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## Buxton Woods Coastal Reserve: A Jewel of the Untamed Carolina Coast

**By Amanda Faucette,**  
*NCNPS Shinn Grant Recipient 2013*

**N**orth Carolina is known for its beautifully wild Outer Banks. Buxton Woods, located on Hatteras Island in Dare County, is no exception. Comprising over 1725 acres, 995 of those belonging to the NC Coastal reserve, it contains the largest tract of maritime evergreen forest left on the NC coast. I had the pleasure of conducting a plant inventory in this dynamic ecosystem for my Master's thesis. In addition to cataloging all plant species occurring there, I set out to map the various plant communities with reference to both soil and topography. With all these data, my ultimate goal is to write a floristic key to the area to aid botanists and future land managers.



*Jeanette Sedge in May—Amanda Faucette*

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# President's Letter



*Just back from our Spring Outing and was it wonderful! We had 70 people and the weather was perfect—cool with a breeze and almost no bugs. We saw scores of orchids, pitcher plants, and other plants. Check out the pictures! There are some in this newsletter and even more on [our Facebook page](#).*

*Our trip in the fall will be to areas around Hanging Rock State Park in the north central part of our state. Stay tuned as the plans develop.*

*Our picnic will be June 7 in Greensboro at Hagan Stone County Park. We rented one of the large pavilions and the food is always wonderful! This is a potluck with the NCNPS providing the barbeque. Our members are great cooks! This is also our Annual Meeting with approval of the officers for the coming term, a review of the past year, and a vote on our revised bylaws. We have recently updated our bylaws to be more in line with changes in our society. The new bylaws posted by June 2 in the Members Only section of our website and copies for perusal will be available at the Picnic/Annual Meeting.*

*If you haven't checked out the Members Only section of our website (<http://www.ncwildflower.org>), go to Members Only at the top of our Welcome page. The Members Only page will open. Then you can click on Newsletters on the left. This will take you to our Wild Apricot page. Log in using the email that you specified when you joined. If you have never logged in, or have forgotten your password, click on the Forgot Password link and set up a password. You will be taken to a page of our past newsletters and journals, back to 2002. We have paper copies of newsletters and journals prior to this and some day they will be scanned in and available. There are some interesting articles in these past newsletters and journals, check them out!*

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## If You Love Spring, You Should See the After-party!

**By Will Stuart**

During February and early March, I find myself watching the calendar, checking the weather, anxiously waiting for the spring ephemerals to re-emerge. In a typical year (do we still have those?), warm

weather arrives in a sudden burst of sunny days. Bright blue hepatica, snow-white bloodroot, golden trout lilies and rue anemone emerge followed by trillium, Virginia bluebells and Jeffersonia. And then too quickly, petals are shed, trees leaf out, and the show is over for another year.

That is when I am thankful I live in North Carolina, where a second spring has yet to unfold at higher elevations along the Blue Ridge Parkway. In mid-May, the 70-mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Asheville to the southern end of the Parkway near Cherokee, is a botanical treat. As the roadway ascends from just over 2,000 feet in Asheville to over 5,000 feet some 10 miles distant at Mt. Pisgah, the botanical landscape changes dramatically.

For me the real show unfolds 10 miles further south near Graveyard Fields. In late summer, Graveyard Fields draws crowds who come to pick plump and juicy blueberries. In October, tourists flock to admire spectacular fall color. But in mid-May, the showstoppers are pinkshell azaleas (*Rhododendron vaseyi*), *Pieris floribunda*, and the emerging leaves and blossoms of the smooth serviceberry or “shad” (*Amelanchier laevis*). All three decorate the roadsides and each has a unique and spe-



*Pieris floribunda* in the Blue Ridge Mountains in May—Will Stuart

cial beauty.

I love the pinxter azaleas of the Piedmont, but pinkshell azaleas, an endemic found only in North Carolina, can be stunning along the Parkway in early morning light, offset by the rich greens of surrounding shrubs. The bright pink blossoms appear before the leaves emerge, making the shrubs even more dramatic.

Adjacent to these blooming azaleas you will find another southeast endemic, the equally handsome native *Pieris*, or Mountain Fetterbush. Unless you see these native andromedas in blossom, you might mistake them for mountain laurel or another common evergreen, ericaceous shrub. But when they bloom they are loaded with blossoms and are unmistakable.

