

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Think Locally, Act Neighborly *Kathy O'Reilly-Doyle, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

Public and private land managers have identified the high ecological and economic cost of invasive species. Coordinated efforts serve to protect our valuable conservation areas, public lands and private lands from the continuing colonization of invasive species across the landscape. Learn about innovative approaches to increase your effectiveness and decrease costs by developing partnerships, recruiting motivated people and pooling time, talent and resources with your neighbors.

Effective Partnerships in Georgetown County, SC - To Err is Human, To Repair takes Cooperation *Jack Whetstone, Belle Baruch, Clemson University*

The Georgetown area is blessed with great ecological diversity, and this wonderful diversity has led to an influx of visitors, including unwanted exotic plant species ranging from terrestrial to aquatic invaders. Local, grassroots, and public-private partnerships have formed to advance comprehensive control/eradication programs through systematically developing control protocols, determining the extent of coverage of the invasive species, conducting demonstrations of potential control methods and developing both control and cost-share programs for private and public landowners. Multiple public-private cooperative funding programs including federal, state, local and private sources combined together to target the control of several exotic plant species on a landscape basis.

Sense and Sustainability- The Impact of Ornamental Nurseries on Native, Exotic and Invasive Species, *Kari Whitley, Scout Horticultural Consulting*

Large wholesale nurseries, plant breeders and landscape architects determine the plants that are available for use in our landscapes. Kari Whitley, owner of Scout Horticultural Consulting, will talk about plants currently being offered and which ones are potentially invasive. In addition, Kari will look at the exciting new selection of native plants that are becoming more available in the nursery industry. Ways to educate growers, reach legislators, and encourage consumers to plant wisely will also be discussed.

MAILING SECTION

1st Annual SC Exotic Pest Plant Council Symposium
11th Annual SE Exotic Pest Plant Council Symposium

Creating Sustainable Landscapes For the Future

May 13-15, 2009 Georgetown, SC

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION/
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Cooperative Weed Management Areas and Partner Programs
- Ecology and Management of Non-Native Invasive Plants
- Tools and Resources for Early Detection and Rapid Response(EDDR)
- Chemical and Non-Chemical Control Methods

THURSDAY FIELD TRIPS AND WORKSHOPS

Belle Baruch and Hobcaw Barony/Historic Black River Plantations 8:30 - 12:30 AND 1:00 - 5:00PM

A 17,500 acre research reserve, Hobcaw Barony, is one of the few undeveloped tracts on the Waccamaw Neck. The Native Americans called it "hobcaw," meaning *between the waters* because it is bordered by the Waccamaw River, Winyah Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean. Hobcaw Barony is a National Historic Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour Leaders Jack Whetstone (Clemson) and Pat Layton (Clemson) will focus on research on Phragmites (common reed), Chinese tallow, and beach vitex. From Hobcaw Barony this tour will proceed to well preserved private plantations south of the Black River where Jack Whetstone (Clemson) and Chris Page (SC DNR) will review Phragmites (common reed) control treatments and strategies on historic rice field plantations. This ½ day trip is rated easy, but participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring insect repellent. Drinks and lunch will be provided. The trip will be offered in both the morning and afternoon. For more information see: <http://south-carolina-plantations.com/georgetown/hobcaw-barony.html>

Francis Marion National Forest 8:30-12:30 AND 1:00-5:00PM Field trip leader Dr. Joel Gramling will be assisted by forest service staff on this ½ day Francis Marion National Forest tour featuring spectacular natural gardens from the Waterhorn to Wambaw Swamp. We'll visit wet pine savannas with pitcher plant bogs and orchids in addition to hardwood swamps as we traverse the range of one of the largest populations of the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. We'll learn selective methods to control Japanese climbing fern and cogongrass. This field trip is rated easy, but participants should wear shoes suitable for getting wet and bring insect repellent. Drinks and lunch will be provided. The trip will be offered in both the morning and afternoon. For more information see: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

