

**April
2009**

Piedmont Plateau Group Of the Sierra Club

We welcome your articles, photos, and outings reports. The deadline for contributions is the second Tuesday of each month. Submit contributions to Dixon Cook at dcook4@triad.rr.com.

To change your address officially, email your address change or correction to: address-changes@sierraclub.org.

<http://northcarolina.sierraclub.org/piedmont>

Our group **Executive Committee** (Excom) has open positions. If you are interested in having a voice and a vote on important issues facing our community please contact: **Tom Taylor** at 286-

April Program: Return to Madagascar!

Please join us **Tuesday, April 14** when John James of the Healing Seekers who made a return trip to Madagascar last December will share his experience and findings with us. Healing Seekers is a nonprofit dedicated to making documentary films of ancient healing traditions. They travel to remote areas around the world meeting healers and documenting their use of medicinal plants. John will also discuss some of Madagascar's ecological issues and Healing Seekers' efforts to educate people about the value of threatened areas such as parts of Madagascar (more info at www.healingseekers.com.)



Erosion in Madagascar

Sierra Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library. Come share refreshments and social time at 7:00.

The April Sierra Club pre-meeting dinner will be held at Nhu Y on Tuesday April 14th at 5:45. Nhu Y is located in the shopping center behind Van Scoys Jewelry on Highpoint Rd. **Please contact Dick Mearns at dick_mearns@bellsouth.net by April 13 to RSVP.**

UNCG Sustainability Film Series

Eight films will be shown throughout the year at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Weatherspoon Art Museum, at the corner of Tate and Spring Garden streets on the UNCG campus. Free parking in rear of building. There will be opportunities for post-film dialogue with film makers and local experts to address how Greensboro can move into a sustainable future. The two remaining scheduled films are:

3/26: Invisible

Tells the story of how man-made chemicals are building up in our bodies and being passed from mother to child. Scientists think that these hormone-disrupting substances are causing havoc with the reproductive systems and neurological health of animals and humans. Directed by Roz Mortimer. Weatherspoon Art Museum 6:30pm.

4/23: Wal-Town

Six student activists. Thirty-six Canadian towns. One giant corporation. A daunting experiment in activism. A group of six university students, calling themselves Wal-Town, take to the Canadian highway over two summers. Directed by Sergeo Kirby. Weatherspoon Art Museum 6:30pm.

For more information, contact Sarah Dorsey at 334-5610 or sbdorsey@uncg.edu.

Margaret Ware is resigning as Publicity person and we need a volunteer to take her place. The Publicity position duties are as follows:

- * Writing an extended notice of every meeting for Greensboro Library's online calendar and send to KCE Library 6 weeks before the event.

- * Preparing a poster for every meeting and place it in KCE Library a month in advance (attend club meetings and change poster).

- * Writing a brief notice of every meeting with a description of content and speaker - send to the Greensboro News and Record a minimum of two weeks before the event. (Earlier receipt appears to improve use by calendar editors)

- * Writing a brief description of each outing and send to N&R a minimum of two weeks in advance.

Want to receive email notifications about meetings and environmental events? Send your email address to Tom Taylor at tnt2703@yahoo.com. Our local group sends emails using a system provided by the national organization with the usual "unsubscribe" option.

Our Newsletter Editor, Dixon Cook will be celebrating his 10th anniversary as newsletter editor in September 2008. The PPG is looking for an assistant newsletter editor with the hope that the assistant will eventually replace him.

Anyone who would like to learn how our newsletter is put together and would like to help, please contact Dixon for more information at 373-9059.

New Members as of March, 2009

- Matthew Balance
- Randall Billings
- Leslie & Bruce Caldwell
- Joya Canfield
- Robert Dunn
- Susan Miciotto
- Wayne Nussman
- Jeff Tabin
- Ian Fraher
- Matthew Tompson

Important Note from the Executive Committee

The Sierra Club is exploring the possibility of starting a community garden. If you are interested in managing a small plot call Jerry Varner at the Sierra Club (337-4987), or Philip Gillespie at Thunder Horse Nursery (668-2689).

