Woodland gardens create a calm, soothing atmosphere, with dappled light and a diversity of foliage textures and colors. Although Asian woodland species such as hostas and hydrangeas are often used, the plants that thrive in our native woodlands are equally garden-worthy and provide a distinct sense of place. The Woodland Wildflower Garden is a wonderful example of a created native woodland garden.

Many native wildflowers from Eastern deciduous forest communities are stalwarts in shade gardens. Foamflower, phlox, coral bells, wild ginger, bloodroot and Solomon’s seal are examples of tough easy-to-grow native woodland plants.

Combined with Christmas ferns, for example, in the small planting shown above, a scruffy patch of grass was transformed into a woodland garden.

In nature, a canopy of suitable trees, understory of smaller trees, a shrub layer and ground layer make up natural forest communities. Soil characteristics, natural moisture levels, pH, and depth of shade determine the diversity of natural vegetation in a forest. Matching plants to your garden site is key to a successful woodland planting.

To create a native woodland garden:

1. Assess your site. Are the existing trees, shrubs or perennials largely native, or non-native? What are the light levels in the understory? What’s the soil like? Rich with organic matter or dry and thin?

2. Edit or add larger trees to create a natural framework of natives in the canopy of your woodland site. Continue to enrich soil with leaves, weed-free compost, and organic matter.

3. Add appropriate small trees and native shrubs to the understory. Include species such as flowering dogwood, redbud, deciduous azaleas, oakleaf hydrangea, rhododendrons, low-bush blueberry, sweetshrub, and clethra, paying careful attention to match plants with conditions in your site, and amending the soil as needed.

4. Finally, create specific beds rich in organic matter for understory woodland wildflowers and forest edge wildflowers. Plants such as foamflower, bloodroot, violets, columbines, and Solomon’s seal are easiest to grow.

5. Keep your native woodland garden well-mulched with leaves and be prepared to water newly-established plants in droughty periods, especially in summer.

~ Lisa Wagner, Director of Education
What an incredible spring it’s been here at the SCBG - I hope you’ve been able to enjoy a visit.

The garden looks great. The staff, volunteers, and students have done an amazing amount of work. We continue to do so much with so little – they are to be commended. My favorites this spring have been the Hosta Garden (special thanks to Chuck and Betty Cruickshank), the gardens around the Discovery Center (thanks to Kathy Bridges), the new Geology Museum entrance and the Woodland Wildflower Garden. A flower bloomed in the Woodland Wildflower Garden that I didn’t even know we had – a beautiful Eastern Fringed Catchfly (Silene polypetala), an endangered species found only in Georgia and Florida. It turns out that it has been making a living in the garden for many years, but this spring’s wonderful moist weather encouraged it to bloom. The garden continues to be filled with color throughout the summer so I hope you’ll enjoy the fruits, and flowers, of all our labor.

The spring plant sale was a smashing success. Thanks to our Nursery Manager, Ryan Merck, and to all the volunteers and students who made this possible – we couldn’t have done it without you. We are committed to refining and increasing our impact with the plant sale and generating revenue to support our garden and reduce our reliance on state funding.

Take a moment to look at the wonderful and exciting Educational Programs that we have at the Garden this summer. We have some great camps and other opportunities to get our young people exposed to the world outside and reconnected to nature. Lisa, Christian, Sue and Allison have all worked to provide some truly unique opportunities that can only be found here at the Garden. Our educational programs depend on participation for support so please spread the word about the programs to those you think might be interested.

Thank you all for helping to increase our Friends membership. We have grown but we still need to grow more. We are nearly half way to my goal of doubling the Garden Membership. Please if you can encourage those you know, your family and folks you see out in the garden on your next visit to join – we can only thrive with the support and strength our Friends and volunteers provide. Rest assured, we are all very excited, all very busy, and all hopeful that with your continued support we will not only survive this time of economic hardship but continue to grow and continue to serve, you, the citizens of South Carolina (and elsewhere) through one of the greatest places in this state – Your Garden!

All the best,
Patrick

Patrick McMillan
Interim Garden Director

John Bodiford
Senior Horticulturist

Kathy Bridges
Landscape Manager

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Curator of Education (Museum)

David Cicimurri
Curator of Collections (Museum)

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News from the Garden

Large-scale projects:
We are in the midst of several new major projects in the garden including the Class of ’62 Presidents’ Garden, which has been described in previous newsletters. The final plan, recently completed by Clemson Horticulture grad Renee Byrd, APLD, of Byrd Landscape Design in Pickens, South Carolina is scheduled to be unveiled in early June during Alumni Reunion Weekend, with naming opportunities and sponsorships available. For more information, please contact us.