Also along the roadsides and scattered on the



*Pinkshell Azalea (Rhododendron vaseyi)*—Will Stuart

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## Buxton Woods, continued from pg. 1

Research was initially conducted on historical floras and Element Occurrence Reports through the NC Natural Heritage Program, to obtain a preliminary species list for the reserve. However, fieldwork was the most vital aspect of this project. Bi-weekly trips were taken throughout the growing season to ensure that all species were observed and collected. In order that botanists in the future may be able to study these plants, pressed



*Jeanette sedge in December—Amanda Faucette*

specimens were obtained for all taxa. GPS coordinates were also taken for all specimens collected. In addition, samples of all pressed specimens were taken and preserved in silica gel for NC State University's DNA bank.

I was graciously awarded the Shinn grant in 2013 to help conduct this research. Unfortunately, Buxton Woods is 242 miles from NCSU. Therefore, with the exception of the purchase of silica gel for tissue desiccation, all funding was utilized for gas to and from the site.

To date, field research is still in progress with 27 trips being conducted so far. Research continues in part to the destruction

of highway 12 in fall of 2012 and the necessity to collect during two full growing seasons. However, over 400 specimens have been collected to date. Those identified include at least 220 different taxa comprising 74 plant families. Of those families, Poaceae and Cyperaceae contain the most taxa at 42 and 25 species respectively.

Plant community delineation has also been conducted. The most distinctive plant community is the maritime evergreen forest by which the reserve was named. Loblolly pines (*Pinus taeda*) dominate this ecosystem, twisted by the persistent salt spray, with live oak (*Quercus virginiana*)

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## Buxton Woods, continued

and sand laurel oak (*Quercus hemisphaerica*) being the only canopy hardwoods.

This plant community is unusual in that rarely can trees grow to great size on the barrier islands. Exposure to salt spray is the greatest limiting factor for plant growth with soil erosion and water availability being the next. The large number of tropical storms that make landfall there compound these conditions; historically NC is third only to Florida and Texas for maritime storm occurrence. One reason for this is the Gulf Stream that carries warm water along the east coast of the US to Hatteras Island. Right off of Cape Point, less than 4 miles from Buxton Woods, it meets the colder Labrador Current coming from the north.



Maritime Evergreen Forest—Amanda Faucette

This mixing of warm and cold water allows for the growth of both subtropical and temperate plant species. In fact, some of these species have their northernmost range limit within Buxton Woods. Bristle basketgrass (*Oplismenus hirtellus* ssp. *setarius*) is thought to have its northernmost range in this area. A wonderful native grass, it blankets large portions of the understory in maritime evergreen forests. At first glance, one might mistake it for Japanese stilt-grass (*Microstegium vimineum*) due to the expansive cover it provides.

Another grass found here at its northern range limit is seashore paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*). Similar to Bermuda grass in appearance, it is extremely salt tolerant and is found growing in the high marsh, inland of salt meadow cordgrass (*Spartina alternifolia*). Moundlily

yucca (*Yucca gloriosa*) is also at the periphery of its range in Buxton.

Not only does Hatteras Island contain some rare species, but rare plant communities as well. One of Buxton's most unique plant communities is the dogwood subtype of maritime shrub swamp. It is dominated by low trees most notably stiff dogwood (*Cornus stricta*) and yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*). This ecosystem is only

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## President's Letter, continued

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On the left of that page you can also click on Directory to find the contact information of any of our members who have indicated (when they joined) that their information could be shared. In the search field, you can type in the first or last name. A list of entries with that name will appear and you can click on the one for which you are searching. This takes the place of the directory that we published in the past, which was out of date by the time it was printed. This is up to date with our latest information all the time.

**Remember, if you change address, phone number, or email, please log in and change your information here. You can view your**

**information by clicking View Profile at the left side of the Screen.**

By clicking on Propagation Manual on the left, you can view and download a copy of our propagation manual, which is now out of print. We are always looking for more information to share with our members and will soon have some of the most requested handouts that we use at exhibits available to you as well. The material in this section is one of the great advantages of being a member!

Hope to see you at the Picnic and Annual Meeting in June!

Jean  
Spring/Summer 2014

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mountainsides above 5000 feet, are the very showy native trees known as Allegheny Serviceberry or Shadbush. Five bright white petals, always seemingly headed in different directions, are enhanced by the rich reddish-bronze colors of emerging leaves. Unless you see these trees blooming in May, you will not realize how common these trees are at this elevation.

