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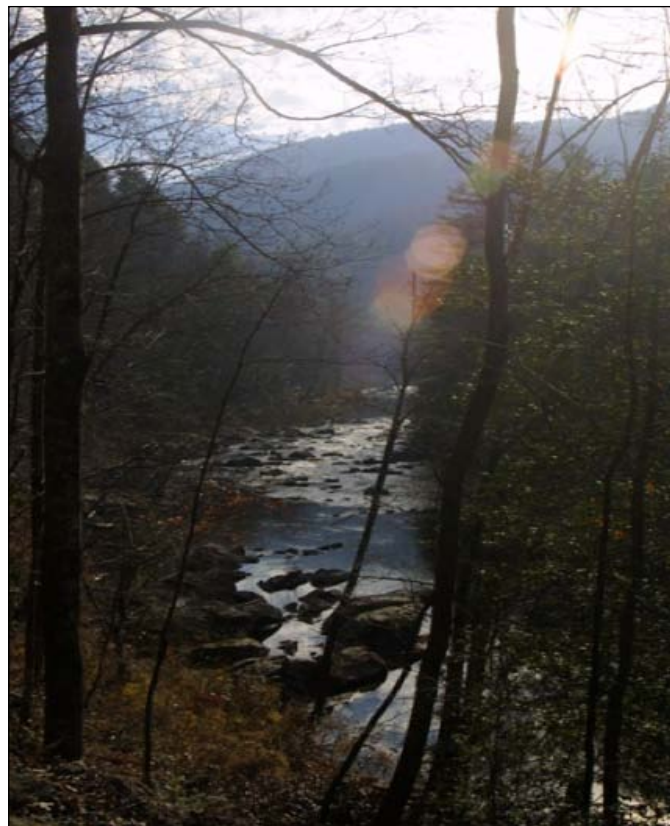
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Spring Trip: April 12–14: Lenoir/Wilson Creek Wilderness Area & Happy Valley, Caldwell County

"A rugged gem" some have called Wilson Creek, which drops 4,000 feet from its headwaters at Calloway Peak to its confluence with the Johns River. The Wilson Creek area was designated a Wild & Scenic River in 2000, and comprises 49,000 acres, much of it lying in the Pisgah National Forest, where it attracts hikers and campers, kayakers, trout anglers, and mountain bikers. And botanizers!

Elevations in the county range from 5,964 feet above sea level to only 900 feet. With such elevation changes come both beautiful waterfalls and a rich diversity of ecological communities and organisms. According to the Natural Heritage Inventory of Caldwell County (2008), Caldwell County ranks in the top half of North Carolina's counties in terms of rare species and community types within the state: there are 42 rare plant species and 19 rare animals in the county. In the area we'll be exploring on Saturday there are some patches of old-growth forest, rock outcrops, and spectacular water features. Appalachian Golden-banner (*Thermopsis mollis*) and Fraser's Sedge (*Carex fraserianus*) are among the plants we may see.

Friday evening we'll start our official activities with a social hour at 7:00 p.m. in the Caldwell County Public Library, followed by an 8:00 p.m. presentation about the Wilson Creek area. Ken Roberts, a life-long resident of Caldwell County, will speak on its human history, and Susan Powers, who recently retired from the Geology Department at Appalachian State University, will tell us about the geology of the area; both Ken and Susan are fellow wild-plant enthusiasts and serve on the board of the Friends of Wilson Creek. Andrew Kota, director of the Foothills Conservancy of NC's stewardship program, will talk about the challenges of invasive species in the watershed, and James Padgett, Inventory Biologist for the NC Natural Heritage Program and



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President's Message



I have 3 Trillium up in my yard here in Brevard! They were encased in ice for a while, but now, they seem quite perky. And my daffodils are blooming. Very strange spring so far!

Kathy Schlosser has stepped down as newsletter editor after 12 years and a job well done. I am sure you have enjoyed the newsletters, with many articles written by Kathy herself. We will miss you Kathy, but you have certainly earned a rest. Kathy will remain involved as interim Historian. If any of you would be interested in that job, email me and I can tell you more. Kathy has the physical files right now and is keeping them updated. This is not a very time-consuming job. It mainly entails adding newspaper clippings, letters, and documents to our existing files as they occur.

