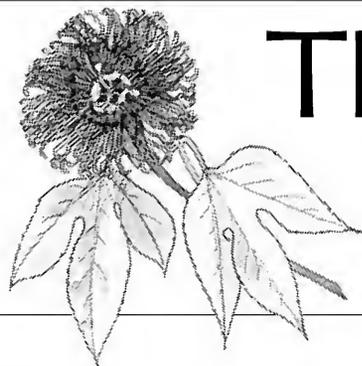


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A Year Full of Botanizing Ahead

In this edition of the Newsletter we are publishing a full slate of wildflower events organized by TNPS, while also including events by other organizations, as space permits. The year is rich with opportunities.

The model of all nature events in Tennessee is the Smoky Mountain Wildflower Pilgrimage held every year in April for the past 62 years. To emphasize the point, TNPS has named the Pilgrimage the recipient of the society's annual Conservation Award. The award will be presented during opening ceremonies in Gatlinburg on April 23.*

The TNPS Conservation Award has gone to individuals each year since its creation in 2008, but the Wildflower Pilgrimage is impossible to overlook. Many individuals have contributed time, talent, and resources to its success, and few events have done more to attract the public's attention to the beauty and value of native wildflowers and habitats. Many members of TNPS continue to lead wildflower hikes and make presentations during the Pilgrimage.

TNPS will also have a presence at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show February 28 through March 3 at the state fairgrounds. Jane Norris and Margie Hunter are heading up plans for a booth.

Plans are also being made for the TNPS Annual Meeting September 20–22, at Lake Barkley State Park on Kentucky Lake. This will be a joint gathering with the Kentucky Native Plant Society. Mark your calendar now and watch for updates at the TNPS website or Facebook page or in future newsletter issues.

* The 63rd Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage will be held April 23–27. Participants may attend wildflower, fauna, and natural history walks, motorcades, photographic tours, art classes, and indoor seminars. Most programs are outdoors in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, while indoor offerings are held in various venues throughout Gatlinburg. Registration will be held in the W. C. Mills Conference Center. Pre-registration is available on-line.

New State Flora Guide Accepted by UT Press

The manuscript for the Tennessee Flora project, titled *Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee*, was submitted by the Flora Committee to UT Press on January 14.

Dennis Horn, a member of the committee, said the manuscript will now be reviewed by a panel selected by UT Press. After the review, a publishing contract will be negotiated with final preparations for publishing to follow. The whole process should be completed in 12 to 18 months.

The manuscript as submitted is 832 pages of text. A few illustrations and photos will be added later to the introductory material.

The book, when published, will have complete keys to plant families, genera, and species. Plant illustrations will not be included, but common names and information about habitat, frequency, distribution, flowering time, etc. will be provided. The only other complete guide to the flora of Tennessee was published by Dr. Augustin Gattinger in 1901.



Phacelia dubia, var. interior

Photo by Darel Hess

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This newsletter is a publication of the Tennessee Native Plant Society and is published four times a year, generally in February, June, August, and November.

The Tennessee Native Plant Society (TNPS) was founded in 1978. Its purposes are to assist in the exchange of information and encourage fellowship among Tennessee's botanists, both amateur and professional; to promote public education about Tennessee flora and wild plants in general; to provide, through publication of a newsletter or journal, a formal means of documenting information on Tennessee flora and of informing the public about wild plants; and to promote the protection and enhancement of Tennessee's wild plant communities.

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From the President

I'm sure I'm like most of you in saying this is always my favorite newsletter of the year, the one that contains the schedule of our field trips. Just like the concurrent arrival of our favorite seed catalogs that we pour through, picking out new selections for a spot in our garden, the field trip schedule similarly tempts us with descriptions of beautiful woodlands carpeted with spring ephemerals, while we mark our calendars for trips we plan to attend. I feel confident this year's schedule is packed with exciting locations and interesting species. Our trips are de facto meetings as well, so make plans to participate in as many as you can and spend some quality time in the field with your fellow members.