Hampton Plantation/Mepkin Abbey and Gardens 8:30 - 3:00PM

Both Hampton and Mepkin found their economic glory as rice plantations. Early in the eighteenth century vast acreages of cypress were cleared from swamps along Blackwater Rivers to create rice fields. In addition to this early disturbance of natural communities, wealthy planters introduced exotic plants into their landscapes. Hampton Plantation is a National Historic Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and retains a Georgian-style mansion on a bluff overlooking the Santee delta. Park director Morgan Baird and Dow Agro Sciences representative Travis Rogers will focus on Chinese wisteria as they review ongoing invasive exotic species management efforts on this spectacular site. Mepkin Abbey was bequeathed to the Roman Catholic Church by Clare Boothe Luce. Lourtell Briggs, the landscape architect retained by Ms. Luce said of the property, "The landscape scheme was inspired by the ageless beauty with which nature endowed this lovely location..." Since 1949 Mepkin has been a Trappist monastery. Treatments for control of parasol tree, Chinese wisteria, privet as well as native grass restoration and cultivation on a historic plantation will be explained by tour leaders Matt Nespeca, Father Guericc (Mepkin Abbey), Laura Fogo (USFWS). This field trip is rated easy, but participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring insect repellent. Drinks and lunch will be provided. For more information see: <http://www.mepkinabbey.org> and http://www.stateparks.com/hampton_plantation.html

Herbicide Application Methods Workshop 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Lee Patrick with Invasive Plant Control, Inc. will demonstrate use of backpack sprayers and other selective control methods, and also discuss different herbicides commonly used for controlling non-native invasive plants within natural environments.

Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge 8:00 - 4:00PM

Established in 1932 as a migratory bird refuge, Cape Romain NWR encompasses a 22-mile segment of the southeast Atlantic coast. The refuge consists of 66, 267 acres which include a fascinating expanse of barrier islands, salt marshes, intricate coastal waterways, long sandy beaches, fresh and brackish water impoundments, and maritime forest. We will take a ferry to Bull Island at the southern end of the refuge. Bull Island captures the flavor of accessible and unspoiled Carolina Barrier Islands better than any other. Challenges to control Chinese tallow on Bull Island following the effects of Hurricane Hugo in 1989 will be emphasized by tour leaders Sarah Dawsey (USFWS), Jonathan Smith (BASF), and Charles Kemp (Marshfield Forest Service). The tour will include a review of results of aerial application utilizing Clearcast® Herbicide. While our focus will be on weed management, the abundant marine and island life will be covered both in transit during the ferry trip and while on the island. This will be an all day trip, and because it involves a full day in the field, is rated moderate. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes, hats, sunscreen, and bring insect repellent. Drinks and lunch will be provided. For more information see: <http://www.fws.gov/caperomain/>

Native Plant Alternatives Workshop 9:00 - 11:30PM

Colette DeGarady will teach identification of commonly used non-native invasive plants in the home landscape, and provide guidelines on how to choose appropriate native plants to replace them. She'll discuss the importance of native plant communities in the Southeast and how the choices we make in landscaping have an impact on them. Locating, propagating, and growing natives will also be discussed.

Wednesday Night POSTER SESSION, SILENT AUCTION, AND SOCIAL

Silent Auction - includes items from local Georgetown businesses, artwork, books, nature and kayak tours, gardening accessories, native plants, and more.

6PM - 8PM

Drinks and light appetizers provided.

Thursday Night LOW COUNTRY BOIL @ BELLE BARUCH

Once eleven plantations, the property was owned by Bernard Baruch, native South Carolinian and Wall Street financier, he and other millionaires hunted ducks, deer and wild turkeys throughout the 17,500 acres.

6PM - 9PM

Live Music by Jeff Norwood, blues singer

\$20/person

HOTEL INFORMATION: QUALITY INN AND SUITES

210 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440
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\$79.00 per night **Symposium on site**

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