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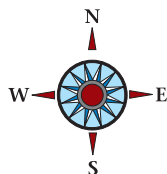
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Meeting

**Wednesday,
October 15
7:30 P.M.**

A Call for Leadership and Service



coming in

November

***The Aging of the
Nuclear State
Part 2***
David Lochbaum
*Union of
Concerned Scientists*



***National
Wilderness Day***
Norm Sharp

The William Bartram Group meets
the 3rd Wednesday of each month
(except July) at 255 Enterprise
Blvd. Greenville, SC 29615-3577
at 7:30 P.M.—
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Come One...Come All

A Call for Leadership in the William Bartram Group

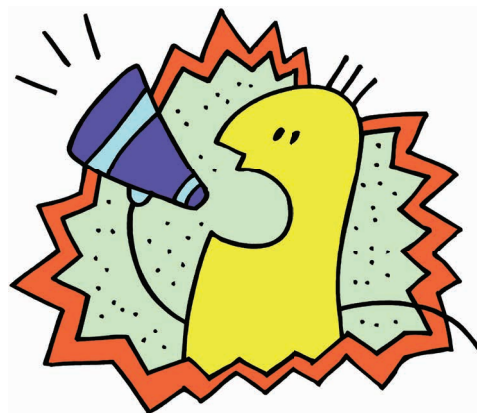
by Jean Wilder

As of the end of December, quite a few long term members of the William Bartram Group Executive Committee (ExCom) leadership will be stepping down. What this means is that we must recruit quite a few members to leadership positions in order for the local chapter to keep functioning.

We are holding a general membership meeting on October 17th at 7:30 to discuss how to move forward with the local chapter. *If you are interested in keeping the William Bartram Group active in Upstate South Carolina, please come to this meeting.* We will discuss events taking place at the state level and what needs to be done to keep the William Bartram Group a strong and active group.

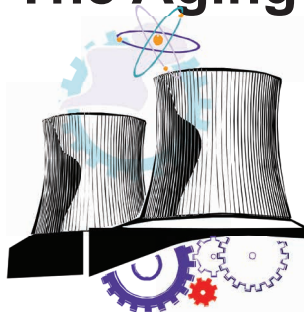
If you do choose to step up, the duties are only as demanding as you want them to be. The ExCom leadership of the Sierra Club meets once a month. During this meeting we plan outings, speakers, the newsletter, conservation issues and any other business that needs attention. It is a fun and engaging group of people. Also, it is a great way to get involved in the future of the environment.

We hope you will show support for our local chapter by attending this meeting. Drinks and snacks will be served.



Coming in November

The Aging of the Nuclear State, Part 2



Join us in November for the second seminar on nuclear issues: ***The Aging of the Nuclear State Part 2: Nuclear Power Reactors in the Upstate***, presented by **David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists**, on Thursday, November 6, 2014, 7:00-8:30 P.M. at the University Center.



Outings

and Dates to Remember

Nonmembers of the Sierra Club are welcome to join us on our outings. Please call the trip leader to let him/her know that you are going. She/he can then give you a location to meet as well as information on last minute changes. Discuss how strenuous the trip is, and any health problems you may have of which she/he should be aware. Please, no pets, guns, radios, etc. on hikes. Interested in leading a trip? Call Dennis Chamberlain, (864) 430-3754.

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms>> or call (415) 977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Adopt-a-Highway

The remaining date as scheduled by DOT for 2014 is: November 15

Saturday, November 15 • Adopt-a-Highway

Join us for the last pick-up of 2014. The Bartram Group won a South Carolina award last year for our work on this program. We have a two mile stretch on East North (also known as) Old Spartanburg Road between Mitchell Road and Brushy Creek. We will meet at 8:00 A.M. at Mitchell Road Elementary School which is on the corner of Mitchell Road and Old Spartanburg Road. If it is pouring rain, we'll not meet. You will be provided the bags, twisty ties, work gloves, orange safety vests and water. We cover two miles, both sides of the street, and are very fortunate to have sidewalks on the entire route. Contact Steve Root at stephenjohn-root@gmail.com for details or to let him know you will join us. 🌱



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The South Carolina Native Plant Society sale will be on October 18 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The location will be at the **University Center** parking lot in Greenville.

Sunrift Adventures • Mini Clinics

This spring, summer, and fall Sunrift Adventures is hosting a series of in-store mini clinics and demos at Paris Mountain State Park and the Saluda river. To learn more please call (864) 834-3019 or visit the website *Sunrift.com* and click on "Schedule" below "Out and About" at the bottom of the home page and then #4.

From the ExCom

by Ron Sobczak

Second Seminar on Nuclear Issues

The Bartram Group Sierra Club teamed up with the Greenville League of Women Voters in September and hosted the first of two seminars on nuclear energy and nuclear waste in South Carolina. We discussed how nuclear waste is generated by nuclear reactors. Then we discussed the issue of a permanent site to store the radioactive waste for 250,000 years and the role that the Savannah River Site near Aiken may play for interim or permanent storage.

South Carolina has other facilities associated with the nuclear industry. One such facility is Chem Nuclear which is on land leased from the State of South Carolina and which accepts low level nuclear waste (defined as all nuclear waste except fuel rods and reprocessing waste) for disposal in underground trenches. Once this facility fills up, South Carolina will become responsible for maintaining the site because the land belongs to us. South Carolina Sierra Club brought suit against Chem Nuclear and DHEC for failure to use best practices in handling the radioactive waste at this site. The South Carolina Appellate Court sided with the Sierra Club. The Court gave Chem Nuclear 90 days to come up with a plan to address the following three issues. 1. Chem Nuclear is required to prevent rainwater from migrating into the active vaults or trenches to prevent nuclear waste from escaping. 2. Chem Nuclear needs to test the water pumped from the trenches for radioactive waste materials. 3. Chem Nuclear must implement a leachate collection system to collect leached liquids and test for radioactivity. Ironically, these are three requirements the court imposed in a 2005 court decision. Without Sierra Club's intervention, these issues would never have

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been addressed. We intend to follow up with DHEC in November to make sure that best practices are being put into place on South Carolina's property.

On November 6, we will have the second seminar on nuclear issues in South Carolina. We will be taking a look at the nuclear reactors that supply the upstate with electricity. Please plan to attend.

Whether it is an informational seminar or a lawsuit, the Sierra Club needs the active participation of its members to succeed. Please be an active partner in what we do.

The Green Spot



Sharing the Green

• When shopping for a new appliance, consider lifetime operation costs as well as the up-front purchase price. Refrigerators last an average of 12 years, clothes washers about 11, and dishwashers about 10. Check the Energy Guide label for the appliance's estimated yearly operating cost, and look for ENERGY STAR units, which usually exceed minimum federal standards for efficiency and quality. To learn more, visit *EnergySavers.gov*.

send your "green" submissions to: wbartramnews@gmail.com

Energy Efficiency Tip

Volunteers In Action

The end of the year is approaching fast! You are probably not aware of the work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Bartram Group the active group that we are. Take the time to thank the people who have served this past year, and more than likely for many years, as your **officers** and **ExCom**. They are listed on page 3. And while you're at it, find out how you can help next year. Just ask! We need your help to keep our group "alive and well."



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