Woodland Wildflower Garden
Another major undertaking is the renovation and restoration of several areas in the Woodland Wildflower Garden, including a long-awaited irrigation line. The old fern garden beds along the path beyond Crucible are a focus; ferns and other plants will be lifted and held in nursery beds while the compacted soil in that area is amended with organic matter and other nutrients. The ferns will be replanted along with a wide array of other native woodland species. This area was freed of honeysuckle, privet, and eleagnus previously, and it’s been remarkable to see its improvement. We’re looking forward to its further transformation.

Natural Heritage Garden
Keep your eyes and ears open for our newest campaign starting this fall, the Natural Heritage Garden. We’re excited about the opportunity to expand our horizons to include a major new garden focused on South Carolina’s botanical treasures from the coastal plain to the mountains.

Thank you...
~ to everyone who supported our Spring Plant sales. Not only do our sales provide an opportunity to acquire excellent plants, but they serve as a vital source of funds for garden development and maintenance.
~ to all of you that have given to special projects and activities beyond being a member of Friends.
~ We are especially grateful for a very generous and totally unexpected bequest from the estate of April Barthelmes. April and her husband enjoyed frequent visits to the Garden over a number of years, according to relatives, and so had made a generous allocation in their estate plans.

Staff news...
You’ll notice some subtle but meaningful changes in the garden infrastructure on your next visit.

Suddenly all of the water fountains are running the way they should and many things are being given a serious facelift. These changes are due to the return of our Facilities Manager, Eric Soto. We are so glad to have him back from active service in the National Guard!

Be sure to look closely at some of the changes and improvements in the garden as summer progresses. Our student crews, working with SCBG Horticulture Staff members John Bodiford, Kathy Bridges, and Ryan Merck, as well as with Eric, will be busy.

SCBG staff members Lisa Wagner, John Bodiford, and Ryan Merck continue to host call-in gardening programs on CU’s Your Day, heard on ETV radio throughout the state. Patrick McMillan does a regular call-in program on birds, with CU wildlife biologist Drew Lanham. You can listen to these programs via the link to archives from the Your Day website (yourday.clemson.edu).

Patrick and the Expeditions crew were filming in Alaska in June, and made trips to Central and Southern California this spring. Check the Expeditions website and Facebook page to follow their activities and upcoming episodes.

The Garden has an informal blog and Facebook page, both accessible from our website. If you’d like to post your observations on the ‘What’s happening in the Garden’ blog, please email Lisa Wagner (lwagner@clemson.edu).
Education Update

It’s been a remarkable spring season for education programs at the Garden. We’ve offered a record number of programs for adults and children, hosted a number of school and group programs, and continued to do volunteer outreach activities such as presentations and programs for local organizations — all of these further the Garden’s core mission of education.

The Garden has never looked better, but it’s much more than a pretty place. It’s a place for people of all ages to connect with nature, learn about plants and wildlife, and explore their relationship with the natural world. We’re fortunate to have an exceptional diversity of habitats, from gardens, meadows, and forest to ponds and streams, supporting a variety of programs (check out the diversity of summer camps, for example!)

In early May, I was privileged to share the Garden with a delightful group of NC Master Gardener volunteers from the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their enthusiasm both underscored the vital contributions of volunteers, but also reminded me of the tremendous resource that we have here in the Garden.

~ Lisa Wagner, Director of Education

Sprouting Wings Update

Sprouting Wings would like to thank all of you who supported us at our tables at the SCBG Spring Plant Sales and Earth Day Celebration. Your generous contributions through purchases, donations and volunteering are becoming increasingly crucial to the survival of our program.

As many of you already know, Sprouting Wings is currently in a period of financial uncertainty. We are actively working to sustain the program through fundraising and fee-based education programs.

To this end, we’re offering several Sprouting Wings camps as part of a series of new summer camps this year, as well as a number of family nature programs. Please take a look at these programs along with the many other excellent education programs that the garden has to offer.

It’s going to be a fun, discovery-filled summer in the garden. Please spread the word!

And, thank you so much for your support.

~ Allison Jones, Coordinator of Sprouting Wings

If you’d like more information about Sprouting Wings, or to volunteer with any of the summer programs, please contact Allison Jones at allisoo@clemson.edu or call her at 864-656-0203.