Replacing Kathy will be Darcia McKnight. Some of you already know Darcia from the Native Plant Certificate Program at UNCC Botanical Gardens. That is where I first met Darcia and we discovered our common interests in native plants and gardening. Darcia also has a blog, "A Charlotte Garden" (<http://acharlottegarden.blogspot.com>), which I know some of you follow, as well as her postings on Facebook. Helping Darcia with articles and editing will be Tom Watson, who also has taken the Native Plant Certificate courses, and Charles Racine, who lives in the coastal area, and is a Master Gardener and botanist. Darcia is always looking for pertinent articles, so if you have NCNPS news or have written an article, let her know: Darcia@ncwildflower.org.

We have a Web Site Committee working on ways to update and improve our very popular web site, www.ncwildflower.org. Last year, we got 116,883 unique visits with peaks occurring in the spring and fall, as you might expect, and 6,417,448 hits. Our plant pictures are unique on native plant sites, because we try to show the plant in each season, showing pictures of not only the flower but also the stem, the fruits and seeds. About once a month we get a request from various organizations to use our pictures in exhibits, on web pages, and on interpretive displays. We also have a lot of information on gardening, native plants in general, our scholarship program, and our grant program. We hope to improve the organization and utility of the information on the site.

Spring will be here soon and Lisa Gould has a great outing arranged for us in the Lenoir area. Check out the details in this issue and hope to see you there!

Jean

January 27, 2013

Spring Trip, cont.

author of the Caldwell County Natural Heritage inventory, will talk about the plants of Wilson Creek.

Well-primed by the Friday night talks, Saturday morning we will carpool to the Wilson Creek Visitor Center and drive from there to trailheads in the watershed. Ken Roberts, Susan Powers, James Padgett, and Larry Mellichamp (Director of the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens) will be walk leaders. Snacks and water will be provided, but *you will need to pack your own lunch*. We will return to Lenoir in mid- to late afternoon.



Saturday night we will again gather at the Caldwell County Public Library, for a 6:00 p.m. catered supper followed by the plant auction supporting the B.W. Wells Fund for stewardship. Please bring plants to share for the auction and your checkbook so you can take plenty of plants home with you! Larry Mellichamp will once again be our able auctioneer.

Sunday morning we will explore natural areas in historic Happy Valley, which is about 15 minutes from Lenoir and in the upper Yadkin River valley. Jane & Ken Roberts have invited us to see their ~40-acre property, which is primarily hardwood forest with a colony of Carolina Hemlock, and includes Rosebay Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel, and Pinkster Azalea, among other plants. Their neighbors will also welcome us to their property, which includes two ponds (where otters and beavers have been seen), and is a noted bird spot. Ken Roberts and James Padgett will take a separate group to the slopes of Hibriten Mountain, to explore a small hardwood cove. We will wrap up around noon.

If you come early or stay late, there are plenty of things to do in the Lenoir area, which is famed not only for its natural beauty but also for its furniture and other

handcrafts. In Lenoir itself, there are 5.6 miles of paved trails along the Lenoir Greenway.

In addition to many trails in Pisgah National Forest, Historic Happy Valley is nearby [<http://explore Caldwell.com/historichappyvalley.html>], full of old farms and scenic vistas, and home to many writers, artists, craftsmen, and musicians. Fort Defiance, the 1792 home of General William Lenoir, who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780, is on the National Registry of Historic Places and is open for tours Thursdays–Sundays, April–October.

We are very grateful to Robert and Ruth Jones for helping scout out the Lenoir area, and to Jane and Ken Roberts for their knowledgeable aid in planning the weekend's walks.

Lisa Gould



Accommodations

We have booked a suite of 20 rooms at the American Motel (formerly a Jamieson Inn) in Lenoir: www.americanmotel.us; 1-828-758-1200 (**note: registration deadline is March 29**). There are other motels, inns, and campgrounds in the area, but you are advised to make reservations early, as there are many events in the Lenoir area that weekend.

Bed & Breakfast in Lenoir: <http://www.bbonline.com/united-states/north-carolina/lenoir/irishrose.html>

Campgrounds: <http://local.yahoo.com/NC/Lenoir/Recreation+Sporting+Goods/Camping/Campgrounds>

Mortimer Campground (run the US Forest Service): <http://www.visitnc.com/listings/view/50795>. Note: this is fairly close to where we'll be going on Saturday, but is a ~30-minute drive on winding roads from Lenoir, where we will have our evening events on Friday and Saturday.

