

LNPS NEWS

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LNPS 2004 Annual Meeting

The 2004 Louisiana Native Plant Society's Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 6 & 7, 2004 at Camp Grant Walker near Pollock, LA.

The formal program will be Saturday, with the potluck supper, visiting, and shopping on Friday evening. A Sunday field trip to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum fills out the weekend.

Schedule

Friday, Feb. 6

5:00 PM - Registration, Potluck supper, Visiting,
Plant shopping

Saturday, Feb. 7

8:00 - Breakfast; Registration continues

9:30 - Speaker I

10:30 - Speaker II

11:30 - Lunch

1:00 - Speaker III

2:00 - Business Meeting, followed by Native Plant
Auction

3:00 - Video of Southern Forest Heritage Museum

*****Supper on your own.*****

Sunday, Feb. 8

8:30 - Travel to Southern Forest Heritage Museum

9:30 - Continental breakfast, nature trails, historic
tour, lunch, etc, until....

Speakers

Latimore M. Smith was born and raised in Louisiana. He resides in Tangipahoa Parish with his wife, Nelwyn McInnis. He has been an avid student of Louisiana's native flora and natural habitats for nearly 30 years.

In 1983, he received an M. S. in Wildlife Biology from LSU. Since 1986, he has been the plant community ecologist for the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. As ecologist with the Heritage Program, he has studied the floristic composition, functional dynamics, and physiographic variation of Louisiana's native plant communities. He has worked with industry, state, and federal agencies, academia, and numerous private organizations and landowners in the conservation of Louisiana's natural heritage.

Latimore's principal area of study and conservation work has been with Louisiana's longleaf pine forests, savannahs, and associated plant communities.

Latimore's topic will be conservation projects - past and present.

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Note:

Marilyn Christian has regretfully submitted her resignation as vice-president of LNPS due to illness. Her efforts to find a replacement for the position have not been successful. We appreciate her years of hard work. May the New Year bring with it an improvement in her health.

Hallie Dozier was born in Dallas, grew up in Shreveport and has lived in California, Florida, France and Africa. She now lives in Baton Rouge with her husband and “a passel of cats and dogs.” Hallie served in the Peace Corps in former Zaire where she worked on beekeeping and honey production.

Her credentials include a B.A. in Foreign Languages, Centenary College of Louisiana; a M. S. in Vocational Education, LSU; and a Ph. D. in Forest Ecology, University of Florida.

Hallie’s program will be on Invasive Species.

Don Reed works for the LSU Ag Center with an Extension appointment as an Associate Professor in the School of Renewable Natural Resources. His work with county agents and 4-H programs throughout the state entails Extension Programming in forestry and wildlife. He has a B. S. in Forestry with Wildlife minor, a M. S. in Wildlife Management, and a Ph. D. in Forestry from LSU.

Don’s topic will be about plants resistant to Deer Predation.

Directions

Camp Grant Walker is the LSU Ag Center 4-H Camp in south Grant Parish. It is located 2 miles east of US 165, near Pollock. *Watch the speed limits!*

From the south, travel U.S. 165 north out of Alexandria. Just after the highway narrows from 4-lane to 2-lane, turn right onto LA 8; travel 2 miles to the camp on the left.

From the north, just after you pass through Pollock, and 1/4 mile south of the railroad track; turn left on LA 8; travel 2 miles to the camp on the left.

From the east, take LA 8 in Jena and travel about 19 miles southwest to the camp.

Accommodations

Camp Grant Walker has nice Men or Women ‘s Dorms. Bring your own linens, towels, and pillow. (And earplugs) Very clean, heated, tiled bathhouses are in separate buildings - definitely not a rustic setup. Lodging fees are \$5 per person per night. The same fee applies for RV camping, also.

Meals

Friday evening is traditionally a pot luck meal (a big feast in my two year experience - *editor*). The camp kitchen is closed to us on Friday night, so plan to provide whatever ice chest, heating, or serving utensils you might need.

On Saturday, the camp cooks provide an ample southern style breakfast for \$4, and their delicious baked chicken lunch for \$5. Saturday supper is on your own.

For those opting for the field trip to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum on Sunday, a continental breakfast and sandwiches for lunch will be available. (Donations welcome in food or \$.)

Registration

A registration fee of \$9.00 per person covers the cost of building rental and insurance at Camp Grant Walker. Meals and lodging are separate. See registration form for details. *If you want meals at the meeting, it is important to pre-register and mail fees to Jackie Duncan by January 23.*

There will be no charge for the field trip to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum on Sunday to inspect the native and heritage plantings. Those wanting the guided tour of the 57 acre historic sawmill complex site and rail motorcar ride can pay the group tour rate of \$7.25 at the Museum.

Upcoming Events of Interest to LNPS members:

January 17, 2004: Re-organizational meeting of **Friends of the Arboretum** during Arbor Day Celebration. 11am at Hilltop Arboretum, 11855 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA (225) 767-6916.

February 6-7, 2004: LNPS MEETING; Camp Grant Walker, Pollock, LA.

For details on the following events contact : Charles Allen (337-328-2252) or native@camtel.net

April 2-4, 2004: Bogs, Birds, and more B's than the law allows.

April 23-25, 2004: Columbia/Catahoula Campout and Caravan.

May 14-16, 2004: Cajun Prairie Spring Meeting

July 30-August 1, 2004: Carolina Lily and Yellow Fringed Orchid Viewing

Registration Form

LNPS Annual Meeting - February 6 & 7, 2004

Make checks payable to LNPS.

Return by **Jan. 23, 2004** if you want meals. You may register at the door, but might not get meals.

Mail to: Jackie Duncan, Treasurer
114 Harpers Ferry Road
Boyce, LA 71409

Registration fee	\$9 x _____ = _____
Lodging - Friday Night	\$5 x _____ = _____
Saturday night	\$5 x _____ = _____
Saturday BREAKFAST	\$4 x _____ = _____
Saturday LUNCH	\$5 x _____ = _____
Annual DUES - use form below	_____
TOTAL	_____

Names/titles & address as you wish them to appear on your name tag/ meal ticket:

Phone or email: _____

The Louisiana Native Plant Society was founded in 1983 as a state-wide, non-profit organization.

Its purposes are:

- to preserve and study native plants and their habitats.
- to educate people on the value of native plants and the need to preserve and protect rare and endangered species.
- to promote the propagation and use of native plants in the landscape
- to educate people on the relationship between our native flora and wildlife.

Membership form:

Checks payable to LNPS.

Name _____ phone _____ Email address _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Annual dues: Student/Senior \$5 _____ Individual \$10 _____ Family \$15 _____
 Organization \$25 _____ Sustaining \$50 _____ Corporate \$100 _____

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Welcome to New Members: Dr. Michael Israel, Jackson; Karen A. Murphy, Marrero; and Center for Bioenvironmental Research, c/o Alysia Kravitz, New Orleans.

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