Supporting the Garden is easy!

If you have the resources to make a tax-deductible gift beyond your basic membership, it’s easy to do through the CU Foundation’s online giving portal (http://www.clemson.edu/giving/how/). Gifts can be specified to different accounts according to your wishes.

For example, a gift to SCBG Education Programs supports a variety of education activities, including the SCBG Children’s Garden, Sprouting Wings, garden interpretation, and school and group programs.

Thanks for making the Garden part of your regular charitable giving.
Great Plains Expedition - July 9-16, 2011

Discover the natural history of the Great Plains with Clemson University naturalist Patrick McMillan, the host of ETV’s award winning program “Expeditions with Patrick McMillan,” and paleontologists Dave and Christian Cicimurri from Clemson University’s Bob Campbell Geology Museum on an expedition to the expansive prairies and fossil-rich exposures of Nebraska and South Dakota, where we’ll discover the plant and animal life of the area, from the distant past to the present.

This will not be a typical bus tour, as we’ll focus on notable geological and ecological sites that are somewhat off the beaten path, and are not available to tourists. Participants can expect to see the Great Plains and Black Hills in a way that is usually only available to specialists and researchers – all with expert interpretation from Patrick and the Cicimurris (who previously lived and worked in the area). Highlights include a visit to a working Bison ranch dedicated to environmental responsibility (includes a tasty gourmet dinner), a rare opportunity to observe reintroduced Black-footed Ferrets, and prospecting for fossils in Badlands National Park.

Let us show you a version of the Great Plains and Black Hills that you wouldn’t find on your own – through the eyes of a naturalist, a conservationist, and a scientist - an experience that includes rare glimpses of endangered species, and opportunities to discover significant fossils.

Summary of Tentative Itinerary:

7/9 - 7/11: Travel to Harrison, Nebraska via the Fossil Freeway. Stops include rock hounding, The Mammoth Site, and Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. Our tour of Nebraska concludes with the Oglala National Grassland.

7/11 – 7/12: Return to South Dakota to discover black-footed ferrets, big horn sheep, bison and fossils in Badlands National Park and Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.

7/14 – 7/16: With Rapid City serving as the hub of our final leg, we’ll discover the natural history of the Black Hills, including visits to Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and numerous fossil localities.

Cost including meals and accommodations for 8 days (July 9-16, 2011) is $2,800 per person. Participants will be responsible for travel to/from Rapid City, South Dakota and any additional hotel accommodations. (This is a benefit program for the Bob Campbell Geology Museum).

For more information, contact:
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Calendar of Classes & Events

June

Tuesday, June 28
CULINARY HERBAL ADVENTURES: SOUTHEAST ASIA
Garlic, ginger, mint, basil, and lemon grass flavor dishes from Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia. Join this hands-on class to create and then eat three flavorful recipes from this region: Thai Summer Rolls, Vietnamese Chicken Salad and Lemongrass scented coconut rice.
Fee: $20 ($18 for members)
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Saturday, August 27
CAROLINA BUTTERFLY SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM:
Butterflies, plants, and flowers (co-sponsored by the South Carolina Botanical Garden)
Join butterfly enthusiasts and novices alike to learn about South Carolina's native butterflies, their host and nectar plants, and how to create a biodiverse (and successful) butterfly garden.

August

Tuesday, August 16
FALL VEGETABLE GARDENING WORKSHOP
South Carolina's mild climate provides plenty of time to have a beautiful and productive kitchen garden almost year-round. Cool-season vegetables grown in the fall can often be more productive than in spring, with fewer insect problems and less variable temperatures. Join Lisa Wagner to discuss the wide range of cool-season vegetables, greens and herbs that can extend kitchen gardening into fall and winter, as well as how and when to plant them. Participants will have the opportunity to select seeds to try, sow a variety of cool-season vegetables for later transplant, and learn about succession planting and season extension.
Fee: $20 ($15 for members & volunteers)
Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Tuesday, August 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27
GARDEN SPROUTS: EXPLORE OUR SENSES
Preschool children and a caregiver are invited to join garden educator Sue Watts in a garden journey using their five senses. Carefully crafted classes engage young children in discovery and excitement of the natural world. Books, music, movement and gentle strolls make this a rich introduction to the natural world. Snack provided.
Fee: $7 per class ($5 for members)
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