For more about Wilson Creek, check out: http://www.ncwaterfalls.com/wilson_creek1.htm

Lenoir/Wilson Creek Wilderness Area Registration Form

NC Native Plant Society Spring Trip: April 12–14, 2013

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

(Home)

(Cell)

We like to have your cell phone # so we can communicate during the weekend, if necessary.

Be aware that cell phone reception may be spotty or non-existent in the Wilson Creek area.

____ Registration fee: NCNPS member: \$25/ person (\$15 limited income) \$ _____

____ Single day participation: \$15. Please circle *Saturday* or *Sunday* \$ _____

____ Registration fee: non-NCNPS member: \$35/ person \$ _____

____ Single day non-member: \$20. Please circle *Saturday* or *Sunday* \$ _____

____ Saturday night dinner (optional): \$15/ person \$ _____

Please indicate *carnivore* or *vegetarian* (circle one)

____ Join the NCNPS: \$25 for individual membership, \$35 for family \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registration deadline: RECEIVED by April 6, 2013

____ I/ we will bring a food item (*sorry, no alcohol*) for the Friday evening social (enough for ~4 people—large amounts not necessary)

*Please note that lunch will **NOT** be provided on either Saturday or Sunday—you will need to bring your own. Most of the rooms in the American Motel have refrigerators.*

Please make check payable to: NC Native Plant Society and mail to:

Terry Ball, Treasurer, 716 Kemp Road W, Greensboro NC 27410

Confirmation of registration and directions to meeting sites will be sent on receipt of registration, via email.

We have reserved a block of rooms at

American Motel, Lenoir 1-828-758-1200 www.americanmotel.us

for the group rate of \$52.20 + tax/night. BOOK SOON (by March 29 at the latest), as there are other events in Lenoir that weekend. Participants should make their own reservations. Friday and Saturday night activities will be held at the Caldwell Co. Public Library in Lenoir.

Questions? Email Lisa Gould at lialg@ncwildflower.org or call (336) 245-3295.

Native Plant Studies News from the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens



The Native Plant Certificate program at UNC Charlotte has ten new graduates as of December 2012! Pictured above with program instructors Ed Davis, Dr. Larry Mellichamp, Dr. Carrie DeJaco, and Paula Gross are Susan Lackey, Sonia McElveen, Theresa Falter Morr, and Edgar Thomas Watson. Also part of the graduating class are Gail Black, Betts Curtis, Margaret R. Genkins, Jackie Hampton MacVean, and Susan Buckley McCreight. Congratulations, graduates!

Join in! The program course schedule for Spring is available at <http://gardens.uncc.edu/blog/2013/01/25/schedule-of-spring-native-plant-courses/>



Daniel Boone Native Gardens Add New Display of High Elevation Plants

Boone, NC. Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Daniel Boone Native Gardens [DNBG] introduce “The Lila Peterson High Elevation Rocky Summit Display Garden.” With support from the Garden Club of North Carolina, volunteers and Friends of the Gardens planted the new demonstration area for visitors. Named for Boone local Lila Peterson, former president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, the Gardens feature *Amelanchier alnifolia* (Saskatoon Serviceberry), *Campanula rotundifolia* (Bluebell bellflower), *Avenella flexuosa* (Wavy Hair Grass), *Heuchera villosa* (Hairy Alumroot), *Hydatica petiolaris* (Michaux’s Saxifrage), *Silene virginica* (Fire Pink), *Carex pensylvanica* (Pennsylvania Sedge), and *Rhododendron catawbiense* (Catawba Rhododendron).

The new display is located next to the Rockery, an area focusing on native plants for birds and butterflies. More than 200 native plants from North Carolina may be seen in the gardens.

Susan Oliver of Boone and local member of the “Gardenerettes Garden Club” and DBNG board member, explained, “We created this mini garden which mirrors the naturally occurring plant communities in North Carolina. Our gardener, Tim

Metcalf, did the research in *Guide to The Natural Communities of NC, 4th Approximation*, and chose plants of the high elevation rocky summit.”



Recently awarded tax exempt status as a 501(c) 3 organization, DBNG Chair Rebecca Kaenzig said, “Come and see the changes. Thanks to our Friends of the Gardens, we are planning other new projects, including adding more education events for families.”

