



PAC's 2017 Event Calendar...so far! (3/10/17)

March 14 – Landrum Library program; 6 p.m. Dr. Gillian Newberry will present on *“Endangered Plants of the Piedmont.”*

March 17 – PAC Hike; 8:30 a.m. Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area, Naturaland Trust trail to Moonshine Falls, ~5.5-miles, moderate, out & back

March 20 – Open Forum about Foster Creek Preserve; 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Come to the Polk County Library in Columbus anytime to learn more or give input about future use of this property.

March 25 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Annie Martin, popularly known as “Mossin’ Annie,” will present “Moss Magic in your Landscape” & option to attend a workshop (pre-registration required for the workshop).

March 30 – River Clean Up; 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Join PAC, CMLC, and Polk County Recreation for a river clean up on the Green River in the section of the river around Alexander’s Ford.

March 31 – PAC Hike; 8:30 a.m. Pisgah N.F., paralleling the Davidson River to the North Slope trail, onto the Connector trail, then Art Loeb, 8-miles, moderate/strenuous, loop.

April 7 – PAC Hike, 8:30 a.m. Join PAC and Polk County Recreation for a 10-mile, moderate hike along the Palmetto Trail, from Orchard Lake Campground trail head to the Blue Wall Preserve. Pre-registration required for a seat on the shuttle bus.

April 8 – PACRun & PACWalk annual fundraiser! The 6th annual 5k PACRun starts at 8 a.m. and the 12th annual PACWalk starts at 10 a.m. Hosted by Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE). Registration required. (\$20)

April 11 – Landrum Library program; 6 p.m. Dr. Timothy Spira will present on *“Favorite Spring Wildflowers in the Blue Ridge Mountains.”*

April 14 – PAC Hike, 8:30 a.m. Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Asbury Trail, 6.8-mile, moderate, out & back

April 21 – PAC Hike; 9:30 a.m. Celebrate Earth Day with a hike at Walnut Creek Preserve! This is a joint hike with hikers from PAC, CMLC, and Keith Viglietta’s hiking group that will take place at Walnut Creek Preserve (WCP). 4-5 miles; easy/moderate.

April 29 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Simon Thompson, owner of Ventures Birding Tours, will present “Confessions of a Tour Leader.”

May 9 – Landrum Library program; 6:30 p.m. Dennis Chastain, award-winning outdoor writer, interpretive naturalist, will present, “Appalachian Sampler.”

May 13 – PAC Hike; 10 a.m. Hikers, and their dogs, are invited to join the PAC and the Foothills Humane Society (FHS) on for a 5.5-mile hike at Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve.

Participants interested in walking a shelter dog for the day are encouraged to contact FHS. This is a great opportunity to give a shelter dog a break from the shelter. Contact Sam Austin, of FHS, several days before the hike for an interview and pairing with the appropriate dog. There is a limit to the amount of dogs that can come, so contact right away. Sam can be reached at (828)863-4444, or email, volunteer@foothillshumanesociety.org.

May 27 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Tradd Cotter, owner of Mushroom Mountain and mycologist, will present, “Amazing Fungi – The Dark Matter that Bounds all Life.”

June 8 – Landrum Library program; 2 p.m. Naturalist, Carlton Burke, will present “Owls – Masters of the Night,” as part of the Landrum Library’s “Summer Reading Program.”

June 14 – PAC Field Trip; 12:15 p.m. Join PAC for a Farm Tour of Mushroom Mountain! Pre-registration required. (\$15)

June 17 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Tanya Poole, NCWRC Education Specialist, will present on Bats!

July 15 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Patrick McMillan, host of ETV’s *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*, will present, “The Southern Blue Ridge – Crucible of Life.”

July 18 – Landrum Library program; 6 p.m. Naturalist, Tim Lee, will present, “Salamanders of the Carolinas,” as part of the Landrum Library’s “Summer Reading Program – Family Fun Night.”

August 12 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. David Campbell will present on his Floristic and Biodiversity Study of Polk County.

August 29 – Landrum Library program; 6 p.m. Dr. Jack Turner and Beth Button, from the USC Upstate Watershed Ecology Center will present on “Watersheds.”

September 23 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. “Wilderness from an ecological, cultural and aesthetic perspective,” presented by Jennifer Frick-Ruppert

October 28 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Naturalist, Tim Lee will present, “Bioluminescence: From Fireflies to Fungi.”

November 11 – WCP program; 10:30 a.m. Basket maker and Cherokee storyteller, Nancy Basket, will present on basket making with Kudzu!