As a bonus, keep your eyes alert for a cameo roadside appearance by our native high elevation viburnum, or Hobblebush, with handsome velvety pairs of leaves.

So next time it is summer-like in Charlotte in mid-May and you yearn for one more day of springtime, plan a day trip to the high-elevation stretches of the Blue Ridge Parkway and admire a quartet of delightful native shrubs.



*Hobblebush (Viburnum lantanoides)—Will Stuart*

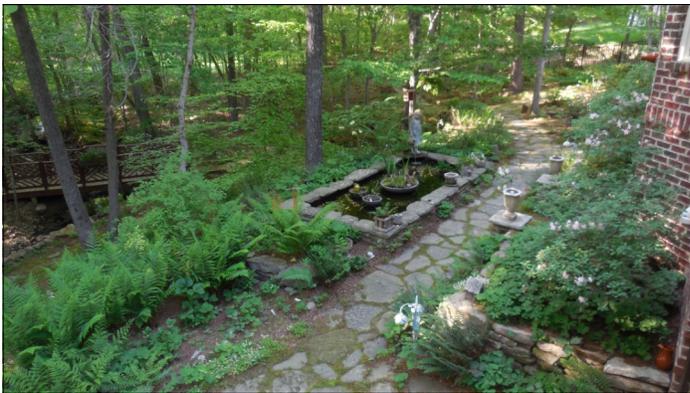
## NCNPS Habitat Gardens—Certification #40!



**Jeff and Cheryl Prather's** garden in Chapel Hill is a natural habitat of great diversity and beauty. It is an amazing garden with many entries in every category of plants on the certification list—canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs, ferns, perennials for every season, grasses, groundcovers, bog plants, and some unusual and rare ones. They have transformed a shady back yard in an urban neighborhood into a beautiful and highly structured natural habitat, with stream bed, bridges, and other visually pleasing additions. Congratulations to Jeff and Cheryl!

**Congratulations!**

*Carolyn Ikenberry, Habitat Certification*



# Board News

## 2014 Fall Trip: October 3–5, 2014, Pilot Mountain & Hanging Rock state parks and vicinity, Stokes & Surry counties, NC

**O**ur 2014 Fall Trip, October 3–5, will take us to two of the Piedmont's most distinctive sites, Pilot Mountain State Park and Hanging Rock State Park, as well as to some protected areas in their vicinity.

The optional Friday afternoon walk will be at Pilot Mountain, and Friday evening we will enjoy some social time and a talk on the natural history of the area, by Dr. **Ken Bridle** (Stewardship Director of the Piedmont Land Conservancy and a former NCNPS president), who knows this area very well indeed. Saturday Dr. Bridle will take us to some Piedmont Land Conservancy properties in the vicinity.

Following a catered dinner Saturday night, NCNPS member **Betty Lou Chaika** will present the program, "Drawing the Natural Gardens of North Carolina." As members of the NCNPS know, within the vast landscape of this beautiful state there is a wonderful variety of different natural habitats. Each habitat, with its unique combination of elements (elevation, topography, types of rock and soil, temperature, moisture) is home to special groupings of plants and animals. Betty Lou has visited many of these incredibly varied natural communities in mountains, piedmont, and coastal plain. In her colorful drawings she illustrates visual narratives that convey the diversity and beauty of these habitats. She shows the possibilities of nature journaling or field sketching for getting to know plant



*Betty Lou Chaika capturing the details of a pitcher plant.*

communities, plant/animal interactions among species, and plant interactions with their environments. She observes their seasonal ecologies, recording a slice of place at a point in time.

Each drawing is an overview of a particular community on a particular day, in a particular season. In this slide lecture and discussion you will recognize a number of drawings done to illustrate NCNPS field-trips! Some of her drawings will be available as prints, the sale of which will benefit NCNPS.

Betty Lou Chaika, BFA, MEd is a graduate of both the Botanical Art and Illustration and the Native Plant Studies certificate

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## Board News, continued



programs from the North Carolina Botanical Garden.

Sunday morning will feature walks at Hanging Rock State Park.

*Lisa Gould, Secretary (formerly Vice President and Programs chair)*

### The new T-shirts are here!

Our resident artist and NCNPS board member, **Trena McNabb** has designed a beautiful new graphic for our T-shirts. We have had it printed on organic cotton and it looks beautiful! You can buy one (\$18 members/\$20 non-members) at the annual picnic at Hagan Stone State Park, or other Society events. A big thank you to **Kerrie Hillman** who has stepped up to handle online sales for us.