The beginning of the year also brings the time to renew your membership. This year we provide another convenient method to pay your dues. Simply go to our website and navigate to the membership page. There you can renew by credit card via PayPal. Of course you can still mail your payment to the P.O. Box address.

There are a few events coming up at which TNPS will have a presence. For those of you in Middle Tennessee, the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show is February 28 through March 3, and the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glades Festival at Cedars of Lebanon will be May 3-5. The Division of Natural Areas sponsors Natural Areas Week April 6-14 with field trips scheduled for various natural areas across the state. And of course the Smoky Mountains Wildflower Pilgrimage is April 23-27.

Just a few more weeks of winter then I can say...

See you on the trail!

Bart



Mertensia virginica

Photo by Darel Hess

Mary Martin Schaffner dies

Former TNPS president Mary Martin Schaffner died December 5 in Nashville of complications from cancer. A graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, she spent her entire career as an attorney with the Nashville firm of Howell and Fisher and earned a reputation as a tenacious litigator. Her daughter and son extolled her love of family and wide range of interests, including native plants, gardening, her beloved antebellum home, taking the perfect wildflower photograph, and the pleasure of reading. Mary was TNPS president from 1991 to 1995. During her tenure TNPS officially initiated the wildflower book project, with intensive planning and photo selection, leading to the publication of *Wildflowers of Tennessee*. Mary also, almost single handedly, applied for and received the non-profit 501C-3 status for TNPS.

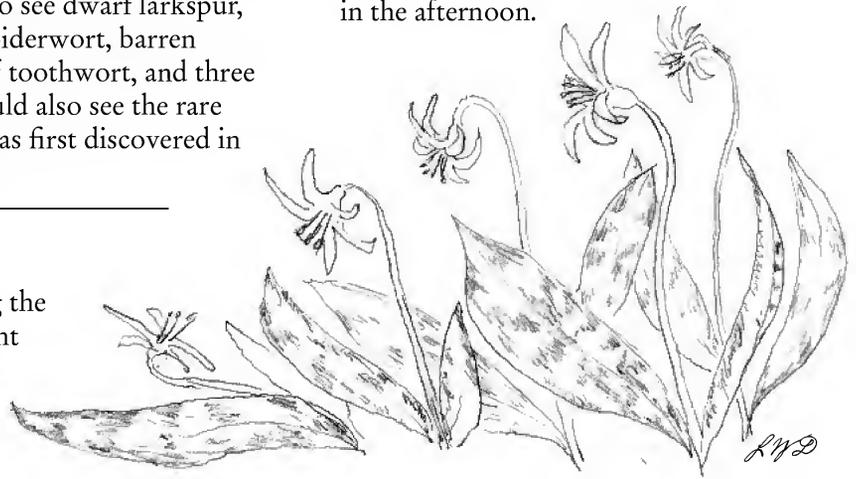
2013 TNPS Field Trip Schedule

Field trips are designed to promote informed interest in Tennessee's native plants. They are led by persons familiar with native plants of the area and are open to nonmembers as well as members. We encourage our more experienced members to share their knowledge with those who are new to the group. Since conservation is a primary objective of our society, plant collecting is not allowed. The physical nature of the trip is described to the extent known at publication time. Attendees are responsible for judging whether the trip is suitable for their particular abilities. All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver as a condition of attending. Trips are rarely cancelled, but sometimes changes are unavoidable. Contact the trip leader a day or two before attending to get an updated status and to let them know who is coming. Keep the schedule and attend as many trips as you can. Check the website (www.tnps.org) for updates to this schedule.

