

NC Native Plant Society 75th Anniversary Statewide Celebration

Event Schedule

Friday, Sept. 25

6:00-9:00 PM: **Gathering at “The Plant”** - a food and beverage campus in Pittsboro - to meet and socialize. (220 Lorax Lane, Pittsboro, NC)

Saturday, Sept. 26

All events on Saturday except for Field Trips will occur at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center – 1192 U.S. Hwy 64 West Business, Pittsboro, NC

9:00a – 1:30p Check-in open at the CCACC (no new registrations accepted on site)

9:00a – 1:30p **Native Plant Sale** on East Lawn open

Morning Events:

Option 1: **Field Trips** - Start times and meeting locations vary, see list below and Field Trips tab

Option 2: **Workshops** - Times and topics listed below and in the Workshops tab.

11:45a – 1:00p *Enjoy lunch and celebratory cake, browse history and chapter exhibits, and shop the exclusive attendee native plant sale*

12:30p-1:00p **Informal Small Group Conversations:** NCNPS History and other topics TBD

1:00p – 1:35p **Welcome / History Highlights - Ken Bridle and Jean Woods**

1:35p – 2:30p **Keynote Address by Patrick McMillan** - *“Hope lives when we all work together - triumphs and challenges for our native biodiversity”*

2:30p – 2:45p BREAK

2:45p – 3:15p **NCDOT Native Plant Usage and Invasive Species Management**
Presented by **Jeremy Goodwin, Kevin Clemmer & Kyle Cooper** of NCDOT

3:15p – 4:15p **Panel – Keys to Success Increasing Use of Native Plants**

Matt Archibald, Leaf & Limb

Sharon Day, Mellow Marsh Farm

Barbara Driscoll, New Hope Bird Alliance

Lauren Freudenberger, Raleigh City Horticulturalist

Debbie Roos, NC Extension Service

4:15p – 4:30p BREAK

4:30p – 5:00p **75 More Years: The Next Generation of Plant Conservation - Brandon Wheeler**

5:00p – 5:30p **Looking Forward – A Community Conversation**, moderated by **Julie Moore**

Saturday Evening: *Meet one another to eat at venues around Pittsboro (Location suggestions will be accessible using a free chat app called “BAND”. We’ll send you details on “how it works” and links too.)*

Sunday, Sept. 27

9:30a – 12:00p **Field Trips** (meet at sites)

Saturday Field trips:

See Field Trips tab for meeting places

- 1) 8:30a – Saxapahaw Lake Paddle, Graham
- 2) 8:30a – White Pines Nature Preserve, Sanford
- 3) 9:00a – Mellow Marsh Farm, Siler City
- 4) 9:00a - Pollinator Paradise Garden, Pittsboro
- 5) 9:00a – Rachel’s Native Plants Nursery and “The Plant” Garden Tours, Pittsboro
- 6) 9:00a – Private native garden & grassland, Siler City
- 7) 9:30a – Big Trees Measuring, Pittsboro
- 8) 9:30a - Pollinator Haven Garden, Sanford

Saturday Workshops:

9:30a Workshop Sessions:

- 1A) Invasive Plants, A Call to Action
- 2A) Landscape Design for Connection
- 3A) Tools for Learning NC’s Diverse Flora
- 4A) Botanical Art, Watercolor Techniques
- 5A) Propagation, A Hands-on Workshop

10:30 BREAK

10:45a Workshop Sessions:

- 1B) Advocacy, Influencing Plant Policy
- 2B) Landscape Design for Connection
- 3B) Tools for Learning NC’s Diverse Flora
- 4B) Botanical Art, Watercolor Techniques
- 5B) Propagation, A Hands-on Workshop

Sunday Field Trips:

All Sunday Field Trips begin at 9:30 on site

- A) Cane Creek Mountains, Snow Camp
- B) Carolina Habitats Nursery Tour, Chapel Hill
- C) North Carolina Botanical Gardens Tour, Chapel Hill
- D) White Pines Nature Preserve, Sanford