### Thank you!

Welcome to **Kim** and **Patrick Mecimore** who have agreed to be co-chairs in charge of programs! They will be taking over for Lisa Gould as she moves into the Secretary position. Thank you, Kim and Patrick! Also, many thanks to **Julie Higgie** for doing newsletter layout and mail-out for this and future issues of *Native Plant News*! Julie has years of previous newsletter experience and her work on this is very much appreciated!

### The Society needs you!

How would you feel about being Vice President? Or maybe Historian is more up your alley. Maybe you'd like to serve on the Board? There is also a need for someone to handle T-shirt sales at events.

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# Flytraps & Friends:



Those of us who came prepared to wade were able to catch a glimpse of *Drosera filiformis*, the Threadleaf Sundew, on a little island of mushy ground.



Capturing Sundew and Milkwort to study later.



You never know where you might find a great plant! There were loads of species underneath this billboard near Shallotte.

# Our Trip to the Coastal Plain



Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)



Rose Pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*) and Netted Chain Fern (*Woodwardia areolata*) make a beautiful combination along the road in northern Brunswick County.



Rosebud Orchid (*Cleistes bifaria*) in the Green Swamp.



Mark Rose fills us in on what we'll be doing and seeing at the Green Swamp Preserve.



Flytraps, we finally found you! This area near Boiling Springs had been dubbed "Flytrap Heaven." Hundreds of the plants were there.

# NCNPS Members Planting.....

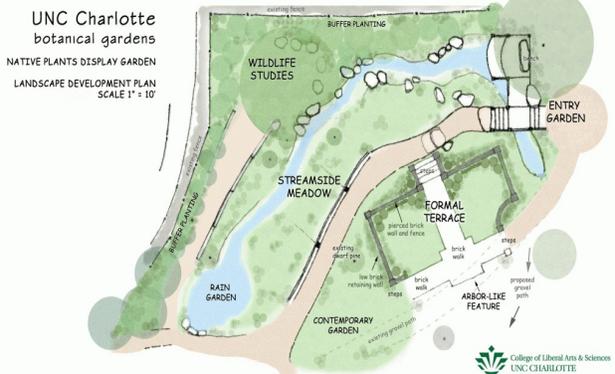
**E**arth Day was Tuesday, April 22. I baked a native plant cake, one with native flowers for decorations. While I consider my love of native plants as a year-round celebration of Earth Day, this year I was also thinking as the Education Chair. I thought about how we all as members inspire, and how we could do more. I have a young family and we have traditions so I was inspired to start a North Carolina Native Plant Society tradition. The following post appeared on NCNPS Facebook pages:

*“Celebrate Earth Day... the NATIVE PLANT Way! Let's establish an annual Native Plant Society tradition of sharing native plants and seeds on Earth Day with neighbors, friends, family, anyone.”*

Many organizations reach out to the Native Plant Society for speakers and event participation. Our members are planting the seeds in the generations that will shape the future—for the better. The following is only a snapshot of the events members have participated in to date.

## UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens

Dr. **Larry Mellichamp** continues education at UNC Charlotte with native plant talks, landscaping, bizarre natives, basic botany, and plant identification classes. Under construction, with lead **Ed Davis**, is The Mellichamp Native Terrace garden that “will showcase a variety of native plants filling common landscape needs, such as groundcovers, specimen plants, flower borders, privacy hedges, and foundation plantings. “ This garden was funded in part by the North Carolina Native Plant Society.



## Dilworth Gardening Club, Charlotte

**Lisa Tompkins**, landscape designer and Carolina Heritage (Native Nursery) owner, shared her southern charm and great knowledge of native plants with this group.

## Hunter Elementary Family Science Night, Cary

**Bill Cure**, Cure Nursery. Bill had a *deja vu* experience at Hunter Elementary. He talked to kids and their parents about how beautiful native plants can be and more importantly, how native plants support the native fauna of our ecosystem. The noise level and general child-centered confusion reminded him of when his kids were small, a long time ago.

NOTE—For gardeners looking for sources of native plants, Bill’s nursery, Cure Nursery, is steering a new course to include perennials in their inventory (which had been exclusively trees and shrubs) and to aim more at the retail market.

## Garden Tours, Cary

NCNPS Board Member, **Tom Harville**, opened up his garden to various individuals and groups in April.