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not." — Dr. Seuss, from The Lorax

PPG Outings

Outings Information

Please call the trip leader at a reasonable time of day, at least 48 hours prior to the outing, for details regarding level of difficulty and required equipment.

Outings are open to non-members. Invite a friend!

Bring - Water, food, whistle and raingear.

Weather - Trips go unless hazardous conditions exist. Call the leader when in doubt.

Radios and firearms are prohibited.

Pets are permitted only when it is stated that pets are permitted.

Difficulty Level- Hikers should make sure their ability and equipment match the difficulty.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Easy: 0-5 miles and elevation change of up to 1000 feet.

Moderate: 5-10 miles and elevation change 1000 to 2500 feet.

Strenuous: 10 miles or elevation change of more than 2500 feet.

April 11 South Mountains State Park Hike

(Moderate/Strenuous) -Forget the egg hunts; join me on a quest to find and capture photographs of spring wildflowers. What a treat it will be if we see trillium, crested dwarf iris, bloodroot, Robin's plantain, etc. The possibilities seem endless! This hike is about 6-7 miles and includes a few really steep sections. We will hike parts of Shiny Creek, Headquarters and High Shoals Falls trails. The highlight of the hike will be the awesome waterfall. Contact Cheryl Garrity, cgarrityhike@triad.rr.com or 427-0413.

April 17 - 19 Francis Marion Nat. Forest Hikes/ Car Camp w/Motel option

(easy) This weekend outing is for campers and those that enjoy hiking but prefer a bed. Join us as we car camp in the Francis Marion Nat. Forest along the Palmetto Trail in SC or at the Buck Hall Plantation campground on the intercoastal waterway. Those of you that decide not to camp may stay in area motels and join us for our hikes and other activities. We will hike parts of the Palmetto Trail, visit area Wildlife Preserves/Centers and enjoy some good local seafood. This area is about 40 mi N of Charleston, SC. **Group size limited, \$25 deposit required** (refunded at the trail-head), contact me asap if interested. Contact **Terry Woods** for details at: twoodswalker@triad.rr.com or call: **580-0510** / leave a message.

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Do you have an important issue you would like to contact your Representatives about? You can just call them!

- Senator Kay Hagan (202) 224-6342
- Senator Richard Burr (202) 224-3154
- Representative Howard Coble (336) 333-5005
- Representative Mel Watt (336) 275-9950
- Representative Brad Miller (336) 574-2909
- Governor Beverly Purdue (919) 733-4240

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April 2009—Activities at a glance							Group Directory	
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			1	2	3	4		Chair: Jerry Varner# (varnerj@bellsouth.net) 337-4987
								Vice-Chair: OPEN
								Advertising: Alan Hedrick (hedwood1@yahoo.com) 299-8351
								Conservation: Paula Burch (pnt1pl@aol.com)
								Fund Raising Chair: Kim Yarbray (kyarbray@yahoo.com) 632-1550
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Hike	Hospitality: Lena Vesterlund (info@swedebread.com) 790-2370
								Membership: Cheryl Garrity# (cgarrityhike@triad.rr.com) 427-0413
								Newsletter Editor: Dixon Cook (dcook4@triad.rr.com) 373-9059
								Newsletter Dist.: Richard Kreager* 288-8297
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Group Meeting	Outings: Terry Woods (twoodswalker@triad.rr.com) 580-0510
					Car Camp	Car Camp		Political Com: Bill Markham (wtmarkha@uncg.edu)
								Program Chair: Tom Taylor (tnt2703@yahoo.com) 286-9689
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Car Camp	Publications: Laurie O'Neill (laurieponeill@yahoo.com) 279-1043
								Publicity: Peggy Ware (mjware@triad.rr.com) 282-6553
								Secretary: OPEN
								*Treasurer: Peggy Markham (pvmarkham@bellsouth.net)
								Webmaster: Gwen Exner (fractalwolf@gmail.com)
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	May 2	Excom	At Large: Tom Clary*, Jerry Weston*, Dick Means#
								* ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2009
								# ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2010