

Spring Wildflower Symposium



*Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis)

CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY AND BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

May 17 -19, 2024

We Welcome You

For over 40 years Wintergreen's Spring Wildflower Symposium provides unparalleled coverage of wildflowers and mountain ecosystems. The setting is unique, with over 30 miles of hiking trails and convenient access to diverse geological sites. No one comes away from this event without learning more about such topics as botany, ecology, entomology, geology and ornithology.

There will be walks, workshops, lectures, and more – there is something truly for everyone. We look forward to meeting new faces and seeing those of you who make this annual pilgrimage.



*Illustration of Columbine by Em Stamey

Instructors

- Charlie Aller** Co-Founder, Mush Luv, Mushroom Expert, Farfields Farm
- Nan Arthur** Avid Birder, Office Manager & Benefits Paralegal for Carmax
- Cole Burrell** Principal, Native Landscape Design & Restoration
- Lindsay Caplan** Invasive Species Specialist at VA Department of Forestry
- Doug Coleman** Field Botanist; Executive Director, The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen
- Emily Ferguson** Botanist, Master Naturalist, Tree Steward, Beekeeper
- Jay Gamble** General Manager at Wintergreen Resort VA, Avid Birder
- John James** ASLA-licensed Landscape Architect
- Walter Meshaka** Senior Curator of Zoology & Botany, State Museum of Pennsylvania
- Nathan Miller** Horticulturalist, Owner of Simply Sustainable Landscaping
- Carole Nash** Archeologist & Director of Access & Inclusion, Professor, Geography, ISAT at James Madison University
- Nina O'Malley** Co-Founder, Mush Luv, Maker of local medicinal products
- Michael S. Smith** Professor Emeritus of Geology, UNC-Wilmington
- Janet Steven** Associate Professor & Graduate Program Director, Department of Organismal & Environmental Biology at Christopher Newport University
- Johnny Townsend** Senior Botanist, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage
- Judith Villavisanis** World Renowned Artist, Florida
- Rebecca Wilson** Longleaf Pine Restoration & Eastern Fire Manager, VA Department of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage
- Anne Witt** Geohazards Specialist, Virginia Department of Energy, Geology & Mineral Resources Program



Accommodations

Registration fees cover Symposium event only and do not include accommodations. For accommodations at Wintergreen Resort, contact Reservations at 800-926-3723 and ask about the special Wildflower Symposium package for a discount on lodging.

The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen

The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen (TNFW), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, promotes the understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural history of the central Blue Ridge of Virginia. All proceeds from this event benefit The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen. TNFW is a membership organization and offers a symposium discount to its Silver Explorers and above members.

Program Schedule

Friday, May 17th

3 - 5:30 pm

Exploratory Welcome Back to the Blue Ridge

Emily Moderate

7-7:30 pm

Opening Activities; Instructor Meet & Greet

Coleman

7:30 - 8 pm

Program Sign-ups

Saturday, May 18th

Repeated activities are noted

7-9 am

Walk Birding in the Blue Ridge

Arthur & Gamble

8-10 am

Walk Salamander Hunt

Meshaka

Walk Amazing Wildflowers

James

9-11 am

Walk Appalachian Spring Wildflowers

Townsend

Walk Native Landscaping Walk

Burrell

Lecture Trompe L'oeil: Decieve The Eye

Villavisanis

10:15-12:15 pm

Walk Unique Geology of Wintergreen

Witt

Walk Invasive Plant ID

Caplan

Walk Fire in the Ecosystem

Wilson

11:15-12:15 pm

Lecture Using Edible Native Plants in Landscaping

Miller

Lecture iNaturalist: How to Share Your Observations and what happens to them

Steven

Saturday continued

12:15-1:15 pm

Lunch Break

1:15-2:15 pm

Lecture Salamanders Under Boards

Meshaka

Lecture The Rush Started Here: Gold Mining in the Southeastern US (1800-1849)

Smith

1:15-3:15 pm

Walk Mushroom I.D.

Aller

Walk Wintergreen's Wildflowers: The Relic Ecosystem

Coleman

Walk In Search of Wild Edibles

Miller

2:15-3:15 pm

Lecture The Story of Longleaf Pine in VA

Wilson

2:15-4:15 pm

Wkshp To Fool The Eye: Nature's Secrets

Villavisanis

3:30-4:30 pm

Lecture The Flood of Invasives Amongst Our Native Flora

Caplan

3:30-5:30 pm

Walk Archeology of the Blue Ridge

Nash

Walk Fern I.D.

Steven

Wkshp Wild Food Traditions: Spring Greens

O'Malley

4:30-5:30 pm

Lecture Native Plants in the Resilient Garden

Burrell

Lecture New Plants in the Old Dominion

Townsend

5:30 - 7 pm

Dinner Break

7-8 pm

Lecture Change and the Conservation of Archaeological Sites

Nash



Sunday, May 19th

8 am - until

Exploratory

Piney River Rails to Trails

Coleman

***Schedule subject to change*

Native Plant Sale

Native wildflowers, shrubs and ferns will be for sale on Saturday at our Greenhouse located at 725 Beech Grove Road, Roseland, VA 22967.

Volunteers

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who make this event possible. Your time, talents and generosity are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!

2024 Spring Wildflower Symposium Event Registration

Name(s) _____

(Please print for nametags)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (day) _____ Email _____

How did you hear about the event? _____

Number of years attended _____

Wintergreen Property Owner yes no

Registration

Registration X \$110 = \$ _____

Discounts

Silver Explorer and Above Members
(\$10 off each registration)

X \$10 = \$ _____

Early Registration Discount

(\$5 off each registration if postmarked by May 1, 2024)

X \$5 = \$ _____

Scholarships for educators are available.

Contact Amanda Winegar for information (434) 325-7451.

Total Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen

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Roseland VA 22967
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