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# .....Seeds of Knowledge

## **Native Plant Pollinator Garden, Cary**

**Amy Sackaroff**, senior environmental planner for Stantec, is working on this garden effort at the Laurel Park Elementary School. "In addition to native plants, the garden will have a trail guide with information on each species (to be completed as part of either the school's community service club or a class Earth Day project) and (ultimately) informational plaques below each plant that list their wildlife uses." NCNPS donated seeds.

## **Earth Day, Greensboro**

NCNPS Triad participated in the event, with **Judy West**, NCNPS member and retired art teacher and **Lynda Waldrep**, past NCNPS vice president. "Give your heart to the Earth. Your recycled handmade paper heart has Cardinal Flower seeds imbedded in it." So begins the instruction given to almost 100 young people at the recent celebration. Judy led the children in making their paper from recycled paper. Lynda assisted by placing the tiny seeds on the paper in the shape of a heart. Full instructions of how to plant the seeds, paper and all, were given to the participants. The activity was so popular at the four-hour program that a line was often necessary, and some families with children had each child make its own "heart."

Handouts on appropriate native plants for the



Piedmont were available for the adults visiting the booth, and free NCNPS Eastern

Columbine seeds were also available.

Earth Day is sponsored annually in Greensboro by Kathleen Clay Environmental Library, which also supports NCNPS by granting space for many of its night meetings. The Triad Chapter's monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, September through May; members of the general public are welcome to attend.

## **Earth Day, Matthews**

The celebration occurred at Stumptown Park with NCNPS member **Will Stuart. Debbie Foster** organizes this annual event for HAWK (Habitat and Wildlife Keepers, the local chapter of the NC Wildlife Federation), which includes educational information and environmental activities. NCNPS was well represented by Will, who enticed young people to plant NCNPS packaged Eastern Columbine seeds. A Carolina Jessamine was auctioned as well. Will also spoke to the Southern Piedmont Chapter about his native flower explorations and led a hike at Lansford Canal State Park when all the silverbells were delightfully in bloom.

## **East Lincoln Gardening Festival, Denver**

Several volunteers promoted NCNPS at the East Lincoln Garden Club's annual plant sale in April. Workshops, plants, garden ornaments, products were all available to participants. NCNPS hosted a booth and featured Carolina Heritage nursery natives.

## **Millennium Charter Academy, Mt. Airy**

Several members donated seeds on behalf of the NCNPS and located curriculum for a middle school teacher at the Academy who is starting several native plant gardens.

"I want this to be a great learning experience

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## Seeds of Knowledge, continued

for students, about different plants, why they are native to the area, what plants work best where, how to start from seed, how to transplant, wildlife interactions with the plants, etc. I want the kids to have something they love and understand when they are done and something they can teach others about when they come to visit our school.” **Brittany Branch**, Educator

### **New Hanover County Library Seed Exchange Kickoff, Wilmington**

**Melanie Doyle**, horticulturist for the NC Aquarium and NCNPS member, spoke to 26 people who attended the seminars. Over 190 packets of seeds were checked out at the Seed Lending Library kickoff. “Everyone seemed to love the idea of checking out seeds and even made suggestions of what they would like,” reported librarian **Justine Roach**. NCNPS also donated seeds.

### **Earth Day, Brevard**

Transylvania County celebrated Earth Day with a street festival. The Western Chapter of the NCNPS joined with other garden clubs and Master Gardeners to hold a plant sale. Featured were many plants that attract bees and butterflies. They also offered literature about our organization and a free packet of columbine seeds to those that made a purchase.

### **2014 North Carolina Master Gardener Conference, Winston-Salem**

In May, many members worked with artist and board member **Trena McNabb** to represent natives at this training event for all Master Gardeners of NC. UNC Charlotte provided native plants for sale. **John Neal** also sold native plant books, including the latest *Native Plants of the Southeast* by Dr. **Larry Mellichamp** and photographer **Will Stuart**.

**MEMBER CALL TO ACTION**—If you have NC native seeds to share with any school or organization that is in need, please contact me at [christyheislars@yahoo.com](mailto:christyheislars@yahoo.com).

*Thank you to our talented members, and especially our board members, who take the time to share their love and knowledge of natives.*

**Christy Heislar**, Education Chair

‘I want the kids to have something they can love and understand when they are done and something they can teach others about when they come to visit our school.’”