KEYNOTE: Nature on the move – reclaiming our place in the world ~ Patrick McMillan, Ph.D., CU Naturalist, Host of ‘Expeditions with Patrick McMillan' and Interim Director, SCBG

Who’s that flying around my backyard? - Joe Culin, Ph.D., former Chair of the Dept. of Entomology, Clemson University

Best native perennials for butterflies - Christi Brunner, owner, Carolina Wild Native Plant Nursery, Anderson, SC

Butterflying & observational tours of the SCBG Butterfly Garden and Children’s Garden ~ John Turner and Carolyn Turner (SC Master Gardeners and SCBG volunteers) and Lisa Wagner, Ph.D., SCBG Director of Education

Building a butterfly garden from the ground up: how the SCBG Butterfly Garden was developed – John and Carolyn Turner, SC Master Gardeners and SCBG volunteers

Beyond milkweed: increasing biodiversity in your butterfly garden ~ Lisa Wagner, Ph.D., Director of Education, SCBG

Sunday morning field trip (optional)
Woodland butterfly watching excursion to CU Experimental Forest ~ Dr. Dennis Forsyth, CBS

Fee: $20 (before August 13); $25 (on or after August 13)
Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Location: Hayden Conference Center
Pre-registration is required.

For complete program descriptions and to register via the online registration system, visit the Garden’s website (www.clemson.edu/scbg).
Summer Camps for Children

Aftercare for all camps is available by arrangement at $10/day per camper.

**Monday-Friday, June 20-24, 2011**
**GARDEN EXPLORATIONS CAMP**
Why do butterflies like to visit certain flowers? Have you ever followed the path of a raindrop? What lives in the garden’s ponds and streams? Campers will discover the answers to these questions and others by participating in inquiry-based nature-based activities that promote connection with the natural world. Garden Explorations brings science discovery to life with Garden educator Sue Watts. Garden Explorations encourages kids to take a closer look, ask questions and use their imaginations. Ages: 8-10
Sponsored by the Fanning Science Education Program.
Time: 8:30 a.m. – noon
Fee: $145 ($125 members)
(scholarships available)
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

**Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, 2011**
**GREEN THUMBS CAMP**
Dig into an exciting gardening adventure with Sprouting Wings coordinators Allison Jones and Kendra Vincent. Campers will learn the basics of sowing and growing veggies, herbs and flowers. Activities will include gardening projects and exploration, fun-sized botany lessons, garden arts and crafts, story-telling, garden cooking lessons and much more. Before receiving their Green Thumbs certificate, our young gardeners will plant this summer’s Peter Rabbit Garden. Ages: 8-12
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fee: $200 ($175 members)
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

**Monday-Friday, July 11-15**
**PLANTS-R-US CAMP**
From the cereal we eat each morning to the pajamas we wear at night, we are totally dependent on plants for much more than the life-sustaining oxygen they produce. In fact, plants influence every aspect of our lives from our basic survival to our language, traditions and arts. In this fascinating camp, led by Sprouting Wings Coordinators Allison Jones and Kendra Vincent, children will discover the remarkable variety of roles that plants play in the everyday lives of people around the world. We’ll explore the Ethnobotany Garden and Cherokee Garden, enjoy folklore from various cultures and learn the origins of chocolate, chewing gum and more. Ages: 8-12
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fee: $160 ($145 members)

**Tuesday-Thursday, July 26-28**
**DINO-MIGHT MINI-CAMP**
In this 3-day mini-camp, children aged 6-10 will learn all about the “terrible lizards” that ruled the earth millions of years ago. Paleontologist Christian Cicimurri will lead the group on a fossil dig, daily dino-crafts and games, and a search for LIVING dinosaurs. All materials will be provided; campers just need to bring a lunch and sunscreen.
Fee: $100 ($90 for children of Museum members)
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

**Monday-Friday, August 1-5, 2011**
**EARTH ARTISTS CAMP**
Calling all creative campers! Let the beauty of the outdoors inspire you as we explore the wild world of nature-based art. In this camp, led by Sprouting Wings coordinator Allison Jones and Museum Educator Christian Cicimurri, campers will draw inspiration from outdoor exploration and work with different natural materials to create their own masterpieces. Children will enjoy nature observation walks, nature journaling, digging and sculpting clay, creating rain sticks, making mineral paints, pine needle paintings, leaf portraits, ikebana arrangements, upcycled art and more. Ages 8-12
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fee: $200 ($175 members)
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

