

Southern Appalachian Botanical Foray
May 23-26, 2004
Valle Crucis, North Carolina

Sponsored by the New England Botanical Club and the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society

Agenda:

Sunday (May 23)

- 3:00-5:00PM Arrival & Registration at Valle Crucis Conference Center
- 5:00-6:00PM Happy Hour
- 6:00-7:00PM Dinner
- 7:15-10:30PM Welcome and Evening Programs
- a) NEBC and SABS welcomes & announcements
 - b) "Wildflowers of the Southern Appalachians" by **Edward Schell**
(an inspirational multimedia slide and music presentation)
 - c) "Phytogeography of the Southern Appalachians" by **Dr. Daniel Pittillo**, Western Carolina University



Happy Hour

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Monday (May 24)

- 8:00-8:45AM Breakfast

- 9:00-4:30PM Field Outings in the Roan Mt. area of NC and TN
 Conservation/management overview by [Judy Murray](#),
 Stewardship Director of Southern Appalachian Highlands
 Conservancy; exploration of grass balds, high elevation cliffs and
 rhododendron gardens, northern hardwoods, and lower elevation
 wildflowers in TN or NC
- 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour
- 5:30-6:30PM Dinner
- 7:00-8:30PM "Southeastern Endemism and the Glacial Boundary" by [Dr. Peter White](#),
 North Carolina Botanical Garden, University of North Carolina,
 Chapel Hill
- 8:30-10:30PM Musical jam session, folk dancing (?), socializing, plant talk (Bring your
 instruments, please!)

Tuesday (May 25)

- 8:00-8:45AM Breakfast
- 9:00-4:30PM Botanical outing options include 1) Bluff Mountain (a TNC preserve with a
 diversity of habitats including an upland fen, a mafic glade, plus
 cliffs with Carolina hemlock); 2) Linville Falls with [Xerophyllum](#),
[Physocarpus](#) and other interesting plants, plus another destination
 such as Hawksbill or Table Rock mountains to see [Leiophyllum](#)
 and other plants, 3) Tater Hill Bog in the AM, then roadside and private
 land botanizing and collecting in the afternoon.



Table Rock

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- 4:30-5:30PM Happy hour
- 5:30-6:30PM Dinner
- 7:00-10:00PM Workshops
- a) Sedge and Grass Identification: [Dr. Lisa Standley](#) and [Bruce Sorrie](#)
 - b) Southern Appalachian Spring Wildflower Identification: [Dr. Zack Murrell](#) and [Alan Weakley](#)

Wednesday (May 26)

8:00-8:45 AM Breakfast

9:00-10:00AM Pack and Check Out (+ get bag lunches for day's outings)

10:00-3:30PM Botanical outings to include 1) Grandfather Mountain-Grandfather Trail at Summit to Profile Trail below, a steep descent through many community types, 2) Profile Trail upward along a moderate grade for a couple miles to old growth and boulder fields, 3) Rough Ridge (Beacon Heights) along the Blue Ridge Parkway in the AM and Sims Pond, plus other options including one of your own making if you prefer.

Grandfather Mt. is a privately owned conservation area and a Fee will be charged to enter the property, but those simply hiking will have a discounted rate. There are museums, concessions, restrooms, etc., on the mountain. You can visit their web site at www.grandfather.com.