale & Sustainable Development and Restoration at Kiawah River Development **FIELD TRIP 4:** Edible Native Plants Walk **FIELD TRIP 5:** Gardening Alongside Wildlife **FIELD TRIP 6:** Botanical & Nature Tour Beachwalker Park & Capt. Sam's Spit **WORKSHOP 1:** Grow Your Own Plants: The Basics of Propagation **WORKSHOP 2:** Beginner Build a Bog Workshop (Workshop at Outdoor Classroom) ***Meet in the grassy area in front of the MMRI Building at 1:15pm, find leader holding your field trip number for directions & carpooling information if applicable****
6:30 - 9:00 PM	Outdoor Classroom	**Lowcountry Boil & Silent Auction** *(Silent Auction on display and bidding open until Sunday, 9/20 @ 8:30a.m.)* ***Ticketed event***
8:00 PM	Outdoor Classroom	**Mothing** with Kristina Wheeler

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Time	Location	Activity
7:00 - 9:00 AM	Outside MRRI Entrance	**Registration & Silent Auction** *(Silent Auction items on display inside MRRI lobby; bidding closes at 8:30 a.m.)*
7:30 - 8:45 AM	Outside MRRI Entrance	**Morning Bird Walk** with Jen Tyrell of Audubon South Carolina
8:00 - 9:00 AM	MRRI Lobby	**Breakfast** coffee, tea, & light breakfast provided
9:00 - 10:00 AM	MRRI Auditorium	**General Session 4:** **Building Advocacy Efforts for Real Impact** Belvin Olasov *Executive Director, Charleston Climate Coalition*
10:00 - 10:15 AM	MRRI Auditorium	**Closing Remarks**
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Outdoor Classroom	**Lunch Pick-Up** Pick up preordered box lunches at the outdoor classroom
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM *(Depart for field trips by 11:00 AM; end time for field trips is variable depending on trip)*	Meet Outside MRRI Entrance	**Field Trips - *Meet up, travel to field trips, lunch on the go*** **FIELD TRIP 7:** Natural History Tour at Caw Caw **FIELD TRIP 8:** Wildflowers of the Francis Marion National Forest **FIELD TRIP 9:** Beidler Forest Foray - Native Plants, Wildlife, and more in an Old-Growth Landscape **FIELD TRIP 10:** Nature Walk at Harrell Family Park **FIELD TRIP 11:** Native Plant Garden Tour - Building Community & Ecosystem Connectivity **FIELD TRIP 12:** Cultivating the Next Generation of Salt Marsh Stewards ***Meet in the grassy area in front of the MRRI Building at 10:30am and find leader holding your field trip number for directions & carpooling information if applicable**** ***Field trips start at 12:00 PM; please allow enough travel time to field trip and to eat lunch on the go!***

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