



The Lunz e-Letter



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Secrets of the
Longleaf Pine



June 2016

Dear Lunz Group Members and Friends,

In my yard I presently have seven longleaf pine trees. I planted them the first winter after I purchased my home. These seedlings were all less than two feet tall and in their "grass" stage of development. I took them out of their pots and carefully dug deep enough to thread their tap roots as straight as I could make them into the loam. These seedlings are still passing through the "rocket" stage and have reached 25-30 feet tall by now. They have not yet produced the characteristic female cones, though I did see a male cone this earlier this spring. I have loved the longleaf pine since I learned about them. Hereabouts in SC we do not get any of the wiregrass that along with the longleaf once covered much of the Southeastern US from VA to TX. Our membership meeting June 2 will be a part of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival and we are showing a film called "Secrets of the Longleaf Pine. Come join us to get a broad view of the kind of landscape that used to be and could be again.

2016 is the Centennial of the National Park Service and it's as good a year as any to visit as many National Parks and more generally public lands as you have time for. Of course you could go for the Marquee parks out West but recall that your nearest National Park is about 120 miles away but your nearest public lands are quite handy. Forts Sumter and Moultrie are close neighbors as are the Francis Marion and Sumter Forests so avail yourselves early and often.

Here is some outings advice from Edward Abbey that bears repeating from time to time.

"One final paragraph of advice: Do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am -- a reluctant enthusiast... a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still there. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, encounter the grizz, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, that lovely, mysterious and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to the body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much: I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those desk-bound people with their hearts in a safe deposit box and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this: you will outlive the bastards."

Whether you take an evening at the Joe for a baseball double header, hike the Naked Ground Trail in the Nantahala Forest or attend your favorite arts festival, consider how you might apply some or all of these Leave No Trace principles in your activities (lnt.org). The principles were developed to minimize human impact in Wilderness areas. They are part of the National Outdoor Leadership School curriculum for their classes, have been adopted by the National Forest Service, National Park Service and of course the Sierra Club.

The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace (lnt.org)

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors



We won't be having membership meeting in July but Thursday, August 4, 6:30-8:30 pm, please join us for our seventh annual Lunz Group summer picnic! Free admission and guests are welcome. Some food and drinks provided, including iced tea and ice cream (homemade onsite). BYOB and a potluck dish to share. Stay tuned for location and details.

<http://sierra.force.com/events/details?formcampaignid=70131000001iGMBAA2>





Starr Hazard
Chair, Robert Lunz Group

Quick Calendar

Membership Meetings

First Thursday
of the Month (public
welcome)

Baruch Auditorium
284 Calhoun Street

Piccolo Spoleto and Sierra Club Film Showing
Secrets of the Longleaf Pine
Thursday, June 2 at 7 pm
284 Calhoun Street

Sierra Club calendars are available for sale. Wall calendars are \$5 and engagement calendars are \$6. See Pat Luck at the membership meeting.

Thurs.,
June 2,
7 pm

*Secrets of the Longleaf
Pine*
Piccolo Spoleto Film
Showing

Sat., June 4

Looking for Longleaf 2
Afternoon/Evening
Car/Walking Tour of
Francis Marion Forest
Contact Starr Hazard at
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No membership
meeting in July

Here's a link to all our
outings
[FUN](#)

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A Gopher tortoise, one of the species that depends on the longleaf ecosystem.

Secrets of the Longleaf Pine is a documentary about the forgotten longleaf pine forest that once blanketed the coastal plain of the southeastern United States. At one time comprising ninety million sprawling acres, by the twentieth century human pressures had reduced the forest to just three million. These remarkable patches of old-growth longleaf forest display more biodiversity than any other ecosystem in the northern hemisphere. *Secrets of the Longleaf Pine* takes you on an unprecedented journey to examine some of the unique plants and animals that are found only here. Produced by Red Sky Productions and Georgia Public Broadcasting, 2015. 56 minutes. Free and open to the public.
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- Coastal Expeditions
- College of Charleston Sailing
- East Bay True Value Hardware
- Fast & French
- Jeff Kopish
- Lime and the Coconuts
- Mary Edna Fraser
- Money with a Mission
- Nature Adventures Outfitters
- Palmetto Pottery
- Pamela Corwin
- PURE Theatre
- SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- SC Environmental Law Project
- SC Stingrays
- SRO (Standing Room Only)
- Therapeutic Massage
- Tideline Tours
- Saltmarsh Adventures
- Time Out Sports
- Valentina's Pottery

<http://www.oriannesociety.org/reintroduction>

<http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed/gopher-tortoise/help/>



Candidates Forum
September Membership Meeting
Call for Volunteers

This election year the Lunz group will host a Candidates Forum at our September membership meeting. Environmental issues, such as solar power and off-shore drilling, are seldom the focus of

campaign advertisements or news, but the decisions of our local elected representatives have an enormous impact on the environment. The purpose of the forum, then, is to give a platform to candidates to address these issues. We need people to help arrange the event; contact candidates; coordinate with other conservation organizations; write news releases; research conservation issues and draft questions; and compile and evaluate the results. If you would be interested in working on this project, please contact group secretary Julia-Hall@att.net.

OUTINGS

Saturday, June 4

Looking for Longleaf, Part 2

Afternoon/Evening Car/Walking Tour of Francis Marion Forest

An afternoon/evening car and walking tour of the Francis Marion Forest. We will search for carnivorous plants, pond pine, ground pine, and, of course, longleaf pine. We will linger until past dusk to watch for the endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers. Contact Starr Hazard for details. hazardes3@gmail.com
<http://sierra.force.com/events/details?formcampaignid=7013100001iGLhAAM>

Saturday June 5

Kayak trip conditioning Remeleys to Shem Creek

Ebb tide ride. 8 miles along the Mount Pleasant Kayak Trail
 Contact Starr Hazard for details. hazardes3@gmail.com

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Saturday June18

Kayak Garris Landing to Bull Island.

We will kayak out to Bull's Island either the North or the South end depending on the weather and the group, walk the beaches in late Spring and return to Garris.

Contact Starr Hazard for details. hazardes3@gmail.com

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Monday, July 4

Tour-de-Harbor Kayak trip.

Weather permitting, we will leave Shem Creek at 7 am ride the flood tide until it peaks at 8:38, the ride the flood tide out to Ft Sumter and then catch the following flood tide back to Shem Creek. Contact

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URBAN OUTINGS

Contra dancing every first and third Friday nights

Dance to live bands and with wonderful people. Admission \$8 for all dancers. Fees go to Charleston Folk to pay the bands and rent the hall. For all of you new to Contra Dancing, please see our website for information about Contra Dancing and a bit about its history:

<http://charlestonfolk.weebly.com/>

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