

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, July 19

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Conference check-in - [Norton Hall Lobby](#)

6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Plant vendor set-up - [Ramsey Arena Floor](#)

8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Scholarship Recipient Meet 'n' Greet - [Norton Hall Commons](#)

Wednesday, July 20

All trips will depart from Norton Hall

Morning

7 a.m. – 8 a.m. Breakfast - [Norton Hall Lobby](#)

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Field Trips & Workshop

FT1 - Black Balsam Knob with Randy Burroughs

FT2 - Sams Knob Valley / Flat Laurel Creek with Lauri Lawson & Owen Carson

FT3 - Panthertown Valley Ethnobotanical Tour with David Cozzo & Adam Bigelow

FT4 - Canoeing Little TN with Peter Loos, George Morris, Dawn Sherry & Brent Martin

FT5 - Blue Ridge Grassland Communities with Gary Kauffman & Nancy Adamson

FT6 - Whiteside Mountain with Jeff Zahner

FT7 - Highlands Botanical Garden with Larry Mellichamp

FT8 - Mosses of Blue Ridge Parkway with Robert Wyatt & Ann Stoneburner

FT9 - Southern Highlands Reserve with Kelly Holbrooks & Eric Kimbrel

FT10 - Andrews Bald with Matt Gocke & Geoffrey Neal

FT11 - Big Ridge Preserve with Ron Lance

W1 - Working with Cast Stone and Botanical Imprints with Jeff Jackson (On-Campus Classroom-Only Workshop)

Evening

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. - Dinner - [Ramsey Center](#)

7:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. - Welcome

7:40 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Joy and Abundance- Gardening for Biodiversity with Chris Liolia - [Main Stage](#)

Thursday, July 21

Morning

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - [Ramsey Concourse](#)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Vendor Walk - [Ramsey Arena Floor](#)

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Welcome/Announcements/Introductions - [Main Stage](#)

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline with Ecological Gardening with Kim Eierman - [Main Stage](#)

10:30 a.m. – Noon - Beauty of the Wild with Darrell Morrison - [Main Stage](#)

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch - [Ramsey Concourse](#)

1:30-2:30 p.m. - Mushrooms, Molds, and Mycorrhizae: The Amazing Applications of Fungi in Native Plant Ecosystems with Tradd Cotter - [Main Stage](#)

Afternoon

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. p.m. Concurrent Sessions 1

1A - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - The original stewards of the land with David Anderson and Tommy Cabe -[Hospitality Room](#)

1B - Symbiosis in the Garden: Maintaining a Garden for Beauty and Diversity with Sonya Carpenter- [Main Stage](#)

1C - River cane: environmental workhorse and cultural icon with Adam Griffith- [Concourse Area N](#)

1D - The Race to Save an Iconic Species w/ Jamie Van Clief - [Concourse Area D](#)

1E Connecting Ecosystems for Wildlife and Plantlife Biodiversity Conservation with Johnny Randall - [Concourse Area H](#)

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions 2

2A Woody Ethnobotany with Marc Williams - [Hospitality Room](#)

2B - Seasonal Maintenance of Naturalistic Native Gardens with Emily Driskill & Joseph Smith [Main Stage](#)

2C - Managing invasions: What's worked, what hasn't, and what might with Dan Simberloff - [Concourse Area H](#)

2D - Networking, Mentoring, and Leadership in the Native Plant Community: How these opportunities cultivate professional development with Katie Ellis [Concourse Area D](#)

2E - Riparian Hydrologic Drought: how soil and stream erosion changed everything as we know it with Rebecca Fanning - [Concourse Area N](#)

5 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Plant and Book Sales, [Ramsey Arena Floor](#)

Evening

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Dinner - [Ramsey Concourse](#)

6:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Book and Plant sales, [Ramsey Arena floor](#)

[Special Evening Presentation at Norton Hall](#)

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Moths and our Native Flora with Lenny Lampel - [Norton Classroom](#)

8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. - Bluegrass Music - [Norton Hall](#)

Friday, July 22

IMPORTANT: Friday Field Trips will depart from backside of Ramsey Center (Concourse Level). Walks will gather on Ramsey Area Floor in front of the bookstore.

Morning

7 a.m. – 8 a.m. Breakfast - [Ramsey Concourse](#)

7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. Conference Check-in/On-site - [Ramsey Arena Entrance](#)

8 a.m. – Noon - Half-day Field Trips - [Depart from Backside of Ramsey/Handicapped Entrance Concourse Level](#)

FT 12 - Birding Cullowhee - Dawn Sherry & Tom Tribble

FT13 - Blue Ridge Parkway Bogs, Seeps, and Rare Plants with Larry Mellichamp

FT14 - Pittillo Family Preserve and Pinnacle Park with Dan Pittillo

FT15 - When I am Among the Trees - A Guided Forest Therapy Experience with Nadine Phillips

8 a.m. – Noon - Half-day Workshops

W 2 - The Alchemy of Aroma: Distilling Essential Oils from Native Plants with Erika Galetin-
[WCU Picnic Area](#)

W 3 - Woody & Herbaceous Plant Propagation with Emily Driskell - [Concourse Area H](#)

W 4 – The Design and Management of Habitat for Birds with Preston Montague and Lauri
Lawson - [Main Stage](#)

W5 - Moss Magic in Your Landscape with Annie Martin - [Hospitality Room](#)

8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Half-day Campus Walks

All walks will depart from the Ramsey Center Arena Floor in front of the Book Vendor.

8:30 a.m. Walk #1 – The WCU Herbarium with Dr. Kathy Mathews and Campus Tree ID Walk
lead by Peter Loos and Geoffrey Neal

8:30 a.m. Walk #2 – Cullowhee Creek Restoration with George Morris

8:30 a.m. Walk #3 – Native Mushroom Walk and Identification with Tradd Cotter

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Exploring and Networking on your own, Plant & Book Sales

12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch ‘n’ Learn, Jeff Margreiter, *Alabama’s Botanical Lost World* - [Concourse Area N](#)

Afternoon

Noon – 1:00 pm - Lunch - [Concourse Area N](#)

1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. - Book and Plant Sales - [Arena Floor/Vendor Area](#)

1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. - Poster Session - [Arena Floor](#)

1:40 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - Announcements - [Main Stage](#)

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Tom Dodd Jr. Award - [Main Stage](#)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - New Updates from an Old Forest with Matt Johnson- [Main Stage](#)

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 pm - Project Pando - A Community-Driven Model for Helping Heal Local
Ecology with Basil Camu - [Main Stage](#)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Book and Plant Sales/ Auction Closes - Check winners list / winners
make payment at [WCU Info Desk](#)

Evening:

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Picnic at [WCU Picnic Area](#)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - Talent Show - [Picnic Area](#)

8:30 p.m. – Midnight - Music / Dancing - [Picnic Area](#)

[Saturday, July 23](#)

All morning sessions will be held on the Main Stage

Morning:

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - [Ramsey Concourse](#)

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. - Plant Auction Pick-up - [Ramsey Arena Floor](#)

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Plants of Promise with Katie Davis - [Main Stage](#)

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. - Let's Talk Pollinator Gardening: Plan, Plant & Maintain Successful and Beautiful Pollinator Gardens with Denisha Carly & Anne Spafford - [Main Stage](#)

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 am - Great Native Plants for the Home Garden with Shelby Jackson - [Main Stage](#)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Final Plant and Book Sales - [Ramsey Arena Floor](#)

11:45 a.m. - Final Announcements / Conference Ends - [Main Stage](#)