

**APRIL PROGRAM**

**Thursday, April 14th, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library  
at Price Park**

**WILDFLOWERS OF THE PIEDMONT**

The explosion of spring color, courtesy of blooming wildflowers, is a yearly glory in the Piedmont. We all love wildflowers. But what's this one here? How about that one, over there? We have a man who knows, in the person of Dr. Ken Bridle, a biologist from Walnut Cove and a board member of the Piedmont Land Conservancy. He will be our speaker, Thursday, April 14, at the KCE Library. We hope you will join us to hear him discuss the myriad wildflowers, both common and obscure, that occur in this area. This program is free and open to the public and begins at 7:00 p.m. A good program for family members of all ages, neighbors and friends.



**APRIL FIELD TRIP**

Saturday, April 16, 9:00 am  
**LAUREL BLUFF  
WILDFLOWER HIKE**



Come join us for a glimpse of spring at its finest—Hike the Laurel Bluff Trail as we look for wildflowers and migrating birds. We'll start our hike at the Church Street trailhead [just north of Air Harbor Road] and hike west, overlooking the western tip of Lake Townsend. This beautiful watershed trail has a wide variety of wildflowers, great views of the lake, and a mountain laurel grove along Reedy Fork Creek. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your wildflower field guides, your binoculars, water, and a snack. The trail is 3.5 miles long; folks who want to hike the entire trail may wish to arrange with a buddy to leave a car at the other end of the trail. For more information, call Ann Walter-Fromson (299-9494). This hike will be a great way to use some of the knowledge you've gained from our evening program on April 14<sup>th</sup> [see article above.]

**LAUREL BLUFF TRAIL CLEAN UP  
THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd, 9:00 a.m.,**

One of our projects for the Great American Clean Up on April 2<sup>nd</sup> is trail maintenance at the Laurel Bluff Trail. T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon sponsors this link of the NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail and schedules periodic clean ups. The Laurel Bluff Trail runs between Lake Brandt Road and Church Street along the edge of Reedy Fork Creek and the southern shore of the tip of Lake Townsend. The parking area on Lake Brandt Road is across from the dam; the marina is to the left and the trailhead on the right. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll have two teams, one starting at each end of the trail, picking up trash and doing minor trail maintenance along the way until we meet in the middle. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves and bring a small pruning tool if you have one. Please call Ann Walter-Fromson (299-9494) for further directions. **We hope you can help out with this important environmental conservation effort.** We're sure to see some spring wildflowers and waterfowl that will make the trail clean-up an enjoyable task.

*Our mission: TO FOSTER APPRECIATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND ENJOYMENT OF NATURE, AND WORK FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE ON THE LOCAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL.*

Program and Field Trip Schedule  
April—July 2005



**Sat., Apr. 2,** 9:00 am Great American Clean Up - Laurel Bluff Trail (See article)

**Thurs, Apr. 14** "Wildflowers of the Piedmont". Speaker: Dr. Ken Bridle, Biologist for Ecologic. KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m

**Sat., Apr. 16** Field trip to Laurel Bluff Trail [Church Street trailhead] for wildflowers and spring migrants

**Apr. 22-23** Earth Day at the KCE Family Branch Library. (See article)

**Sat., May 7** Spring Bird Count with Piedmont Bird Club (PBC)

**Thurs., May 12** "Butterflies 101: How to Identify Butterflies". Speaker: Dennis Burnette, Carolina Butterfly Society. KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m

**Sat., May 14** Field activities at Audubon Natural Area on Tankersley Drive: Assessing water quality; identifying birds and butterflies

**June 3-4, Asheville,** Annual N.C. Audubon meeting.

**Sat., June 18** Field trip to Stone Mountain State Park with PBC

**Sat, July 30** Field trip to Hagan-Stone Park with PBC for butterflies

For more information about programs and field trips, visit our website at

[www.tgpearsonaudubon.org](http://www.tgpearsonaudubon.org)

**TGPAS Planning Meeting**

Meetings to plan for the coming program year and to finalize next years' budget will be held in June. Check our website in May for dates and other details.

**APRIL OCEANS SYMPOSIUM AT UNCG**

On **Friday, April 8,** UNCG will host a symposium entitled "Future of Our Oceans." The seminar will run from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Auditorium 130 of the Moore Nursing Building. Among the featured speakers will be Dr. JoAnne Burkholder, recognized expert on the toxic microorganism, *Pfiesteria piscicidia*, which has been implicated in fish kills and possible human health problems at the coast, and Dr. Orrin Pilkey, a well-known authority on beach erosion.

For more details, campus maps and direction go to <http://www.uncg.edu/bio/symposium/> or contact Ann Somers at [absomers@uncg.edu](mailto:absomers@uncg.edu). This event is open to the public and is free of charge, with no registration necessary.

**EARTH DAY  
AT THE KCE FAMILY BRANCH LIBRARY**

Our chapter is helping the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library in Price Park to celebrate Earth Day on **Friday evening April 22** and **all day Saturday April 23.** Friday evening will honor the life of Thomas Berry with a 6:00 pm reception, short program and the awarding of the first annual Thomas Berry Award for environmental work. Saturday will be a day of fun and exploration for the whole family with morning bird walks, nature walks, storytime, wetlands exploration, Musick Garten, gardening program, butterfly program, face painting and exhibits. Check with the library to get a complete listing of events.

