



Lunz Letter

September 2023

Brethren of Spade & Pruning Knife:

The Naturalists & The Carolinas

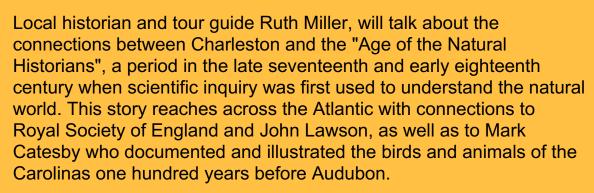
Ruth Miller

Thursday, September 7 7:00 pm

In person: College of Charleston Robert Scott Small Auditorium 135, 175 Calhoun Street

Online via Zoom: Register Here

A link to join the live meeting will be sent by email.



Please RSVP through Facebook or Meetup





Save the Date

Ghost Forests of South Carolina

Tom O'Halloran Thursday, October 5

As sea level rises, more and more saltwater encroaches into coastal areas, slowly poisoning living trees, leaving a ghost forest of dead and dying trees. Our speaker will share research and possible solutions for this phenomenon.



View Recording

North Atlantic Right Whales

This recent program hosted by the Sierra Club's Massachusetts chapter focused on endangered North Atlantic Right Whales' migratory patterns ranging from New England to the shallow coastal waters of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida's east coast.

Recording of program

Make Your Voice Heard On Dominion's Future Energy Investments

Tell the Public Services Commission (PSC) to demand Dominion invest in renewables



The PSC has scheduled a public hearing for August 24 for people to comment on Dominion Energy plans that call for future investment in fossil fuels energy sources. Dominion has submitted an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) projecting anticipated energy needs for the next ten years and how they intend to meet them. Their plan calls for extending the life of existing coal power plants and making a significant investment in new natural gas power generation. As the harsh realities of climate change increasingly become apparent, now is the opportunity to influence these plans by demanding the PSC push Dominion toward greater reliance on renewable energy sources (Hearings on Santee Cooper, Duke and other electric utilities' plans will come later in the fall or early next

year).

Look for more information about the Domion hearings over the coming week, or email Jalen Brooks-Knepfle (jalen@cvsc.org) at the Conservation Voters of South Carolina.

Focus on PFAS - Part 2

The last article in the July Lunz Letter focused on PFAS in drinking water and mentioned home filter systems. Whole house and undersink systems can be expensive. The non-profit



Environmental Working Group (EWG) has published an evaluation of countertop filtration devices that lower PFAS levels by 100% (or close to it). They recommended four brands of filters:

Travel Berkey Water Filter

-PFAS reduction: 100%

-Cost: \$344.00

-Filter life: 8+ years (6,000 gal.)

This is an expensive filter. But it does offer a few perks for that large upfront cost, including 100 percent elimination of forever chemicals measured in these tests and a useful life of many years.

<u>Pros</u>: Non-plastic design; large water capacity; 100 percent PFAS reduction and exceptionally long filter life, at more than 8 years, if using 2 gallons per day.

<u>Cons</u>: Very high initial cost.

Visit the <u>Lunz Group Blogspot</u> to read all the reviews and leave comments.

Outings

Historic Georgetown & Harriet Tubman Statue

Saturday, August 19
Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This day trip to Georgetown will involve a



walking tour of the historic district and waterfront, including a visit to the South Carolina Maritime Museum and stopping to see the temporary exhibit of a 9 ft-tall bronze statue of Harriet Tubman. The drive home may include a stop at the Sewee Center to view the Red Wolf exhibit.

Learn More



New Date

Walk at Hunting Island

Sunday, August 20 Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This day trip will tour Hunting Island State Park, including walking through the maritime forest and along the

beach and visit the lighthouse. Getting there will involve a roughly 90 minute drive, so plan for a full day. There is an entrance fee to park (\$8 adults; \$5/SC seniors; \$4/ child age 6-15).

Learn More

Kayak to Deveaux Bank

Saturday, September 30 Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This kayak paddle will ride the ebb tide from Cherry Point public boat landing down to Deveaux Bank. Depending on tides and weather conditions we'll likely extend



beyond Deveaux Bank to linger on Botany Bay Island before returning to the landing.

This is <u>not a beginner trip</u>. You will need a kayak with a spray skirt, a paddle, a PFD with whistle.

Learn More

This Evening



Summer Fun, Food & Friendship!

It was great to see everyone who came out a few weeks ago for our annual Lunz Group Picnic on Shem Creek. Thank you to those who brought food and helped out! <u>See more pictures online</u>.













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