About the Daniel Boone Native Gardens

Opened in 1963, the mission of the gardens is to protect and conserve plants, in addition to educating visitors about native plants of North Carolina. The gardens focus on wildflowers, ferns, and trees. The Daniel Boone Native Gardens are located at 651 Horn in the West Drive, Boone, N.C. and open from May to October. Suggested donation is \$2 for adults and free for children under 16. For more information see www.DanielBooneNativeGardens.org or call

828-264-6390. Visit Facebook for events.

Press release submitted by Sarah Gilley, DBNG

Photo credit: Ken and Jane Roberts

PLANT PROFILE: INKBERRY HOLLY

by Tom Watson, *Southern Piedmont Chapter*

Inkberry holly (*Ilex glabra*) is a medium-sized evergreen holly with a native distribution from Nova Scotia south to Florida and west to Texas. In North Carolina and Virginia, its native range is limited to the eastern coastal regions, with the USDA Plant Database showing no native populations west of Richmond, Moore, Chatham, Orange, and Vance counties. However, inkberry has great attraction, especially in cultivar selections, for the ornamental horticultural trade and is increasingly found in gardens throughout the state.

The species favors moist, acidic soil and full- to part-sun. In full sun, it grows to be an upright, mounded shrub up to 8' tall and 10' wide. It has fine-textured, obovate leaves with obscure prickles. It prefers pine flatlands, open savannas and swamp margins. Although a wetlands indicator, it does not thrive in saturated, anaerobic soils. In the garden, it will tolerate a wide range of soil types and moisture levels. In fact, once established (the qualifier for all plants), it tolerates drought reasonably well.

The traits that make it a coming star in the garden are its tolerance of a variety of gardening conditions up to and including neglect, its fine-textured, evergreen foliage, and (on female plants) the distinctive ¼" black drupes that give it its common name. These fruits provide low-grade food late in winter for animals ranging from birds to foxes. Because they are not wildly popular, the fruits persist throughout most of the winter.

The species does have a drawback for ornamental use, namely that it tends to form suckering colonies, can grow 6–8 feet tall by 8–10 feet wide and tends to become open and leggy with age. There are cultivars to address these issues. 'Compacta' and 'Shamrock' are two of the most popular. They reportedly are denser, less prone to sucker, and grow to only about 4' by 4' or less. At that size, the shrub becomes an effective substitute for Japanese holly (*Ilex crenata*) or even boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*, *B. macrophylla* and their various cousins, hybrids and cultivars.) As a last resort, the mature plant can be severely pruned back to allow a rejuvenative do-over. Gardeners searching for a native evergreen foundation plant need look no more (so long as they probe the soil around brick foundations and dig out the left-over brick mortar buried by the brick masons).

Other good uses for this adaptive shrub are hedges,



This inkberry holly (*Ilex glabra* 'Compacta') was planted in the author's garden last spring from a 1 gallon container. It should develop flowers this spring and its characteristic black drupes this summer.

whether sheared or not, specimen shrubs for moist spots, and naturalistic borders.

Like all hollies, inkberry is a dioecious plant, with individual male-flowering and female-flowering plants. 'Shamrock' and 'Compacta' are both female-flowering, and NORDIC is male-flowering. The flowers themselves are fairly inconspicuous and odorless to humans, but honeybees like them. The presence of a male from another holly species that blooms at the same time may serve to enable the female inkberry to produce fruit, albeit sterile fruit. I know I have grown inkberries that produced fruit without any thought to selecting a male-flowering plant. 🌿

Did you know?

Dozens of species of birds, including bluebird, brown thrasher, and hermit thrush, eat the fruits of inkberry.

Chapter News

Southern Piedmont Chapter

Our March meeting will be on the 10th at 2pm at Reedy Creek Nature Center. Ed Davis will present an overview of the development of the Native Plants Display Garden at UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens. After his presentation, we'll trek over to the Gardens to take a look at the site and see what's blooming in the Wildflower Garden.

Lisa Tompkins

SE Coast Chapter

The SE Coast Chapter took a different approach to our usual field trips. In January, we gathered an enthusiastic group to pull out privet at Airlie Gardens in Wilmington under the guidance of Melanie Doyle, Conservation Horticulturist of the Fort Fisher Aquarium and an expert on invasive plants. To our surprise, the local TV and newspaper folks showed up as well. We had a gratifying mountain of privet after just 2 hours. Airlie is one of NC's premier public gardens and plays a key role in improving water quality on Bradley Creek. Privet has spread in wet habitat throughout our area, choking out such beautiful native evergreens as *Lyonia lucida* and the native hollies.