Our chapter will be conducting bird walks Saturday morning, starting at 9:30 and could use help from anyone interested in helping people learn about birds. One of our members will have her science students helping children to build bird feeders. Hope to see you in the park enjoying Earth Day. (Call: Sue Cole 854-3346)

Once again it's time to select our chapter leaders for the coming year, fall '05 through spring '06. Your chapter's nominating committee is looking for members (current or potential) to serve on our board, either with specific duties like secretary or at-large, willing to assist with special projects in their fields of interest. If you are interested for yourself, or know someone who might be, please contact Tom Duckwall (337-0811) or Jack Jezorek (272-6664), and let them know.

**FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



(No obligation on either side, but we can always use new energy, ideas and approaches; past experience with similar groups would be helpful but really isn't necessary.) **Thank you all for your help and involvement with the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society!**

**DEEP RIVER NOTES**  
by Tom Duckwall

Once again we have a chance to show our state legislators where we stand on water issues--we do very little lobbying but on Wed., Apr. 6 some of us will head to Raleigh and along with people from all walks of life and all parts of the state we'll visit our NC Senators and Representatives with the message of the day. Last year we all wore blue and were easy to spot as we scouted the halls and found the various offices of our elected officials. Please consider taking a day away from your regular routine and making the effort to be there and offer your backing to progressive legislation on water quality. Call me at **337-0811** with any questions you have and to arrange for carpooling. We need people of all ages and backgrounds, a cross-section of the Triad focused on the need for water quality improvements in our area and across the state. One young woman has already arranged for a day off from work at her own expense in order to join us--it's that important!

Another opportunity is waiting for anyone who would like to meet other area environmental and conservation group members. By the time you read this we'll have already had the first of what may become a monthly gathering of like-minded folks who want to connect with others to find out what they're doing and how we can all help each other when needed. Tentatively the next two gathering dates are Apr. 19 and May 11, with places to be determined--please call me if you're interested. For the first time on Mar. 9, as of this writing we're expecting folks from Audubon, Sierra, Piedmont Bird Club, Haw River Assembly, NC Conservation Network and maybe a few others, plus an "independent" or two.

What's the future of our oceans? It depends a lot on the future of our streams. (See separate article on the Apr. 8 afternoon symposium at UNCG.)

In a related matter, NC DENR has a new web site that provides information on stormwater issues. The site, located at <http://www.ncstormwater.org/>, features educational material ranging from novice to

expert, children's activities, research, news, events and a toolkit of outreach resources for local governments.

Finally, there's news of an evening with Randall Arendt, internationally known land-use planner who will speak at the Catawba College Center for the Environment in Salisbury at 7 PM on Wed., Apr. 20. His topic is "Conservation through Sub-division Design," and earlier that day he will lead a conference on "Growing Greener: Conservation by Design" for professionals and community leaders. There's no charge for the evening talk but there is a fee for the conference--call 704-637-4727 for details.

**Modify Danger for Birds**

Check out this web site for window decals that keep birds from crashing into windows. The decals are transparent but reflect ultra violet rays that birds can see. [www.windowalert.com](http://www.windowalert.com) is the web site. Something you might like to share with your friends.

**2005 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NC STATE AUDUBON MEETING IN ASHEVILLE**

This is an invitation to all of you to join other Auduboners at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual North Carolina Audubon meeting in Asheville on June 3 and 4. The meeting will be hosted by the local *Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society* and will focus on "...the pleasures and challenges of birding in the mountains." Several field trips featuring birding, wildflowers and mountain crafts are on the schedule. A banquet on Saturday will be in the North Carolina Arboretum. Registration for the meeting is \$45. A registration form and additional information can be found at <http://www.ncaudubon.org> or go to the NC link at our TGPAS web site. You may email Len Pardue for information at [eljeep@mindspring.com](mailto:eljeep@mindspring.com). Those without access to the internet may call Len Pardue at (828) 254-7618. We hope to see you there.

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## MAY PROGRAM

### **Butterflies 101: How to Identify Butterflies Thursday, May 12; 7:00 p.m., KCE Library**

Have you ever wondered what birders do in the summer when the spring migrants have left and the trees are in full leaf, obscuring all the birds in the branches? They watch butterflies! Learn about butterflies of the Piedmont as Dennis Burnette, president of the Carolina Butterfly Society (and past president of TGP Audubon) presents slides of his photographs of butterflies. Dennis will help us develop basic identification skills to increase our enjoyment of these beautiful and delicate creatures. Looking ahead, we'll have an opportunity to practice butterfly identification skills at Hagan-Stone Park in July [see calendar this issue].

## JUST A NOTE::

BJ Chandler called to say that she and her husband have been watching a pileated woodpecker in their back yard for the past several weeks (their yard being "...a good country block from Hagen Stone Park.") The bird did take a few days off to avoid the hawk that was stalking her but she's back now. The Chandlers say the woodpecker's been very busy drilling a hole in one of their trees, the hole having reached an opening of 8" long x 4" wide, narrowing to 2 3/4" inside, and 6" deep.

## MAY FIELD TRIP

### **TO THE TGPAS NATURAL AREA**

On May 14, we'll be taking a field trip to our very own Natural Area on Tankersley Drive. Our focus will be on water and water quality. Tom will have his Deep River information and simulated stream on display, and I will lead water testing in the creek. So, bring a friend, wear your old jeans and tennis shoes, and come enjoy some time as we informally explore the Natural Area. Don't forget to pack a lunch so we can picnic by the creek when we get hungry.

Date: Sat., May 14

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Place: Audubon Natural Area  
Tankersley Drive  
(between Church St.  
and Elm St. just north  
of Cone Hospital)

Parking: Park on the street or  
in the Cone Hospital Parking  
lot across the street.

For questions, contact Alice McCall at 698-0220.