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
Stones River Bluffs		
<p>Mar. 16, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Time Mona Recreation Area Todd Crabtree gizzardscout@comcast.net</p>	<p>We will walk for less than two miles along the Stones River to see a number of spring ephemerals. Trout lilies, trillium, early saxifrage, toothwort, and spring beauty will be flowering along with other early risers. Nodding rattlesnake root (<i>Prenanthes crepidinea</i>) is an uncommon plant that we will see in a vegetative state. It is rarely seen in flower but the leaves are unmistakable. The other rarity on this trip is Stones River bladderpod (<i>Paysonia stonensis</i>) which is endemic to Middle Tennessee. It was once considered for federal listing but thanks to careful monitoring and management this species is doing well. Our pace will be slow enough to take time for photography and keying out a few plants.</p>	<p>East of Smyrna in Rutherford County. From I-840 take exit 61 for TN-266. Turn east on TN-266, travel about 1.5 miles, then turn right into Mona Recreation Area. GPS coordinates (35.97818, -86.417493). Difficulty: Easy walking along dirt road which could be muddy. Scrambling around small bluffs for the more adventurous. Bring lunch. Facilities: None</p>
Ghost River State Natural Area		
<p>Mar. 30, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Intersection Hwy 57 and LaGrange/ Yager Rd. at caution light. Contact Bart Jones, 901-726-6891 (h) or 901-485-2745 (cell), bjones7777@hotmail.com Allan Trently</p>	<p>This early spring trip will visit a rather large population of Southern Twayblade (<i>Listera australis</i>), known from only two counties in Tennessee. This small orchid is the earliest blooming native orchid in Tennessee. We will also visit the sandhill community where sand post oak (<i>Quercus margaretta</i>) occurs and look for other early spring plants. This trip will also be part of the Division of Natural Areas schedule of outings.</p>	<p>From Memphis, follow Poplar Ave. (Hwy 57) through Collierville, Rossville, Moscow, to LaGrange. From Jackson and points east, take Hwy 18 south through Bolivar and Hickory Valley, turn right on Hwy 57, go west two miles to LaGrange. Walking: Easy, but may be muddy. Bring lunch. Facilities: None</p>
Wells Hill Park, Lincoln County		
<p>Apr. 6, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central McDonald's in Fayetteville, TN Dennis Horn, 931-461-0262 horndd@lighttube.net</p>	<p>Water issuing from numerous springs in the Pea Ridge provides a beautiful setting for early spring wildflowers. The 114-acre tract contains a hollow with three ravines, with a small waterfall in the head of each one. The area is wooded and the slopes provide massive displays of <i>Trillium flexipes</i> in the spring. With the help of the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, a conservation buyer purchased the property at auction on Jun 30, 2012, with the intention of holding the property until plans for a nature preserve can be developed. TNPS will provide a preliminary plant inventory as a part of this field trip.</p>	<p>McDonald's is on U.S. 231 at the southern edge of Fayetteville, about a mile south of the U.S. 64 bypass, on the left going toward Huntsville Alabama. Easy hiking Facilities at McDonald's Bring lunch. Co-sponsored by the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation.</p>

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Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>April 7, 2013 (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. Central Dairy Queen, Tullahoma, TN</p> <p>Dennis Horn 931-461-0262 (h) horndd@lighttube.net</p>	<p>Short Springs State Natural Area, Coffee County</p> <p>For those coming to the Wells Hill Park hike on April 6, the Short Springs SNA is nearby and will provide an opportunity to enjoy another great wildflower hike to round out the weekend. Short Springs became a state natural area in 1994. Waterfalls and dripping springs abound throughout the ravines that are part of the transition from the Highland Rim to the Central Basin. These rich ravines support the high diversity of spring flora that occurs in the area. Expect to see dwarf larkspur, purple phacelia, Virginia spiderwort, barren strawberry, three species of toothwort, and three species of trillium. We should also see the rare <i>Nestronia umbellula</i> that was first discovered in Tennessee at Short Springs.</p>	<p>From I-24 in Manchester, take exit 111 onto TN 55 toward Tullahoma. Go about 12 miles to the first traffic light in Tullahoma. The Dairy Queen is one block beyond the light on the left.</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate Facilities: At the meeting place</p> <p>This morning hike will be repeated at 2:00 in the afternoon.</p>



