

Lunz Letter

January 2024

Save the Date!

Annual Lunz Group Oyster Roast: Sunday, February 25 | Bowen's Island





Trekking in Nepal

Bill Turner

Thursday, January 4 7:00 PM

In person: **Note the new location**

101 Auditorium, Rita Liddy Hollings Science Center
College of Charleston
58 Coming Street
View location on a Map

Online via Zoom: Register Here

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

Longtime Lunz Group outings leader Bill Turner will share photos and stories from his 2023 month-long trip to Nepal. Among his other adventures, Bill completed a 12-day, 120-mile trek in the Himalayas, explored two lowland national parks populated by wild elephants, rhinos, crocodiles, and tigers, and toured the ancient temples and palaces of Kathmandu.

Share this with friends on Facebook and Meetup.

Free Trees For Area Residents

Residents of both Charleston and Mt Pleasant are eligible to receive free trees such as Tulip Poplar, Sweetbay magnolia, Eastern Redbud from their respective cities through programs designed to encourage urban tree canopies.



The **Charleston Parks Conservancy** offers trees through *(and invites volunteers to help with)* monthly workshops and planting events. Residents need to register two weeks in advance for upcoming events including January 12 and February 9. <u>Learn More</u>

The **City of Mt Pleasant** offers one free tree per year to residential and commercial property owners as part of its Urban Forestry Plan. Applications are generally accepted on a first come first serve basis up until March 1 each year. <u>Learn More</u>



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Building Better Backyards for Birds



Focus on PFAS

Past newsletters have explained the health and

Thursday, February 1

Assistant Professor Richard Hall of the University of Georgia's Odum School of Ecology will talk about how we can maintain our yards to provide habitat for birds. environmental problems of PFAS. In this installment we explain what's being done to address this issue and how you can lower your risk of exposure to this "forever" chemical. Find all four installments of this series on the Lunz Group blogspot

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Upcoming Outings



Day Hike at the Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, January 7 Trip Leader: Bill Turner

This is a 6- to 7-mile walk traversing old rice fields and dikes, pine and hardwood forest, fresh and saltwater marshes, and an antebellum plantation house surrounded by moss-draped live oaks.

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Car Camping & Hike at Santee Coastal Reserve

Saturday, February 10 & 11Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

We'll set up camp inside the Reserve on Saturday night and then set out Sunday morning for a



hike of the Cape Trail. Camping inside the Reserve is free, but note there is no water or other facilities. You will need to bring plenty of water and food for lunch Saturday through lunch Sunday.

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Management Area

Saturday, February 17
Event Leader: Bill Turner

The diverse terrain and expansive wetlands of this state refuge in the heart of the ACE Basin usually offer great opportunities for spotting diverse wading

birds and waterfowl. Approximately 7 miles.

Learn More

Mark Your Calendars - Additional Outings on the Horizon

- March 16 <u>Bicycle Santee National Wildlife Refuge</u>
- March 22 Wire Oyster Reef Fabrication Workshop
- March 23 Bike the Moultrie Passage
- April 27 <u>Canoe / Kayak on Wambaw Creek</u>
- May 4 <u>Paddle on the Black River</u>
- May 17 Oyster Reef Building Event



Call to Action:

Take Steps to Address Climate Change in Your Home & Community

The South Carolina State Chapter of the Sierra Club is calling on all members to pledge a personal action to address climate change. change is possible if we all step up and to make our voices heard! The Chapter has outlined three specific actions to take in December:

- 1. <u>Electric school buses</u>: Encourage your local school district to apply for recently announced federal funding.
- 2. <u>Ditch your gas stoves:</u> Watch a brief presentation about how to transition away from gas stoves in your home.
- 3. Educate yourself about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): This landmark 2022 federal legislation makes funding available to combat climate change locally. Learn about opportunities to tap these funds to support efforts in your community.

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