**Tuesday-Thursday, August 9-11**
**BONES TO STONES MINI-CAMP**
In this 3-day mini-camp, we’ll take a look at nature from the inside out! We’ll take a close look at skeletons and skulls, and learn how they turn into fossils. Children aged 6-10 will enjoy daily crafts and hands-on activities (NOTE: children will not be interacting with animal tissue other than bone). All materials will be provided; campers just need to bring a lunch and sunscreen.
Fee: $100 ($90 for children of Museum members)
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Use our **ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM** at [www.clemson.edu/scbg](http://www.clemson.edu/scbg) to register.
Summer Programs for Children and Families

Saturday, June 11
FAMILY SATURDAY: EXPLORE THE HUNT CABIN
Learn about life in upstate Carolina in the 1800’s by exploring the Hunt Cabin. Join history guide Sue Watts as she describes the life of the people who called this cabin home.
Fee: $10/family of 4 ($8 for members)
Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hunt Cabin

Saturday, June 25
FAMILY SATURDAY: SEARCHING FOR SALAMANDERS, FINDING FROGS AND CATCHING CRAYFISH!
Spend a warm day splashing in and around the Garden’s streams looking for reptiles and amphibians with Garden educator Sue Watts. In the process, we’ll learn more about the ecology of these valuable habitats, and meet some of their other inhabitants.
Wear waterproof shoes.
Fee: $10/family of 4 ($8 for members)
Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Thursday, July 7
FAMILY NATURE NIGHT- NATURE SONGS
Shhh! Listen! What do you hear? The chirp of crickets, the hoot of an owl, and a frog’s call are all examples of nature’s music, and dusk is one of the best times to listen to it. During an evening of exploration with educators Allison Jones and Christian Cicimurri, we’ll learn how animals use their “music” and other interesting methods to communicate with each other. We’ll wrap up our adventure with our own music and marshmallows by the campfire.
Fee: $10 per family (up to 5), $7 for members & volunteers
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Thursday, July 9
FAMILY SATURDAY: POND EXPLORATIONS
The ponds are thriving habitats with fascinating life forms. Explore the inextricably linked worlds above and below the water in this intriguing program with Garden educator Sue Watts. Wear waterproof shoes.
Fee: $10/family of 4 ($8 for members)
Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Thursday, July 21
FAMILY NATURE NIGHT- NIGHT CRAWLERS AND DREAM WEAVERS
Let’s discover night creatures! Learn how spiders, moths and insects find their dinner and avoid getting eaten themselves. Educators Allison Jones and Christian Cicimurri will lead families on a nighttime insect investigation, which will include games, creating spider webs and telling spooky stories around the campfire.
Fee: $10 per family (up to 5), $7 for members & volunteers
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Friday, August 12
FAMILY NATURE NIGHT- SUNDOWN SAFARI
On this fun family adventure, we’ll be on the prowl for mysterious night-active predators. From fireflies to bats to owls, SCBG educators Allison Jones and Christian Cicimurri will introduce you to the intriguing habits and adaptations of nighttime hunters, while we use our own hunting skills to locate them in the garden. We’ll end our expedition with a game and folklore by the fire.
Fee: $10 per family (up to 5), $7 for members & volunteers
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Saturday, August 20th
FAMILY SATURDAY - MAKE A PIZZA
Learn how to make your own homemade pizza. Local breadmaker Neil Calkin will teach how to construct the pizza crust. We’ll take a walk in the Food for Thought Garden to harvest tomatoes, peppers, basil and other fragrant herbs to construct our own pizza masterpieces. Eat your pizza in the garden or take it home to enjoy.
Fee: $7/person $5 for members & volunteers
Time: 10 a.m. - noon
Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

Friday, August 26
FAMILY NATURE NIGHT – STARS ON PARADE
Join us for a night of stargazing! Educators Allison Jones and Christian Cicimurri will point out your favorite constellations and tell the amazing tales of how they became part of the sky. Bring chairs, blankets, or pillows, and come discover the stars in the garden.
Fee: $10 per family (up to 5), $7 for members & volunteers
Time: 8 – 10 p.m.
Location: The Kelly Meadow

Use our ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM at www.clemson.edu/scbg to register.
Volunteer Spotlight

In memorium: Joe Smith

The Garden lost a good friend last February. Joe volunteered with the Camellia Collection and was a big part of creating what it is today.

Through his hard work and dedication, we were able to finally identify many unknown ‘lost’ cultivars in our collection. He was of great help in the development of a long-term maintenance plan for the overall collection.

