



February 2019

Hello Fellow SCAN Members!

As is our tradition, the January meeting was our one business meeting of the year. Forty five of us gathered at the Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia. We did a lot of socializing, listened intently to presentations covering a wide array of topics, enjoyed the park trails at lunch, and squished in for a group photo.



Many thanks to everyone who brought goodies to share and helped with arranging tables, equipment, and sale items. A special thanks goes to Gordon Murphy for his hard work putting the meeting together, keeping the agenda moving, and most importantly keeping the coffee flowing.

Our agenda was jam-packed with great speakers. Dr. Gill Newberry kicked off the day with an introduction to her SC flower guide on a thumb drive. The drives sold like hotcakes and, along with the proceeds from the book sale Eva Pratt graciously coordinated, we raised \$436 for the SC Native Plant Society Spider Lily Fund. Next we heard from Dr. Carolyn Murphy who highlighted her presentation on SC geology with fascinating photos, both historical and recent. Fellow SCAN member Keith Bradley provided insight and field adventure anecdotes about his rare plant survey work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Bob Franklin with the Longleaf Pine Alliance and co-founder of the SC Master Naturalist program wrapped up the formal presentations with an in-depth explanation of longleaf pine restoration efforts.

We also managed to squeeze in two informal presentations. SCAN member Timothy Campbell shared his beautiful photographs of the recent “Super Blood Wolf Moon” total lunar eclipse. SC Aquarium representative Linda Rowe provided information on a new citizen science app that encourages the public to document plastic pollution cleanup efforts.

Our final formal agenda item was the business meeting. By unanimous vote, the slate of officers for 2019 was approved:

- President – Kim McManus
- Vice President – Dave Schuetrum
- Secretary – Mary Douglass
- Treasurer – Kate Hartley
- Historian – Gordon Murphy
- Database Manager – Tom Jones
- Northern Regional Director – Rita Zollinger
- Western Regional Director – Kathy Boyle
- Central Regional Director – Dave Kastner
- Southern Regional Director – Marcus Sizemore
- Eastern Regional Director – Mandy Johnson

The draft version of the 2019 field trip list was shared at the meeting. As you know, it is always subject to change based on location availability and property conditions. We're starting off the year with a change of plans! Spring Island was unavailable, so we're going to Santee Coastal Reserve WMA instead. The tentative schedule is attached to the newsletter.

As Eva Pratt explained at the meeting, our March trip to the Webb Center has several options that require a bit of pre-planning. You should have already received an email with details. To summarize:

- Option 1 is to spend the weekend at the Center with shared meals and a catered dinner Saturday.
- Option 2 is to come on Saturday for the hike and stay for the catered dinner.
- Option 3 is to participate in the Saturday day hike only.

If Options 1 or 2 are appealing, please let Eva know ASAP: _____

Once the meeting was adjourned, we retired to Jan Ciegler's house for delicious true potluck supper and socializing. Thank you Jan for your wonderful hospitality!

And speaking of thank you's, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Gordon Murphy and Greg Mancini for serving as officers for many years. A big high five goes out to Caroline Eastman and Paul Kalbach for their hard work as Regional Directors. Your efforts are appreciated. Rest assured we'll be calling on your expertise in the months and years to come!

We're off to a blazing start in 2019. Let's keep the momentum rolling! I look forward to seeing your smiling faces in the field.

Kim McManus

2019 Trip Schedule – Tentative

February 23: Santee Coastal Reserve WMA (Southern Region)
March 23-24: Webb Center (Southern Region)
April 27: 40 Acre Rock (Northern Region)
May 25-26: Hell Hole Swamp / Francis Marion NF (Southern Region)
June 22: Rattlesnake Lodge (Northern Region)
July 27: Lynches Woods (Central Region)
August 24: Walhalla Fish Hatchery (Central Region)
September 28: 100 Acre Wood (SI Group, Central Region)
October 26-27: Woodbury HP/WMA (Eastern Region)
November 16: Little Pee Dee State Park & HP (Eastern Region)
December 14: Silver Bluff (Western Region)
January 25, 2020: Annual Business Meeting

Santee Coastal Reserve WMA
Charleston and Berkeley Counties
Saturday, February 23, 2019 | 10:30am

From Southern Regional Director Marcus Sizemore:

Unfortunately, our plans for meeting at Spring Island fell through this month. However, we will instead be visiting Santee Coastal Reserve Wildlife Management Area. This 24,000 acre area is known for wading and migratory birds, miles and miles of old rice plantation dikes and brackish marsh. There are also pine plantations and freshwater wetlands leaving plenty of diverse habitats to explore. This time of year the bugs shouldn't be too bad, but it's always advisable to bring bug spray, especially if it happens to be a warm day. There is a boardwalk section offers some great opportunity to access some of the wetland areas without getting your feet wet.

After our day of sauntering and exploring, we'll meet for dinner at Seewee Restaurant south of McClellanville. It's approximately 25 miles south of the WMA and offers a variety of seafood and other southern dishes. The full menu can be found at their website: <https://seeweerestaurantinc.com/>

Directions:

From Charleston:

Drive approximately 45 miles from Charleston on US17 North. Once past the small Town of McClellanville, turn right onto South Santee Road. Follow the signage to the kiosk along Santee Gun Club Road. The Parking area is approximately 3 miles on the right.

From Georgetown: Drive south on US 17 for approximately 15.0 miles. One mile beyond the South Santee River Bridge turn left onto Charleston County S-10-857 (Santee Rd.). Drive for approximately 1.4 miles and turn left at Lillypond Mission Baptist Church onto Santee Gun Club Road. Follow the signage to the kiosk along Santee Gun Club Road. The parking area is 3.0 miles on the right.

Physical address:

Santee Coastal Reserve WMA
220 Santee Gun Club Road
McClellanville, SC 29458

Coordinates:

33.147765, -79.396188

SeeWee Restaurant:

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