Natural Areas Week April 6–14

A variety of outdoor activities are provided during the week by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Interested? Check the website www.tn.gov/environment/na/events/

April 13, 2013 (Sat.)
10:00 a.m. Central

Meeting Place:
Botanic Hall,
Cheekwood Botanical
Garden, Nashville

Margie Hunter,
mhunter55@comcast.net

Native Plant Gardens in Nashville

Cheekwood Horticulture Manager Sarah Lowe will lead us on a tour of the Howe Garden and the Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail where native plants are featured prominently in each landscape's design. The Howe Garden was originally the mid-twentieth century private garden Wildings of Mrs. Cora Howe and with the support of Garden Club of Nashville was relocated to Cheekwood in 1969. The club spearheaded the Howe Garden's recent \$835,000 renovation which includes a state-of-the-art rain garden using native plants. The Carell Woodland Sculpture Garden integrates contemporary sculpture along a reclaimed wooded path. Exotic invasive plants were removed and native species reintroduced. We will also see other Cheekwood gardens that use a mixture of native and nonnative plants.

TNPS members and guests will not be charged for admission to Cheekwood.

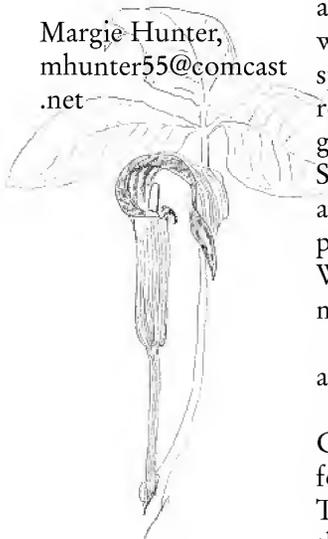
After lunch we will carpool to the home of a Garden Club of Nashville member, whose passion for native plants is on display throughout her yard. The owner and her gardening assistant will discuss their approach to choosing and siting plants.

From Downtown Nashville. Take Broadway / West End Avenue / Harding Road to Belle Meade Boulevard (a half mile beyond White Bridge Road); turn left from Harding Road onto Belle Meade Boulevard; travel to the end of Belle Meade Boulevard (approx. 2.5 miles); turn right from Belle Meade Boulevard onto Page Road; turn left from Page Road onto Forrest Park Drive (the first street on the left); Cheekwood is at the top of Forrest Park Drive on the right. Interstate directions are available at www.cheekwood.org/Visitors/Directions.aspx. GPS coordinates (36.086828, -86.873954).

Difficulty: Easy

Bring your lunch for a picnic on the grounds of Cheekwood

Facilities: At meeting place



In the decades to come, it will not be only the buffalo and the trumpeter swan who need sanctuaries. Our own species is going to need them too. — WALLACE STEGNER

