



# Native Plant News

The Newsletter of the North Carolina Native Plant Society

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## 9th Annual Meeting and Picnic June 10, 2006



NCNPS 9th Annual Picnic  
with Plant Auction  
and Short Business Meeting

We always have a great time.  
Come join the fun.

Proceed on 421 South about 6 miles. Look for signs to the park. Near Forest Oaks at a stoplight turn right onto Hagan-Stone Park Road. Travel about 2 miles and then turn right into Hagan-Stone Park. Follow park signs to shelter 3. (NC Gazeteer page 38 grid B1)

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2006

Place: Hagan Stone Park - 6 miles south of Greensboro off of US 421

Time: We have Shelter Two (2) from 11 AM to early evening.

Schedule: Free flowing and relaxed. Lots of time to visit and enjoy life. Earlybirds can explore trails at Hagan Stone Park. Maps are available in the park office near the entrance.

Noon to 4 – Conversation as folks gather, covered-dish lunch about 12:00 PM, short business meeting about 2 PM, plant auction about 2:30 PM.

What to bring: Your wonderful self, your family and friends, your yummy covered dish, and garden treasures for the auction. Before you come, empty the extra stuff from the car so you have lots of room to bring home some beautiful plants.

Directions: Hagan Stone Park is a six miles south of Greensboro off of 421 in Pleasant Green. 5920 Hagan-Stone Road.

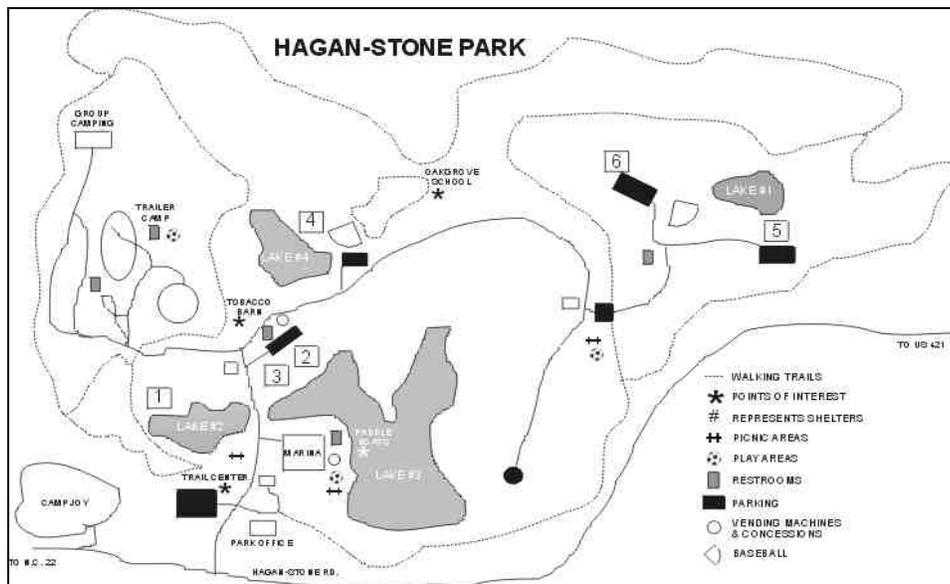
If you come via I-85 to Greensboro area, take the exit for 421 South toward Sanford - JW Hunt Jr Expy. (This was exit 126 before the new southern bypass for 85 around Greensboro opened. From the Raleigh side, I-85 splits south around Greensboro now at about mile 131.)

The Plant Auction helps raise money to support the activities and scholarships of your NCNPS.

Pot up a few of your native plants and bring them to the Annual Picnic Plant Auction.

Tom Harville  
Auctioneer

Ps: bring cash or checks  
– you are sure to see something to add to your collection!



## *What's Next?*

It certainly is a humbling experience to rummage through old historical documents. While I was going over the material that came to me when I took over as the treasurer, I came across the North Carolina Wildflower Preservation Society's Certificate of Incorporation from July 30, 1956. The incorporators were H.L. Blomquist, Lionel Melvin, Alfred Mordecai, Herbert Smith and H. R. Totten. When we got our non-profit status in 1981 Emily Allen was the President. When we changed our name in 2004 to the North Carolina Native Plant Society, Alice Zawadzki was president. There are some prominent names in the native plant world in our society's history. If you look at the list of people who served as President, you see more names of people who worked for and are still working for the Society. What you don't see are the names of all the other folks who were behind the scenes, doing all the "little" jobs that make us viable. And believe me, it takes all of us to make the Society an organization where we can have some fun and keep the issues surrounding native plants visible.

So here we are in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of the North Carolina Native Plant Society and I would like to offer some challenges for our Society over the next two years:

- At least double our membership. We currently have xxx members across the state
- Increase the number of chapters to at least 10. We have 4 with another in the conceptual stage.
- Add \$20,000 to the Shinn fund so we can give at least 2 \$1000 grants per year.
- Increase the Cullowhee scholarships to 4 per year. We just increased to two scholarships this year because so many of you agreed to take your newsletter via email.
- Build the BW Wells Stewardship fund

so we can give at least \$5,000 a year to projects.