Last week, we had a showing of *Dirt! The Movie*, an eye-opening film about the loss of soil worldwide and what we can do about it. We had a good turnout despite the beautiful, sunny weather! There was a short discussion afterwards and people were very positive about the film.

Cary Paynter

Margaret Reid (Triangle) Chapter

We have been enjoying good turnouts for our monthly field trips (first Sundays of the month), and our monthly work mornings at the Margaret Reid Wild Flower Garden in Raleigh, NC.

We'll be holding an 'Open Garden' at the Reid Garden on Easter afternoon, and are working on plans for our 5th Conservation Garden Tour. It will be in Chapel Hill on April 20 and will feature 2–3 private gardens plus the NC Botanical Garden and Triangle Land Conservancy's Irvin Nature Preserve. The focus is on gardens that contribute to the health and beauty of the Triangle's environment. In addition to showcasing the beauty of native wildflowers, these "conservation gardens" provide wildlife habitat and demonstrate environmentally friendly practices such as water conservation, rainwater harvesting, composting, mulching, and alternatives to lawns.

Amy Mackintosh

Reach Out, We'll Be There—To the tune of over 700 hours!

Do you remember the Four Tops song, “Reach Out I’ll Be There”? The song came to mind recently during a meeting with fellow NPS members. Our Society does a great job of being there!

The NC Native Plant Society is an organization that DOES NOT have a place, a specific geographic location or building, that gives it an identity. It is an entity whose most common “ground” may be our website. I know when I think of the Society, I think of Lisa Tompkins, Nancy Saint and Jane Srail, my fellow beloved Piedmont members with whom I have had fun making native plant memories—learning, digging (one of my favorite activities), attending meetings, and hosting outreach events over the past year or so. A fellow Board member, Trena McNabb, stated that it’s the nice people that make the Society wonderful for her. So kudos to all of you, the wonderful members of the Society, who contribute to its success and its most important function, EDUCATION!

On the next page you will find a table of events hosted by Board and other members in 2012. This is not, by far, a comprehensive list of all the events and time our Society has spent planning, writing, website maintaining, driving, and attending meetings. That time is countless. Some of the numbers in the table are

guesstimates. Please feel free to email me if I have missed events you attended or participated in so that I can update the record. I do think that this information gives you a flavor of how often and how far we reach out. Keep attending, and planning and sharing the wealth of information you all have, and the Society will stand behind you (in the words of the tennis great Arthur Ashe), “... smiling and laughing and cheering you on.”

*Christy Larson, Education Chair
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Bernice and Lisa from the Southern Piedmont Chapter chatting up native plants at Clean and Green in Charlotte.

Is your garden a Certified Native Plant Habitat yet? All you need are a few NC native trees, shrubs, and perennials, some good conservation practices like composting and mulching, and a desire to continue growing native!

Questions? Visit www.ncwildflower.org/certification/certification.htm, or contact Carolyn Ikenberry at carolyni@ncwildflower.org.

Show your commitment to preserving, enhancing, conserving, and protecting our environment—
Apply for certification!

NCNPS at work in the community, cont.

