



"Saving Georgia's Native Plants"

Ken Gohring, of the Georgia Native Plant Society, spoke about the Society's mandates of Restoration (includes removing non-native invasives), Education (provides seminars, speakers and a website), and Plant Rescue. The group photo at left shows the initial orientation for a plant rescue, which includes a review of rules and collection of waivers that clear the Society and site owners of responsibility for any accidents to participants, who are required to wear orange vests. Rescue leaders are trained in site procurement and trip organization.

The presentation at the Club's September 19, 2017 meeting was highlighted by slides of the many native plants found on rescues. These included spring ephemerals, as well as summer and fall perennials. Most rescued plants are installed in the gardens of rescue participants, but many are donated by the Society to public gardens such as Callaway Gardens, the Georgia Perimeter College Botanical Garden, and the Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail (near The Pocket area of North Georgia). Any rare or endangered plants found are given to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of sustaining the species through propagation.



Wildfoot Violet - *Viola pedata*



Turk's Cap
Lily
*Lilium
superbum*



Spider Lily - *Hymenocallis caroliniana*