## Buxton Woods, continued

found in Buxton Woods and is listed as G1 or critically imperiled by NatureServe conservation organization.

The interdune marshes are perhaps the most beautiful and dynamic of the plant communities in Buxton. Colloquially called “sedges,” these swales are unusual in that they are seasonally inundated by fresh water. Nor’easters carry winter rains down the coast, flooding depressions between large relict dunes. The exceptionally large ones will remain flooded to some extent throughout the year, with the smaller ones drying out by August. This allows for a mix of marshy vegetation that can change not just throughout the year, but also from site to site. The largest of these is Jennette sedge, extending from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse on the east to the southern most portion of Buxton Woods Coastal Reserve on the west. Even during the summer, one can canoe to some extent across the marsh. In the spring this “sedge” is completely flooded, hummocks of coastal plain willow (*Salix caroliniana*) are the only plant of any height. Floating in mats on the water one will see humped bladderwort (*Utricularia gibba*) in bloom and the

wildrice (*Zizania aquatica*) that has emerged from the water’s surface. By the summer, one will have difficulty walking through even the edges of the marsh due to the density of wildrice.

By contrast, permanently flooded marshes surrounded by maritime evergreen forest contain mostly mudmidget (*Wolffiella gladiata*) and those within the shrub swamp mostly duckweed (*Lemna* spp.) Those marshes that dry out seasonally exhibit the most variation in vegetation throughout the year with dominant species being sawgrass (*Cladium jamaicense*), cattails (*Typha* spp.), and bulrushes (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*).

I have been extremely fortunate to be able to explore this compelling ecosystem, and anticipate the completion of the field guide and identification key fall of 2014. My hope is that this research will encourage even amateur botanists to experience the joy of plant identification and inspire others to learn about North Carolina’s wild ecological treasures.



# Chapter Reports

## Southern Piedmont Chapter (Charlotte)

### August Meeting

August 10, 2 PM—Native Plant Nursery tour  
Tour of Dearness Gardens to see their  
selection of native plants

### September Meeting

September 14, 2PM—Dr. **Carrie Dejaco**,  
McDowell Nature Preserve Walking Tour

From Carrie, “For our September meeting, we will go to McDowell Nature Preserve in the southwest corner of Mecklenburg County. While most of the trails in the preserve are in the wooded areas, we will instead venture into the prairie area to view the late summer extravaganza display by many different types of asters such as the bright and beautiful goldenrod, which frequently [erroneously] gets blamed for folks’ ragweed allergies this time of year, and the warm-season grasses such as the six-foot tall Indian grass. This part of the preserve is not accessible via the main entrance and does not have much of a parking area. I suggest that we meet in the parking lot of the Nature Center and then carpool the mile or so to the prairie area.”

*Submitted by **Beth Davis***

## Triad Chapter (Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem)

The Triad Chapter has completed its programs for the season and has embarked on a schedule of walks. Still to come are the following, for which any NCNPS member may sign up

June 21

Islands of the Yadkin State Park and maybe  
Horne Farm Historic Park (Details TBA)

