

KVLT 2017 Events

KVLT 2017 Speaker Series

The Katawba Valley Land Trust's Speaker Series will begin on Thursday, March 23, with famed South Carolina naturalist Rudy Mancke. Rudy was co-host from 1978 to 2002 of the acclaimed SCETV Series, *NatureScene*, which is still being aired on public television. He left SCETV in 2008 and became a professor in the School of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of South Carolina. He retired in 2008 but remains on the faculty as an adjunct professor. Rudy will share his thoughts on the importance of conservation and our role in protecting the natural world.

This lecture and all other lectures will be held at the Carole Ray Dowling Center on the USC-L campus and will begin at 7:00 p.m. All KVLT Speaker Series lectures are free and the public is invited and welcome. Also all lectures are co-sponsored by USC-Lancaster.



Spider Web
Bill Stokes

University in Lebanon, Tennessee. He is the author of several books on Andrew Jackson and will discuss his latest book, *Andrew Jackson, Southerner*.

August 24: Our speaker will be Patrick McMillan. Patrick is the host, co-creator and writer for the popular and Emmy-Award winning SCETV nature program, *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*. He is also the Hillard Professor of Environmental Sustainability in the Forestry and Environmental Conservation Department at Clemson University, while also serving as the Director of the SC Botanical Garden there. He has worked as a naturalist,

June 8: Our speaker will be Dr. Mark Cheatham, Professor of History at Cumberland

biologist and educator for over 25 years. Patrick's topic will be "Personal Space: The Importance of Private Lands to Conservation and Our Identity."

October 13: Our last speaker for 2017 will be Josh Arrants. Josh is one of South Carolina's most knowledgeable, as well as entertaining naturalists, and he is also an expert ornithologist. He has worked with birds throughout South Carolina, specializing in the management of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, as well as songbirds and birds of prey. He is currently working with Oceana/Haile Gold Mine as the Director of Avian/Wildlife Monitoring, Reporting and Response Project. Josh will share his thoughts, based on his 16 years of experience, on how military installations, national wildlife refuges and even industry hosts, account for and manage for birds.

Forty Acre Rock Hike

We will have the annual KVLT Spring Hike at Forty Acre Rock on Saturday, March 25. This year's hike will be a special treat with hike leader, naturalist Josh Arrants. Josh is one of South Carolina's leading naturalists and makes every hike an incredible learning experience, as well as great fun. You do not want to miss a chance to see the beautiful and amazing vernal pools in all their spring glory and hear insights about this very special natural area from Josh Arrants. The hike will begin at 9:30 in the main parking lot (the upper parking lot on Conservancy Road) at Forty Acre Rock and we should finish around 12:30. The hike will be limited to 30 people. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and sun screen. The event is free and open to non-members but registration is required. Call the office at 803-285-5801 or email Barry Beasley at kvlt@comporium.net to register.



Catawba River
Barry Beasley

2017 Spring Bird Count

The annual Catawba Valley Land Trust Spring Bird Count is set for Saturday, April 15. We hope you can join us as we document the warblers and other neo-tropical migratory birds that use our protected lands as migration corridors. Target areas include Landsford Canal State Park, the KVLTL Great Falls property along Rocky Creek and Forty Acre Rock. Bird count leaders are Irvin Pitts (Rocky Creek), Bill Rogers (Landsford Canal State Park) and Josh Arrants (Forty Acre Rock). The Rocky Creek and Landsford Canal State Park groups will meet at the Catawba Fish Camp on Hwy. 9 at 7:30 a.m. You can also meet in the lower parking lot at Landsford Canal State Park at 8:00 a.m., the parking lot for the Rocky Creek Trail in Great Falls on Hwy. 21/200 at 8:00 a.m. or meet at the Catawba Fish Camp on Hwy. 9 at 7:30 a.m. The Forty Acre Rock birders will meet in the lower (beaver pond) parking lot at Forty Acre Rock at 8:00 a.m. If you have an interest in birds come join us. You do not have to be a bird expert to enjoy this event. The event is free and open to both members and the public, but registration is required. For more details and to register for the event, contact us at kvltl@comporium.net or (803) 285-5801.



Rocky Shoals Spider Lily
Bill Stokes

Lilyfest at Landsford Canal State Park

Each year the blooming of the rocky shoals spider lily is celebrated at Landsford Canal State Park. This year's festival will be held on Sunday, May 21. It begins at 12:00 noon and ends around 5:00 p.m. KVLTL always sets up a display in the picnic shelter in the main part of the park and we sponsor a history and nature hike. Other activities include music, food and vendors. The highlight of the festival is the opportunity to see one of the most incredible wildflower displays in the southeast, as the lilies bloom in the Catawba River at the park and are typically at their peak during this time in May. You may also see the nesting bald eagles at the park. If you have not ever seen the lilies in bloom, you owe it to yourself to see this amazing sight.

2017 Special Events



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Earth Day Celebration: Join the Lindsay Pettus Greenway Board (LPG) and KVLTL as we celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. The event will be held in the Lancaster City Park along Gills Creek. The event will include displays, lectures and other events celebrating our beautiful natural world. Look for more information on the KVLTL's and LPG's Facebook page as well as in the Lancaster News as we get closer to the date.

25th Anniversary KVLTL Community Celebration Day: KVLTL was incorporated as a land trust on March 22, 1992. We will celebrate our beginning and our 25 years as a land trust at Benford Brewing on Saturday, May 5. The celebration will include an overview of KVLTL's 25-year history and conservation accomplishments, displays, tours of the brewery, food, as well as a chance to sample some of the outstanding beers brewed by Benford. Look for more information on this fun event on the KVLTL Facebook page and the website.

Stumpy Pond Clean-up: The next Great Falls Stumpy Pond Riversweep will be held on March 18, 2017. Backup date in case of high water or rain will be April 8. The clean-up will again focus on Stumpy Pond. A kayak will be raffled off to a lucky participant. Boat captains and volunteers are needed to remove trash from our beautiful Catawba. Signup sheets for participants will be on Catawba Riverkeeper and the Great Falls Hometown Association's websites. Participants will meet at 9:00 a. m. at the Debutary Creek Landing and the clean-up will end at 12:00 noon. There will be great food and live musical entertainment following the clean-up. More details will be posted on the Catawba Riverkeeper and Great Falls Hometown Associations websites soon. For more information contact clean-up coordinator Mike Vaughn at 803-899-2206.



Stumpy Pond
Bill Stokes

Fall Events

Save the dates for our fall events. The 2017 KVLTL Annual Meeting, will be held on Sunday, October 15, at the Ivy Place in Van Wyck. The Lindsay Pettus Greenway hike on October 29 will explore parts of the area designated for the greenway. And lastly, join us for the Nitrolee History Hike, held November 12. We will hike to the remains of the Southern Electro-Chemical Company.