	A	B	C	D	E	G
1	Talks:					
2	Place/Group	# people	# Times	Topic	Chapter	Hours
3	Alamance County Master Gardeners	35	1	Natives	Triad	36
4	Arbor Day & Green Fair at Statesville Fitness and Activity Center	100	1	Butterflies	Piedmont	20
5	Birkdale Garden Club	13	1	Natives In Your Garden	Piedmont	8
6	Bloomsbury Garden Club	11	1	Benefits of Native Plants	Reid	2
7	Burlington Center, Hendersonville, NC	11	1	Tree Id workshop	Asheville	6
8	Burlington Center, Hendersonville, NC	11	1	Tree Id workshop	Asheville	8
9	Cabarrus Home School	45	1	Native Plants	Piedmont	9
10	Charlotte Clean & Green	100	1	Native Plants for NC Garden	Piedmont	30
11	Davidson Farmers Market	50	1	Make A Native Flower Out of Playdough	Piedmont	10
12	Delaware Orchid Society	30	1	Orchids	Triad	8
13	Fo Guang Shan Temple/Earth Day Celebration	25	1	Booth	Reid	7
14	Fo Guang Shan Temple/Earth Day Celebration	16	1	Benefits of Native Plants	Reid	1
15	Otto Garden Club	32	1	A Native Plant Pallet for your Garden	Asheville	6
16	Girl Scout Plant Rescue Oak Springs	15	2	Plant Rescue	Piedmont, Asheville, T	42
17	Girl Scout Plant Survey Oak Springs	10	1	Plant Identification	Piedmont, Asheville, T	24
18	Greater Charlotte Home & Landscape Show	100	1	Booth	Piedmont	26
19	Greater Charlotte Home & Landscape Show	13	1	Presentation	Piedmont	1
20	Green Garden Group	25	1	Orchids	Triad	4
21	Green & Growin Show	100	1	Display	Reid	4
22	Hanging Rock Native Herb Walk	15	1	Herbs	Triad	8
23	Hidden Hills Garden Club	12	1	Gardening with Native Plants	Reid	
24	Kerr Lake Master Gardener Program	35	1	Orchids	Triad	9
25	Master Gardeners, Brevard	46	1	Talk about composting	Asheville	3
26	Master Gardeners, Brevard	61	1	A Native Plant Pallet for your Garden	Asheville	6
27	Master Gardeners, Brevard	40	1	Table at Gardening Day at Library	Asheville	1
28	Matthews Earth Day Festival	150	1	Native Plants for NC Garden	Piedmont	9
29	Monroe Earth Day Festival	75	1	Native Plants for NC Garden	Piedmont	4
30	Native Orchid Conference	55	1	Orchids	Triad	16
31	NC NPS	22	1	Lead Hike at Twin Bridges	Asheville	4
32	NC NPS	28	1	Society Education & Outreach Activities Presentation	Piedmont	20
33	News & Record Monthly Column		monthly		Triad	72
34	Not Your Mama's Garden Club	7	1	Garden Tour	Reid	2
35	Oak Ridge Garden Club	30	1		Triad	10
36	Old Salem	20	1		Triad	30
37	Philadelphia Orchid Society	40	1	Orchids	Triad	14
38	Pilot Mountain Native Herb Walk	10	1	Herb Walk	Triad	6
39	Pointe at Oakdale National Night Out	20	1	Natives for Your Yard	Piedmont	11
40	Proposal Master Gardener Chapter		1	Natives in the Landscape	Piedmont	120
41	Reid Garden Work Days		8		Reid	120
42	Reid Garden Easter Open Garden	57	1		Reid	25
43	Run for Green	100	1	Natives In Your Garden	Piedmont	15
44	SABER Native Plants Garden	15	1		Piedmont	4
45	Schweinitz Sunflower Monitoring		1		Piedmont	8
46	SE Pennsylvania Orchid Society	50	1	Orchids	Triad	3
47	Southern Ideal Home Show	30	1	Booth	Reid	4
48	Southern Ideal Home Show	12	1	Doing Less and Getting More: Creating a Sustainable Landscape	Reid	0.3
49	NC State Fair	100	4	Native Plant Demonstration Garden	Reid	90
50	Statesville Arbor Day	50	1		Piedmont	9
51	Statesville Garden Council	10	1	Value of Trees	Piedmont	10
52	Summer Green Road Show	100	3 days	Booth	Piedmont & Other	72
53	Sunset Hills Garden Club	30	1		Triad	6
54	Town & Country Club	18	1	Berry Bearing Bushes	Piedmont	4
55	Transylvania County Master Gardeners	30	1	Orchids	Triad	16
56	UNC Asheville Wildflower Pilgrimage	75	1		Triad	16
57	UNCA Botanical Garden	15	1	Table at Plant Sale at the Bot. Garden	Asheville	4
58	US Orchid Club	25	1	Led several hikes to see orchids	Asheville	8
59	Weddington Polo Club	40	1	Native Plants for NC Garden	Piedmont	2
60	Western Carolina Botanical Club	23	1	Talk on Shaken Creek	Asheville	4
61	Western Carolina Botanical Club	18	1	Lead Hike at Ashmore Preserve	Asheville	5
62	Western Carolina Botanical Club	14	1	Lead hike at Bear Ben Gap	Asheville	6
63	Western Carolina Botanical Club	13	1	Lead hike on Shut in trail	Asheville	7
64	Winghaven	30	1	Best Natives for Charlotte Gardens	Piedmont	8
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NCNPS Annual Picnic: Fun Together & Fun with Ferns

