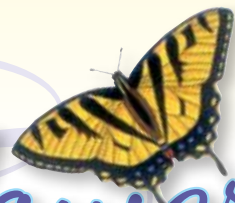


Spring 2022

# Wildflower Symposium



Hummingbird and Wild Columbine



Wild Lupine

## We Welcome You

For over 40 years Wintergreen's Spring Wildflower Symposium has offered the best and most diverse coverage of wildflowers and mountain ecosystems. The setting is unique, with over 30 miles of hiking trails and convenient access to diverse geological sites. No one comes away from this event without learning more about such topics as botany, geology, entomology, ornithology and ecology. This is the most beautiful time of the year to visit this amazing place in the Blue Ridge

After two years of holding this event virtually and hybrid, we are excited to say, we're back. This year's event will be in person. We have a program full of walks, workshops and lectures; something truly for everyone. We look forward to meeting new faces and seeing those of you who have attended for years.



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## Instructors

**Alonso Abugattas** Well known naturalist, environmental educator, and storyteller

**Charlie Aller** Co-Founder, Mush Luv and Expert on Mushroom Cultivation

**Dr. Chuck Bailey** Director and Chair, Department of Geology, College of William and Mary

**Doug Coleman** Field Botanist; Executive Director, The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen

**Eric Day** Entomologist, Department of Entomology at Virginia Tech

**Kevin Heffernan** Stewardship Biologist at Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

**Shwan Kurtzman** Biologist at the Conservation Management Institute at Virginia Tech

**Dr. Carole Nash** Consulting Archeologist and Principal Investigator for Shenandoah National Park

**Nina O'Malley** Co-Founder, Mush Luv, a small mushroom company based in Charlottesville

**Josh Palumbo** Forest Manager, The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen

**Ashley Peele** Avian Ecologist and Research Scientist

**Evan Spears** Virginia Experience Specialist, Virginia State Parks

**Joey Thompson** Environmental Scientist, Vannasse Hangen Brustlin

**Johnny Townsend** Staff Botanist, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage

## Native Plant Sale

The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen will have native wildflowers, shrubs and ferns available for sale on Saturday. Please call (434) 325-8169 for information regarding special orders.



## Accommodations

Registration fees cover Symposium events only and do not include accommodations. For accommodations at Wintergreen Resort, contact Reservations at 800-926-3723 and ask about the special Wildflower Symposium package for a discount on lodging.



## The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen

The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen (TNFW), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, promotes the understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural history of the central Blue Ridge of Virginia. All proceeds from this event benefit The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen. TNFW is a membership organization and offers a Symposium discount to its Silver Explorers and above members.



## Volunteers

*A very special thank you to all the volunteers who make this event possible. Your time, talents, and generosity are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!*

May 13-15, 2022

# Program Schedule 2022



## Friday, May 13

**3-6 pm**  
Exploratory Welcome Back to the Blue Ridge  
**James & James Moderate**

**6-6:30 pm**  
Opening Activities; Instructor Meet & Greet

**6:30-7 pm**  
Program Sign-ups will follow

## Saturday, May 14

*Repeated activities are noted*

**7-9 am**  
Walk Birding In the Blue Ridge **Peele**  
Walk Global Big Day: Birding With a Purpose  
**Spears**

**8-10 am**  
Walk Wintergreen's Wildflowers: The Relic  
Gardens **Coleman**  
Walk Little Plants: Big Problems **Heffernan**

**9-11am**  
Walk Appalachian Spring Wildflowers  
**Townsend**

**10:15-12:15 pm**  
Walk Geology of the Blue Ridge **Bailey**  
Walk The Native American's Forest **Nash**  
Walk Plant Identification By Family **Thompson**

**11:15-12:15 pm**  
Lecture Invasive Invaders **Heffernan**  
Lecture Serpents of the Southern Appalachians:  
Friend Not Foe **Kurtzman**

**12:15-1:15 pm**  
Lunch

*Saturday continued*

**1:15-2:15pm**  
Lecture Evolution of Blue Ridge Ecosystems  
**Coleman**  
Lecture Plant Identification 101 **Thompson**

**1:15-3:15 pm**  
Walk Pollinators Within the Landscape **Day**  
Walk Basic Skills for Meeting Mushroom  
**Aller & O'Malley**  
Walk Appalachian Spring Wildflowers *(repeat)*  
**Townsend**

**12:15-1:15 pm**  
Lunch and Sign-ups for Sunday's Walks  
and Workshops

**2:15-3:15 pm**  
Lecture Plant Identification 101 **Thompson**  
Lecture Where Have All the Birds Gone? **Peele**

**2:15-4:15pm**  
Wkshp Shaping Up Birds **Spears**

**3:30-4:30 pm**  
Lecture A Brief History of the James River: A  
Raucous Journey Through Geologic Time  
**Bailey**



**3:30-5:30 pm**  
Walk Serpents of the Southern Appalachians  
**Kurtzman**  
Walk Woody Plant ID **Palumbo**  
Wkshp Wild Edible Cooking Class  
**Aller & O'Malley**

**4:30-5:30 pm**  
Lecture Beneficial & Non-Beneficial Insects **Day**  
Lecture The Native American's Forest **Nash**

**7-8 pm**  
Lecture Nature's Puzzle **Abugattas**  
Exploration Creatures of the Night **Kurtzman**

## Sunday, May 15

*Repeated activities are noted*

**8 am - until**  
Exploratory A Trip to Crawford's Knob Area Preserve  
**Coleman**  
Sign Up on Saturday

*\*\*Schedule subject to change*

## 2022 Spring Wildflower Symposium Event Registration

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print for nametags)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the event? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years attended \_\_\_\_\_

Wintergreen Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

### Registration

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ X \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Discounts

Silver Explorer and Above Members  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration Discount  
(\$5 off each registration if postmarked by April 20, 2022)  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships for educators are available.  
Contact Liz Fravel for information 434-325-7451.

Total Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
**The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen**  
Discover, MasterCard, Visa and American Express accepted.

Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this registration form and return to:  
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Roseland VA 22967  
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