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. 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