



Piedmont Plateau - March 2022 E-News

PPG traditionally sponsors outings, trail/creek clean-ups, social gatherings and educational programs that address climate and environmental concerns in Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Richmond, and Montgomery Counties. Joining together to Explore, Enjoy and Protect our Planet!

March Program & General Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

7:00 to 8:30 PM



Nuclear Power and Just Sustainability: A Lesson from Japan

Nuclear power is popularly dubbed sustainable energy that is “green, safe, and cheap.” This presentation examines this view, using lessons from Japan and considering just sustainability in the context of the increasingly urgent need to decarbonize the world.

Guest speaker, **Etsuko Kinefuchi, Ph.D.** is an associate professor of Communication Studies and affiliated faculty with Geography, Environment, and Sustainability at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. Her research examines the discourses at the intersections of culture, identity, and the environment from ecojustice perspectives. She is the author of *Competing Discourses on Japan’s Nuclear Power: Pronuclear versus Antinuclear Activism*.

Etsuko currently serves on the Advisory Council of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and on the Board of Directors of the NC Climate Solutions. She is a lifetime member of the International Environmental Communication Association (IECA) and has represented the IECA as a delegate to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Register and join the meeting at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

The 32nd Annual Haw River Clean Up-A-Thon



Saturday, March 19, 2022

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join the Piedmont Plateau Team as we participate in this HRA sponsored event.

We will meet at Cascade Park at 10:30 AM to pick up trash and other debris along the small stream that runs through the park.

At 11:30 team organizers, Marie Noel and Don Henza, will demonstrate the process of monitoring the stream.

Sign up to join the team at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

Remember to wear sturdy water-proof boots and gloves

Find out more about the event at: <http://hawriver.org/river-cleanup/>

Located at **3700 Cascade Dr, Greensboro, NC 27410**

On-street parking available along Cascade and Arcadia Drives

Message from Vice Chair, Karen Katula

Even though the Greensboro City Council didn't have the authority to call a moratorium on clear-cutting, the "Save Our Trees" campaign brought new life to the Piedmont Plateau Group. The "Save Our Trees" initiative attracted more members, as it illustrated that even a small group of people can actually follow through with action. Members want to see action. It's not enough to go on hikes or listen to speakers or have parties. My experience with "Save Our Trees" has made me more of a believer in the Sierra Club. It makes me want to be more involved. It was an exciting experience working with a group of people, practicing the talk, and presenting before the City Council. I look forward to serving as Vice Chair and being involved with taking the "Save Our Trees" campaign in a different direction.

Special Announcements

~From the Piedmont Plateau Group

Conservation Chair, Don Henza, encourages us to read: "This map may make you feel better about the state of the planet. Here's where nature is, in fact, healing." by [Benji Jones](#). [Click here to read the article featured on VOX.com](#). Those who would like to serve on the conservation committee as an advocate please contact Don at: drhenza@gmail.com

~From Local Environmental Groups:

UNCG Sustainability Film and Discussion schedule for Spring 2022

March 17, 2022, 7:00-8:00 PM ET (via zoom)

View excerpts of the film Planetary followed by discussion led by Jeremy Rinker, of the UNCG Department of Peace and Conflict Studies. [Planetary](#) mixes stunning imagery with interviews from renowned experts who shed new light on the ways our worldview is profoundly affecting life on Earth.

REGISTRATION required: <https://uncg.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

Downtown Greenway's Spring Environmental Series.

Events include making recycled art (March 15th), learning about water quality with Dr. Sarah Praskievicz (March 30th), and discussing environmental literature (April 18th). All events will be held from 5:30-6:30 pm at Cairn's Course at West Woods (501 Guildford Ave.). To register, email Laura Lorenz (llogrenz@actiongreensboro.org).

For more details, click on: [Greenway Flyer](#)

~From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

The Future of Our WNC Forests: A Review of the Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Revision Plan. Join WNC Sierra Club on **Thursday, March 3, at 7 PM** for a look at the new Land and Resource Management Plan with speakers **David Reid** of the N.C.

Sierra Club, **Will Harlan** of the Center for Biological Diversity and **Sam Evans** of Southern Environmental Law Center. [Click here to register in advance for this meeting](#)

Local solar activism opportunity: Cassie Gavin, Senior Director of Government Relations, NC Sierra Club, is searching for rooftop solar owners in High Point who may be interested in working with our partners at Southern Environmental Law Center on improving local rooftop solar regulations. SELC is targeting specific locations with problematic local solar regs to try to improve them. If interested, contact Cassie at:

cassie.gavin@sierraclub.org

~From the National Office of Sierra Club:

*** Tell Congress: Pass the Build Back Better Act -- Transformative Investments in Climate, Jobs, & Justice!** The climate crisis is here and it's impacting every corner of our country. Build Back Better is a historic bill that can help -- our climate and communities. Sign: [Sierra Club AddUp petition](#) now!

Sierra Club Statement of Purpose

- To explore and protect the wild places of the Earth.
- To practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources.
- To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.

Comments or suggestions? Contact us at Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com.

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