Led by **Stan Gilliam**

July

TBA

August

Shallow Ford Natural Area, 1955 Gerringer  
Mill Road, Elon, NC

Led by **Dennis Burnette**

Date TBA

Sept. 27 & 28

Dennis Burnette's Open Invitation, Annual  
Parkway Nature Walk

Led by Dennis Burnette

October 3-5

NCNPS State Fall Trip  
Pilot Mt., Hanging Rock Area

October 11

Mike Vaughan's Prarie Project, Rockingham  
County

Led by **Mike Vaughan** with Piedmont Land  
Conservancy

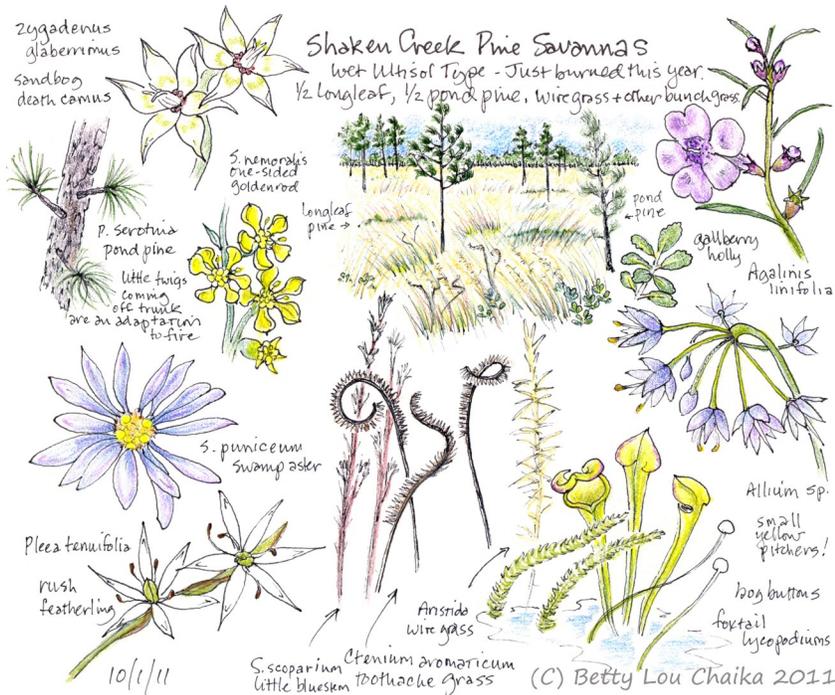
For walk details and directions, contact Stan  
Gilliam at [stangilliam@bellsouth.net](mailto:stangilliam@bellsouth.net).

Lisa Gould's Triad Flora project continues  
monthly. Members may submit a list of plants  
seen in flower (natives only please) including  
general location, to Lisa at  
[lisal Gould@gmail.com](mailto:lisal Gould@gmail.com).

Programs will resume in September.

***Kathy Schlosser**, Chapter Chair*

# Board News, continued



*Shaken Creek by Betty Lou Chaika*

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These are several ways you can help out right now! Please contact **Jean Woods**, or another board member if you are interested in helping the NCNPS in this way. Thank you!

## Join us on Facebook!

Don't forget to check our Facebook page frequently for photos, links of interest and event information updates. Visit [www.facebook.com/ncnativeplants](http://www.facebook.com/ncnativeplants) and click "like." We now have 478 page members!

## Habitat garden certification

Is your garden a Certified Native Plant Habitat Garden 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](http://www.ncwildflower.org/certification/certification.htm), or contact **Carolyn Ikenberry** at [CarolynI@ncwildflower.org](mailto:CarolynI@ncwildflower.org).

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

# Welcome New Members!



A very warm welcome to those of you who joined NCNPS since Feb. 1!  
We look forward to getting to know all 78 of you!

Sue McBean	Jane and Roxie Towns
Patricia Hughey	Ned Yellig
Marianne Mooney	Jean Carter
Rita Gillis	Julianne and Margaret Barlow
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Jonathan and Carol Fox	Denise Folmar
Julia Haverstock-Wagner	Mary Braun
Matthew Sims	Lynn Wilson
Nippy Page	Becky Todd
Stephanie Herrin	Deedee Clarke
Betsy Fleenor	Kathy Walko
Mark Shields	Robin Tower
Suzanne Vilar	Barbara Hughes
Carol Rawleigh	



# North Carolina Native Plant Society

## Membership Application

[www.ncwildflower.org](http://www.ncwildflower.org)

New Membership,    Renewal  
(Check One)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I do not want my contact information printed in the membership directory.
- I am willing to receive the newsletter via email to conserve resources.
- I am interested in NCNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification Program.  
(Recognizing your use of native plants in your landscape)

Save and help the Society with a 3-year renewal!

- Family: \$100 for 3 years
- Individual: \$70 for 3 years

### Memberships / Gifts:

Limited income: \$15 per year  
Individual: \$25 per year  
Family: \$35 per year  
Affiliate \$35 per year  
(# of members \_\_\_\_\_)  
Sustaining: \$50 per year  
Life Membership: \$500  
(Five (5) yearly installments)  
Gift-undesigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift-scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift-stewardship: \_\_\_\_\_

### Join Local Chapter:

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

### Indicate activities of interest:

- Volunteer
- Meetings
- Field Trips
- Plant Auctions
- Helping with  
Newsletter/Publications
- Rare Plant Preservation &  
Maintenance
- Publicity
- Education/Advocacy
- Scholarship/Grant
- Board of Trustees
- Plant Rescue
- Speakers Bureau

Membership Year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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



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We're  
Wild  
About  
Natives!



*Pink Lady's Slipper Orchard (Cypripedium acaule)*  
Northern Mecklenburg County, May 2014