

Outings and Events

March 28 - Hike at Forty Acre Rock with Dr. Bill Rogers. Meet at the *upper* parking lot at 1:30 pm. Comfortable walking shoes are advised. Limited to 30.

April 18 - Spring bird counts – Dr. Bill Rogers will lead a birding adventure at Landsford Canal State Park – meet at the lower parking lot at 0800; or meet Mr. Irvin Pitts at the Rocky Creek Trail parking lot in Great Falls at 0800 for a fun filled adventure. Comfortable walking shoes, liquid refreshments and binoculars are recommended.

April 18 – Toast to the Trees - 4th Annual Toast to the Trees – Benford Brewing Company, Lancaster, SC – 3:00-6:00 pm. Join KVLТ and other conservation organizations (Native American Plant , SCDNR, Dixie Bees, Cattlemen’s Association, SC Waterfowl Association and others) and learn what they are doing to protect and conserve natural resources in the area.

May 14 – *Zurenda book signing at the Duke Farm*

May 17 - Lilyfest - Landsford Canal State Park - come say “hi” to KVLТ and other groups as we celebrate the natural wonders at Landsford Canal State Park.

Speaker Series

February 28 – Mr. Scott Coleman –History of the Great Falls Armory

May 7 – Ms. Ashley Graham – Life history of the Eastern box turtle

August 6 – Ms. Lyne Askins – Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge



Amsonia ciliata
Fringed bluestar



Eastern Box Turtle

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- ☐ Carolina Wren\$25
- ☐ Eastern Bluebird (family)\$35
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- ☐ Carolina Heelsplitter.....\$100
- ☐ Spider Lily.....\$250
- ☐ Osprey\$500
- ☐ Bald Eagle\$1,000
- ☐ Oak Hickory Forest\$2,500

KVLТ is a membership organization and we rely on *membership donations* to fund a large part of our land protection efforts. Memberships run on a calendar year, and we encourage you to participate at the highest level with which you are comfortable. Membership information can be obtained on our website (www.kvlt.org), by email at kvlt@comporium.net, or by calling us at (803)285-5801.

A Tribute To Lindsay Pettus

We are saddened to report that David Lindsay Pettus passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2020. Born on May 16, 1940, in the Indian Land section of Lancaster County, he was the son of Calvin Hall Pettus and Bes-sie Kathryn Rodgers Pettus. Lindsay leaves a remarkable legacy in the fields of local government service, education, land conservation, local history, and preservation of historic properties.

Lindsay served as a member of Lancaster County Council for three terms. He worked tirelessly to promote Lancaster County, and his foresight and leadership helped to develop decisions and policies which prepared Lancaster County for the growth that is occurring today. In 2015, he was named to the Lancaster County School District Hall of Fame for his support for public education.



Autumn Leaves
Dick Christie

Lindsay developed a sincere interest in local history, and his constant research led to his office becoming a repository of family histories, articles, books, and artifacts. He served for many years as President of the Lancaster County Society for Historical Preservation and led the preservation and restoration of the Old Presbyterian Church, built in 1862 on West Gay Street in Lancaster, which is now the Cultural and Performing Arts Center. When the Katawba Valley Land Trust was created, Lindsay made sure that the organization worked to protect cultural as well as natural resources. The land trust has several historic preservation easements on historic properties, and has conservation easements on almost 1,000 acres on battlefields related to the American Revolution. Lindsay was also very interested in the history and culture



Lazy Days
Bill Stokes

of the Catawba Indian Nation, and he was instrumental in the creation of the Native American Studies Center at USC-Lancaster and in the acquisition of a 1,000-piece collection of Catawba pottery that forms the core of their collection.

As a boy, Lindsay spent time exploring the fields and woods around his home, especially the Catawba River. This led to an appreciation of nature and the realization that proactive conservation was needed to protect important natural resources. In 1974, he joined the Nature Conservancy, and helped lead the effort to form a chapter of the organization in South Carolina, serving on the initial board and helping to hire the first state director. A project of special interest to Lindsay was Forty-Acre Rock in eastern Lancaster County. Through his efforts, The Nature Conservancy and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources created a Heritage Preserve, and the site is now recognized as a National Natural Landmark. Although an active member of other national organizations, such as The Trust for Public Land, the Conservation Fund, and the National Audubon Society, Lindsay became convinced that the most effective conservation work could be done on the local level. He served as co-chair of the Catawba River Task Force, a citizens’ advisory committee organized in the late 1980s to plan for the impacts of urban development on the Catawba River.

Following the completion of the task force work, he organized the Katawba Valley Land Trust (KVLТ) in 1992 to protect land and water resources in the Catawba River Valley and surrounding areas. Serving as President for 25 years, he led the group in protecting land through conservation easements, acquisition, and transfer to other agencies. To date the group has protected over 10,700 acres of land in five counties and has conducted



Yellow Poplar
Dick Christie

numerous publications, public information, and research activities. In the 1990s, Lindsay envisioned a greenway through the City of Lancaster to protect open space and flood plain areas, and his vision is now the Lindsay Pettus Greenway which will open soon for public use.

He will be sorely missed but his legacy will live on in the work of KVLТ.

KVLT 2020 Events/ *And More*

Forty Acre Rock Nature Walk

Come join *Dr. Bill Rogers*, the *South Carolina Native Plant Society* and the *Katawba Valley Land Trust* on Saturday, March 28, at the upper parking lot at 1:30 PM, for a nature walk at the **Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve**. Bill is a biology professor at Winthrop University and is very familiar with local plants and animals. Learn about the unique plant community and geology associated with this *National Natural Landmark*. Comfortable shoes and walking sticks are suggested. This event is limited to 30 and registration is required. Please call (803)285-5801 or email kvlt@comporium.net to register or for more information.



Forty Acre Rock

Email Notifications

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Landsford Canal State Park Plant Brochure

We are pleased to report we completed the plant identification brochure for Landsford Canal State Park! *Common flowering plants at Landsford Canal State Park* was a cooperative effort between KVLT, the park, and Duke Energy and their community grants program. Much of the photography and text was prepared by longtime



Water Willow
Bill Stokes



Grumpy Toad
Bill Stokes

KVLT member Andrew Lazenby, who surveyed and inventoried more than 500 plants as part of his M.S. degree from Winthrop University. The brochures are available at the park and are free to the public. Also, a quick read (QR) code in the brochure will link you to our website where the brochure can be downloaded.

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