Joe was born in North Carolina and served in the US Army. A graduate of NC State, he worked with USDA and Winn-Dixie, before following his passion for plants in retirement. He was a SC Master Gardener with a passion for vegetable gardening and old roses. He was a great teacher, and many times would stop and talk to our visitors about camellias as well as any other aspect of gardening. He always came to the Garden with a great sense of what needed to be done, and was ready to run with it. He always had a story or a joke to help brighten up the day and was willing to help out in any area that was needed.

It was his love of camellias that brought Joe to the Garden at first. He was familiar with Dr. Luther Baxter’s work with camellias, and knew he was a volunteer at the Garden. From the first day, the two camellia lovers formed a close friendship: Dr. Baxter, the professor and Joe, the student. They both worked with growing, propagating, and identifying camellias for many years. Both men left a lasting impact on the Camellia Collection and the Botanical Garden.

Joe was also a lover of nature. The backyard that he shared with his wife Hanna was a wildlife sanctuary. Joe would always tell me about what birds that he was seeing in his backyard. He would see deer or deer signs, and instead of being upset would seem to enjoy it. He was willing to share what he had with wildlife!

Joe was a great friend of the Garden. He was also a good friend of mine and is greatly missed.

To quote one of his good friends, “Joe indeed left a quiet beauty.” ~ John Bodiford, Senior Horticulturist

Swallowtail Gardens visit

View towards the old tobacco barn

An early May excursion to Swallowtail Gardens in Mars Hill, NC treated a group of SCBG members to a wonderful spring display in the garden of Edmund and Abigail Taylor. A benefit for the Butterfly Garden, this program provided funds for purchasing additional plants as well as being totally rewarding to those of us who were able to go.

~Lisa Wagner, Director of Education

Plants spilling over native stone

A shady woodland area featuring hostas
Asian greens
This beautiful patch of Asian mustards and kale in the Snell Vegetable Garden illustrates how attractive leafy vegetables can be. Seeded in early spring, they were at their peak in May, when this photo was taken.

The availability of many more Brassica varieties beyond the regular collards and curly kale give home and market gardeners a much larger (as well as tasty and nutritious) selection of greens. They flourish in the fall; come to the Fall Vegetable Gardening workshop on August 16 to get started on your fall garden.

SCBG Friends & Museum GeMS

Thank you for making generous donations between 3/1/2011 and 5/19/2011. New members are listed in green - welcome! All members at the Magnolia, Maple, Emerald, Camellia and Sapphire levels are joint members of the Garden and Geology Museum.

Garden FRIENDS
Magnolia Members ($500)
John & Pam Floyd

Maple Members ($250)
Clemson Garden Club
Laura Edmonds
William & Tommye Hurst
Lake & Pat Jameson
Cathy Mobley

Camellia Members ($100)
Foothills Garden Club
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We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please call Christian Cicimurri at 864-656-4602 or e-mail cmcici@clemson.edu with corrections for gifts made from March 1, 2011 - May 19, 2011.

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Elizabeth Branstead
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Ann Brown
Jan Parks Brown
Timothy Brown
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Question:
Is it legal (or ethical) to collect plants ‘from the wild’ for your landscape?

Answer:
The short answer is no, with a few exceptions.

First, it’s usually against the law to collect plants from national parks, national forests, state parks, local parks and gardens, and along highway rights-of-way without a permit. This applies to all plants, not just rare and endangered ones. Plants along roadsides are usually protected by state DOT regulations and ordinances, and often thrive there because of the regular mowing, bush-hogging, or other disturbance.

In areas that are slated for imminent development, organized plant rescues (often by native plant society groups and others) can often effectively save and relocate native plants to other suitable habitats. Note that collecting plants on private land always requires the owner’s permission. If you’re literally ahead of a bulldozer, again with permission, it’s certainly reasonable to try to save plants for transplant elsewhere, preferably in a public space, not private gardens.

Unfortunately, many people have justified collecting plants from areas that “might” eventually be developed or disturbed in the name of ‘plant rescue.’ This is NOT good conservation practice. On your own property and other private property, it’s fine to transplant ‘volunteer’ seedlings of common species. For example, tulip poplars, oaks, sassafras, red cedar, buckeyes, and sweetshrub, among many others, may establish themselves in places that aren’t desirable. Moving these elsewhere in your landscape or potting them up to give to friends is a good way to share the wealth of our native species.