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Lunz Letter

March 2023

The Palmetto Trail: Mother Nature Ever-Changing

Marie Butler

Lowcountry Trail Coordinator
Palmetto Conservation Foundation

Thursday, March 2
7:00pm

In Person:

Robert Scott Small Building, College of Charleston
Room 235 Auditorium, 175 Calhoun Street

Online via Zoom:

[Register Here](#) *A link to join the live meeting will be sent by email.*



The goal for the Palmetto Trail is to establish and maintain a continuous 500-mile trail across South Carolina from the Intracoastal Waterway (Awendaw) to the Blue Ridge Mountains (Walhalla). At present, there are 380 miles of completed trail, consisting of 31 passages ranging from 1.3 to 47 miles.

Marie Butler joined the Palmetto Conservation Foundation following a career with the Forest Service. She will provide an overview of the Palmetto Trail, describe recent and upcoming projects and volunteer opportunities, and share details about some of her favorite sections of the trail.

Please RSVP through [Facebook](#) or [Meetup](#).



Save the Date:

Wood Pellet Biomass & the Climate Emergency

Emily Zucchini
Dogwood Alliance

Thursday, April 6



South Carolina Sierra Club Legislative Tracker

Sierra Club's South Carolina State Chapter maintains an online database of environmentally-related legislation making its way through the State House. Find a summary of current bills such as the S.280 SC Conservation Enhancement Act and S.133 Sea Turtle Protection Act.

[Learn More](#)

*****Just a few weeks away!*****

Lunz Group Oyster Roast

Sunday, March 5

2:00 to 5:00 pm

Bowen's Island Restaurant



Come out for oysters, live music and connecting with old and new friends alike. Ticket price includes oysters, veggie and meat chili, veggie dogs, and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Beer or wine available with donation. Open to members and the general public. Bid on great auction items! Live music provided by Lime and the Coconuts

The annual Oyster Roast is your opportunity to support the Robert Lunz Group and make their programs and outings available throughout the year.

Advance Tickets: \$40

At the door (Adult): \$45

Students w/ ID: \$25

Children: \$5

[Purchase Tickets Now](#)

****Volunteers needed! We can use your help with:**

- Bring chili,
- Serving hot dogs, ice cream
- Help set up and clean up

To sign up, contact Ben Mack at ben.andrew.mack@gmail.com.

To donate items for the silent auction, contact Laura Moses at lauramoses@yahoo.com or Nina Fair at ninafair@bellsouth.net.



Volunteer with Salt Marsh Restoration



Salt marshes are important to coastal communities for the wildlife habitat they provide, protection against storm surges and help keep water clean. With federal grant funding, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, S.C. Sea Grant Consortium, South Carolina Aquarium, and other partners are leading a four year project to restore salt marshes along the South Carolina coast.



Community members are encouraged to support this effort by volunteering to help cultivate and transplanting smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*). The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium's Community Science Salt Marsh Restoration and Monitoring Project is coordinating a series of dates in February and March when volunteers can help collect, germinate and plant *Spartina* seeds in Charleston area marshes.

[Learn More & Register to Volunteer](#)

Images courtesy of S.C. Sea Grant Consortium

Upcoming Outings

*****This Saturday*****

Day Hike at Santee Coastal Reserve

Saturday, February 18

Trip Leader: Starr Hazard



This is a perennial favorite. This daylong walk will extend 7 to 10 miles along flat trails that pass through a freshwater cypress-gum swamp and out along a network of former rice dikes.

[Learn More](#)



Hike at Bear Island Wildlife Management Area

Saturday, February 25

Trip Leader: Bill Turner

This 12,000 acre state refuge in the heart of the ACE Basin is one of our favorite winter walks. Expansive 18th century rice fields, now managed shallow wetlands, pine/hardwood hammock islands, and views along the Ashepoo River. The walk is approximately 7 miles.

[Learn More](#)

Additional Outings:

March 11 - [Bike Ride at Bonneau Ferry](#)

March 18 - [Bike Moultrie Passage of the Palmetto Trail](#)

April 8 - [Paddle on Mosquito Creek](#)

April 13 - [Paddle in Rimini Swamp](#)



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