

# BOG LEARNING NETWORK

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## ANNUAL MEETING

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025**

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
1:00 PM	Welcome	Carrie Radcliffe Jeff Wilcox
1:15 PM	Extreme rainfall in Southern Appalachia: Hurricane Helene and Climate Projections + Q&A	Carl Schreck
1:45 PM	Stormwater depths and durations following Hurricane Helene	Jeff Wilcox
2:00 PM	Hurricane Helene Impacts on Mountain Bogs and Bog Turtles	Gabrielle Graeter
2:15 PM	Q&A and Open Discussion	
2:25 PM	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mountain Wetland Updates + Q&A	Sue Cameron
2:40 PM	Break	
3:10 PM	NC Plant Conservation Program Preserve Updates + Q&A	Kate Loughran
3:40 PM	Introduction of the Carolinas Volunteer Wetland Monitoring Program + Q&A	Mike Burchell
4:10 PM	Research-based restoration of imperiled cranberry bogs at the Davenport State Natural Area in Ducktown, TN. + Q&A	Lynne Welden Justin Spencer
4:25 PM	Closing Optional breakout discussion: building resiliency in mountain bogs post-natural disaster	Gabrielle Graeter
5:30 PM	Networking at New Belgium Brewing 21 Craven Street Asheville, NC 28806	



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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025**

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
9:00 AM	Welcome	Jeff Wilcox
9:15 AM	Dam Good Work: How Beavers Build Resilient Bog Ecosystems + Q&A	Sandra Clinton
9:45 AM	Bog Restoration in North Georgia	Taylor Hughes
10:00 AM	The Paleoecology of unglaciated Appalachian Bogs: Resilience and recovery from climate change?	Adam Benfield
10:15 AM	Q&A and Open Discussion	
10:30 AM	Break	
11:00 AM	Ferns in Japanese Stiltgrass Control - Update	Bob Gale
11:15 AM	Southern Appalachian Wetland Seed Increase at the Atlanta Botanical Garden	Tanner Biggers
11:30 AM	A summary of strategic seed sampling and banking in Southern Appalachian swamps and seeps	James Lucas
11:45 AM	Secrets of the Swamp: Uncovering the genetic diversity of a federally threatened plant, Swamp Pink ( <i>Helonias bullata</i> )	Kate Loughran
12:00 PM	Q&A and Open Discussion	
12:15 PM	Lunch	



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1:30 PM	The Wetland Geospatial Revolution: 5 Years Running + Q&A	Jeremy Schewe
2:00 PM	Wetland Management on TNC lands - An update from three preserves + Q&A	Ed Schwartzman
2:20 PM	Advancing Bog Turtle Recovery in the Southern Appalachians: A Multi-State, Multi-Partner Effort Supported by the Competitive State Wildlife Grant Program + Q&A	Emilly Nolan
2:40 PM	Leveraging the Ecosystem Services of the Beaver as a Partner for Ecological Restoration + Q&A	Scott McGill
3:00 PM	2026 Natural Areas Conference: Where Science Meets Stewardship + Q&A	Lisa Smith
3:20 PM	Closing Networking until 4:00 PM	Carrie Radcliffe



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