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>April 20, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: McDonald's in Dickson</p> <p>Dennis Horn, 931-461-0262, horndd@lighttube.net</p>	<p>John Noel Natural Area, Hickman Co. & Narrows of the Harpeth, Cheatham Co.</p> <p>John Noel SNA is a 35-acre site at Bon Aqua designated as a natural area in 2007. It supports a remnant old growth forest with a diversity of large tree species. The site was once part of the Bon Aqua Hotel and Health Spa dating from the mid 1800s to the 1920s. After lunch in White Bluff we will go to the Narrows of the Harpeth for the afternoon hike. In the early 1800s Montgomery Bell dug a tunnel through the razorback ridge which allowed water from the Harpeth River to flow through the tunnel and power his iron forge. Water still flows through the tunnel he created. A rich spring flora inhabits the base of the bluff. A drier habitat with a different set of plants is found on the trail leading to the top of the ridge with good views of the Harpeth Valley below. Another highlight nearby is the Native American archeological site at Mound Bottoms.</p>	<p>McDonalds is off I-40 exit 172 on TN Hwy 46 toward Dickson. Look for McDonald's immediately on the right.</p> <p>Lunch at Carl's Perfect Pig Barbeque, 4992 U.S. 70, White Bluff TN.</p> <p>Short easy hikes Facilities at the meeting place</p>
<p>May 3-5, 2013</p> <p>Cedars of Lebanon State Park</p>	<p>Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Festival Cedars of Lebanon State Park</p> <p>TNPS members will be assisting with this event that celebrates the unique beauty and rarity of the cedar glades in Middle Tennessee. (Short story on page 7.)</p>	
<p>May 18, 2013 (Sat.) 11 a.m. Eastern</p> <p>Meeting Place: Crab Orchard BP Station</p> <p>Larry Pounds, 865-705-8516 (cell) 865-816-3576 (h) PoundsL471@aol.com</p>	<p>Devil's Breakfast Table</p> <p>This is a joint outing with Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning. We will caravan from Crab Orchard to beautiful Daddy's Creek. From here we will explore cobble bar areas on Daddy's Creek and then walk some of the Cumberland Trail through a cliffy section. We should see the rare Cumberland rosemary and large-flowered Barbara's-buttons. We will also see the Devil's Breakfast Table, an impressive rock formation. Some may want to do a short bushwhack to get a better look at it.</p>	<p>Take I-40 exit 329 at Crab Orchard, turn north. BP station is on Hwy 70 to left.</p> <p>Difficulty: Total walking distance will be less than three miles.</p> <p>Facilities: At meeting place Bring water, lunch, bug spray.</p>
<p>June 8, 2013 (Sat.) 8 a.m. Central</p> <p>Fiery Gizzard Trailhead (Grundy Forest State Park), Tracy City</p> <p>Todd Crabtree Todd.Crabtree@tn.gov</p>	<p>Fiery Gizzard Summer Trek</p> <p>This will be an all day trek of approximately 10 miles. We will descend into the cove to search for interesting plants. There is an abundance of rock formations, waterfalls, and cascades along this trail, making it one of the most scenic trails in the eastern United States. The trail ascends to Raven Point where sweeping views of the green ridges and coves may be seen. We'll return via the dog hole trail and then retrace the first 1.5 mile segment of the trek. See additional information on page 7.</p>	<p>South Cumberland Recreation Area visitor center is about 3 miles west of Tracy City on Highway 41. Travel east about 2.5 miles past the visitor center and turn right on 3rd street, right on Marion street, right on Fiery Gizzard road and then left into the parking lot area near the trailhead. GPS coordinates (35.252112, -85.747561).</p> <p>Difficulty: Very strenuous, uneven terrain and boulders. Ankle support is essential. Bring lunch with plenty of water.</p>

