

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*

12:15p-1:00p **Conversations & Panel Discussions:** *NCNPS History and Western NC Restoration*

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)

<u>Saturday Field trips:</u> <i>See Field Trips tab for meeting places</i> 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	<u>Saturday Workshops:</u> <u>9:30a Workshop Sessions:</u> 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 <u>10:45a Workshop Sessions:</u> 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
<u>Sunday Field Trips:</u> <i>All Sunday Field Trips begin at 9:30 on site</i> A) Cane Creek Mountains, Snow Camp (Full) B) Carolina Habitats Nursery Tour, Chapel Hill (Full) C) North Carolina Botanical Gardens Tour, Chapel Hill D) White Pines Nature Preserve, Sanford E) Bluestem Conservation Cemetery, Cedar Grove	