Saturday, June 1st

Hagan Stone Park, south of Greensboro

Our native ferns are beautiful, diverse, and fun to grow, but alas, they all seem to look alike! Using Anne & Barbara Hallowell's *Fern Finder*, our own Larry Mellichamp will help us sort them out, and also teach us about fern propagation. Larry is a Professor in the Department of Biology at UNC-Charlotte and Director of the UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens—with his prodigious knowledge and wry humor, it will be a fun and educational morning.

In addition to the morning workshop (which starts at 10:00), we will have our usual delicious BBQ and potluck lunch at noon, followed by a native plant auction (so start potting up plants soon!).

Details about the fern workshop and the rest of the day, along with directions to Hagan Stone Park, will be in the April/May newsletter.

Lisa Gould



Northern Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)

The Daniel Boone Gardens Early Bird Wildflower Walk and Plant

The Daniel Boone Gardens, in Boone, NC, kick off the 2013 season with the 6th Annual **EARLY BIRD WILDFLOWER WALK & PLANT SALE** which begins at 8 a.m. on April 27. Native plants will be available from local vendors. Event is free. Bring the family. Hike the Strawberry Hill Arboretum. Bird tours and Squire Boone Cabin open.



Photos: Sarah Gilley, DBNG



Join Us on Facebook!

Did you know the North Carolina Plant Society has a Facebook page? We're gaining a larger following every day! Stop by and "like" us to join in. You'll get up-to-the-minute news, articles, and native plant tidbits right in your Facebook newsfeed!

<http://www.facebook.com/NCNativePlants>

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Each year about this time, we need to think about sending in our dues for next year. I know many of you have paid for years in advance, and that is just great. But, for the rest of us, our dues expire on May 31st. For the past couple of years, we have been sending out notices to members alerting them to the deadline. That does cost money in printing, addressing, and postage, which we could use to advance the cause of promoting and protecting the native plants of North Carolina. If you would like to continue to receive our first class newsletter and notices of the many trips and state-wide events, I encourage you to renew today!

Trena McNabb, Membership Chair



NC Native Plant Society Membership/Renewal Application

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name, Address, Phone, e-mail (Please Print):

☐ Do not print my information in the Directory

☐ I am able to receive the newsletter via email to conserve resources.

☐ I am interested in NCNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification Program.
(Recognizing the use of native plants in your landscape)

Save and help the Society with a Three-Year Renewal!

Family: \$100 for 3 years **Amount** _____
Individual: \$70 for 3 years _____

Memberships/Gifts:

Limited income: \$15 per year _____
Individual: \$25 per year _____
Family: \$35 per year _____
Affiliate org. \$35 per year _____
(# of members _____)
Sustaining: \$50 per year _____
Life Membership: \$500 _____
☐ (5) yearly installments _____
Gift-undesignated: _____
Gift-scholarship: _____
Gift-stewardship: _____
Total Enclosed: _____

Join A Local Chapter:

☐ Asheville ☐ SE Coast
☐ Charlotte ☐ Triad
☐ NE Coast ☐ Triangle
☐ NW Sandhills ☐ Uwharrie

Indicate activities you would be interested in volunteering for:

- ☐ Organizing Meetings
- ☐ Planning Field Trips
- ☐ Plant Auctions
- ☐ Helping with Newsletter/Publications
- ☐ Publicity and/or Show Booths
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Scholarships/Grants
- ☐ Board of Trustees
- ☐ Plant Rescue
- ☐ Speakers Bureau

You will be notified through the Newsletter and messages from your Chapter Chair of events you won't to miss! Information can also be found at: www.ncwildflower.org

Send completed form
and check to:
NCNPS
Terry Ball, Treasurer
716 Kemp Rd. W
Greensboro, NC 27410

Membership Year runs from June 1st to May 31st.

New members who join after December 1st of a fiscal year will be considered paid for the following fiscal year.



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Halberdleaf Violet (*Viola hastata*)
Reedy Creek Preserve, Charlotte, NC