2013 TNPS Field Trip Schedule

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>Aug. 3, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Home of owner Jim Lacefield, 251 Loop Rd., Tuscumbia, AL</p> <p>Bart Jones 901-726-6891 (h) or 901-485-2745 (cell) bjones777@hotmail .com</p>	<p>Cane Creek Canyon, Alabama</p> <p>We return to Cane Creek Canyon in northwest Alabama for a summer visit to see Alabama Warbonnet (<i>Jamesianthus alabamense</i>) which occurs in several locations just south of Tennessee in Alabama and Georgia, but not in Tennessee. This rare composite will be just one of several expected. We will also look for the very rare Swamp Metalmark found here a few years ago. This butterfly population is disjunct from the nearest populations in Missouri and Indiana by several hundred miles.</p>	<p>Take US Hwy 72 to Hawk Pride Mountain Rd. and turn south. Go to Loop Rd. and turn right. Go past Flatwoods Rd. and James Ln. Take next right ("Y" intersection), then the next right. The Lacefield's house is at the end of this road. The road will narrow and become almost like a field road before you get to the Spanish colonial style house.</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate, some steep sections and wet areas. Bring lunch. Facilities: At meeting place</p>
<p>Aug. 23, 2013</p> <p>Allen and Susan Sweetser 865-938-7627 ssretiree@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Kanati Fork in the Smoky Mountains</p> <p>The date of this interesting trip is uncertain in part because of landslides that have forced closing of the road to Newfound Gap. Repairs are underway. Please watch for updates on the TNPS website or in the June newsletter. See hike description on page 7.</p>	
<p>Sept. 7, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Blue Chair Café, Sewanee</p> <p>Mary Priestley 901-598-0157</p>	<p>Lost Cove</p> <p>Sewanee professor Jon Evans will lead a hike off-trail to explore some of the benches leading down into Lost Cove from Point Disappointment. We'll look for late summer bloomers, including the state-listed <i>Silphium brachiatum</i>. The emphasis for this all day excursion will be on exploration of the flora of these interesting habitats just below the escarpment on the Cumberland Plateau.</p>	<p>From Monteagle: Take I-24 exit 134 toward Sewanee. Go five miles, past the flashing light at St. Andrews and through the gates on to the second flashing light (where University Avenue intersects with 41A). Turn right. The Blue Chair is on the left.</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate to difficult Bring lunch and plenty of water. Facilities: At meeting place</p>
<p>Sept. 20-22, 2013</p>	<p>Annual Meeting, Lake Barkley State Park Joint meeting with Kentucky Native Plant Society</p>	<p>Watch for details in future editions and on TNPS website.</p>
<p>Oct. 26, 2013 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central</p> <p>Meeting Place: Alabama hikers trailhead for Walls of Jericho</p> <p>Todd Crabtree 615-532-1378 gizzardscout@ comcast.net</p>	<p>Walls of Jericho, Franklin County</p> <p>We will see nice fall colors on the deciduous trees and shrubs. Late-blooming flowers like asters and sunflowers are scattered along the trail on the way to Walls of Jericho State Natural Area. This strenuous 8-mile hike descends 900 feet into the "Walls" and continues along the creek to an amazing canyon of sheer rock bluffs, caves, and waterfalls. This hike is strenuous and includes two stream crossings on single log bridges. Participants should be in good physical condition. The trip will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.</p>	<p>On I-24 between Chattanooga and Nashville, take Exit 127 on Highway 64 and turn toward Winchester. Stay on Highway 64 for about 15 miles and turn south on Highway 16. Just after crossing into Alabama, look on the right for a gravel parking area with a yellow gate and an information kiosk. Do not mistake the horse riders trailhead for the hikers trailhead. GPS coordinates (34.976889, -86.080405).</p> <p>Bring lunch and plenty of water. Facilities: At meeting place</p>

More about TNPS Hikes and Other Events

Fiery Gizzard Summer Trek

See Hike Schedule for June 8

... We will descend into the cove to search for interesting plants like mountain camelia (*Stewartia ovata*), and putty root (*Aplectrum hyemale*). Some spring ephemerals will still have a few flowers and others will be in fruit. We will also look for mountain maple (*Acer spicatum*) and striped maple (*A. pensylvanicum*) which are at the southern edge of their range.

The Fiery Gizzard Trail, which runs from the trailhead at Grundy Forest State Natural Area to Foster Falls (some 13 miles) is one of the most scenic trails in Tennessee. Our trek on this date will follow Fiery Gizzard Creek into the cove and then climb to Raven Point for a view up and down miles of the cove. Boulder fields, giant hemlocks, and pockets of wildflowers make this section of the trail both unforgettably beautiful and treacherous. The cove abounds in spring flora.

Kanati Fork in the Smoky Mountains

See Hike Schedule, Page 6

... We will meet at Newfound Gap and caravan about three miles to the Thomas Divide trailhead, while also organizing a shuttle from trail's end. From Thomas Divide, we will hike about five miles to Kanati Fork and down to Newfound Gap Road. The trail starts at 4650 feet and will gain 500 feet in elevation over the first mile then stay relatively flat to Kanati Fork Trail. We will then begin a 2.9-mile descent into the Kanati Valley through lush coves and over small creeks back to Newfound Gap Road.