- Cultivate our relationships with surrounding native plants societies
  - Virginia
  - South Carolina
  - Tennessee
  - Georgia
  - Maryland
- Start a Speaker's Bureau
- Increase our efforts to raise awareness of the endangered and rare plants in North Carolina.
- Increase our efforts to raise awareness of problems created by invasive plants

I am always looking for ideas to improve the Native Plant Society and I'm sure there are many great ideas out there, so pass them on to your chapter chair or a board member. I hope that that you will volunteer to fill some of the committee positions but if you don't, I will be calling.

Tom Harville

Jack-in-the-pulpit,  
*Arisaema*  
*triphillum*



NCNPS Executive Board Nominations

The NCNPS board of directors has nominated the following officers for election:

- President                    Tom Harville
- Vice President            Dale Suiter
- Recording Secretary    Charlotte Patterson
- Treasurer                 Hugh Partridge

A vote will take place at the Annual Meeting on June 10, 2006.

Looking for Speakers

Many of you are knowledgeable and talented speakers, with plenty of information to share with others about the native plants of North Carolina. We are gathering information to put together a Speakers Bureau which will be posted on the NCNPS website. We need the following information:

1. Your name
2. Your topic(s) (please include a short description) and type  
of presentation (talk, slides, PowerPoint, exhibit, workshop/demonstration)
3. Length of presentation
4. If you have a slide or PowerPoint program, will you loan the slides/CD to NCNPS members to present at their meetings?
5. Fee (or transportation, lodging requirements)
6. Contact information

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## *Land for Tomorrow Update*

Thank your Legislators for Sponsoring H2827/  
S1907 Take Action!

### The Land and Water Conservation Bond Act of 2006

Thanks to the phone calls and emails of Land for Tomorrow supporters, 75 house members and 22 senators sponsored the bills that ask for the public's vote on the Land and Water Conservation Bond! This is amazing work - it brings us one step closer to additional funding for protection of our drinking water, farmlands and forests, wildlife habitats, and historic places too.

The sponsoring legislators need to hear thanks from you! And those legislators who didn't sponsor the bills need to be encouraged to support them in the future.

Take a moment to tell your legislators how important these bills are. When you click on the "Take Action" link above and enter your zip code, the computer program will tell you which of your legislators were sponsors, and will help you send them an email. It's easy - try it!

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## *23rd Annual Cullowhee Conference: Native Plants in the Landscape*



July 19 – 22, 2006

At Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.

The purpose of the Cullowhee Conference is to increase interest in and knowledge of propagating and preserving native southeastern plant species in the landscape. Past participants of the conference have included landscape architects, commercial nursery operators, garden club members, botanists, and horticulturists from state highway departments, universities, native plant societies, botanical gardens, and arboreturns. Both professionals and laypersons will gain valuable knowledge from the informative fieldtrips, lectures and workshops.

The program schedule allows for informal sessions where participants can exchange ideas. We encourage you to make use of this opportunity. Information and materials can be displayed and exchanged in each residence hall lobby. Please bring materials you wish to share.

The conference is held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. Cullowhee is located between the Great Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains, approximately fifty miles southwest of Asheville. Close to both the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cullowhee is in an ideal location for anyone with an interest in nature.

From the 2006 Registration brochure

General Sessions this year include:

*Truth, Beauty & Power: The Observation, Inspiration and Motivation of America's Nature Writers*, Margie Hunter

*Why You Can't Buy a Forest in a Can: Managing and Restoring Diversity in our Woodlands and Gardens*, Bill Cullina.

*Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Georgia: a Work in Progress*, Linda Chafin

*Trillium Species of the Southeast: An Appreciation*, Tom Patrick

*Commercial Landscapes and the Challenges to Naturalize Them*, Steve Sanchez

*Exploring Mega Connections*, Tom Goforth

...and this is just the beginning! For details on all workshops, general sessions, and field trips, visit the Cullowhee Conference website at:

<http://nativeplants.wcu.edu>

The conference is always fun, informative, and informal. The NCNPS is usually well represented, so you will be among friends.

We are also proudly sponsoring two scholarship students this year, thanks to your willingness to receive this newsletter electronically.



*Monarda didyma*, bee balm

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### One Last Chance Dues Reminder

There is still time to mail your dues (\$15.00 Limited Income; \$25.00 Individual; \$35.00 Family, \$50.00 Sustaining; \$1,000 Lifetime) by May 30th to:

Tom Harville  
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Cary, NC 27511

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Please excuse the abbreviated newsletter this time.

The regular, full version of the newsletter, which will contain details of our Fall Trip, will be available later this summer or early fall.

The editor.