Much of the rich spring flora will be forming seed and will offer much for discussion as will the late emergents, like Steele's Joe-Pye weed (*Eupatorium steelei*). Dog hobble, wood betony, bee-balm, and hog peanut are also among the residents. Kanati offers good lessons in ecology and a special experience in the beauty of the Smokies.

Bring lunch, water, and bug spray. Meeting time: likely 10 a.m. Eastern.

Restoring Native Tennessee Landscapes

Historic Rugby & Rugby State Natural Area

Saturday, March 9, 3 p.m. (Eastern)

Lisa Huff, Tennessee Natural Areas Program, (Lisa.Huff@tn.gov) will lead this "Opportunity Knocks" presentation at the Old Bowater Pine Plantations at Rugby.

Enjoy an informal gathering in the lovely Johnson Theatre at Historic Rugby to learn about opportunities for recreation and native plant community restoration on the plateau. Pine plantations formerly owned by Bowater, but now in state ownership, will be the subject of the talk.

After the talk, participants are invited to hike with Lisa to the Massengale homeplace which has exactly the type of landscape that is featured in the presentation—a living artifact of days gone by. The hike is easy to moderate, about 1.5 miles round trip, and should take around one to two hours. For more information, including descriptions, directions, and maps about this and other state natural areas, visit the Division of Natural Areas web site at:

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/>. For nearby camping and accommodations, please go to <http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/Pickett/>.

Wild Ones Workshop on Natural Landscaping

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, a group interested in native plants and natural landscapes, is having a symposium in Chattanooga March 9. The theme is "Natural Landscaping: Getting MORE with Less." For more information and to register, people should go to [www.chattanooga natives .blogspot.com](http://www.chattanooga natives.blogspot.com).

Tenth Trails & Trilliums April 12-14 in Monteagle

Trails & Trilliums is turning ten this spring and celebrating in a big way. The event is sponsored by the Friends of South Cumberland State Park and held at the historic Monteagle Sunday School Assembly grounds.

Key events of the three-day festival include 15 varied hikes on some of the South Cumberland's most beautiful trails, a great selection of native plants for purchase, the "Brush with Nature" preview party /art sale on Friday night, the Cumberland Wild Forum, music, and activities for children.

A highlight of the event will be a keynote address by David Haskell, author of *The Forest Unseen*, on Saturday night during Wine & Wildflowers. Haskell will also lead guided walks on Saturday and Sunday.

The website, [trailsandtrilliums .org](http://trailsandtrilliums.org), includes a complete schedule of events.

Elsie Quarterman Glade Festival May 3-5

The Elsie Quarterman Glade Festival is a weekend of nature study filled with workshops, lectures, hikes and field trips.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park and the Center for Cedar Glade Studies at Middle Tennessee State University collaborate to bring together ecologists, botanists, and naturalists to present the beauty and uniqueness of the Glades in the spring.



Photo by Darel Hess

Hepatica acutiloba

Officers, Directors Begin New Terms

Officers and directors of TNPS remain unchanged after completion of the election process in January. Those beginning new two-year terms are Bart Jones, president; Todd Crabtree, vice-president; Margie Hunter, secretary; Darel Hess, treasurer; and directors, Dennis Horn, Lorie Emens, and Larry Pounds.

Stay in Touch with TNPS on the Web

The newly expanded society webpage provides easy access to the latest information about TNPS and native plants. Refer your friends to the page. They can actually join and pay dues. Also stay in touch through Facebook.

Find Gifts for Friends and Family

TNPS merchandise is also available online from a link on the society's website or simply by going to www.zazzle.com/tnnative.

If you already have a copy of *Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and Southern Appalachians*, remember the book makes a very nice gift for family members and friends.

When Are Dues Due?

Check your mailing label. You are paid through the year listed just above your name. You can pay TNPS dues at any time, and now you can pay on-line at the TNPS Website. Just go to www.tnps.org, click "Membership," and follow directions there. Or you may mail checks to TNPS, P.O. Box 159274, Nashville, TN 37215. If your address has changed, you can email the new address to info@tnps.org.

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