

Volunteer Newsletter

Flights of Fancy

Elachee's 9th Annual Spring Benefit Auction— Friday, May 7th, 2010, 6:30-9pm

Take home some of the unique selections available at Elachee's Spring Benefit Auction, *Flights of Fancy*. The highlight of the evening is the auction - an array of truly unique birdhouses, garden sculptures, whimsical yard art, bird feeders, planters, and gardening gift baskets created and donated by local artists and friends of Elachee. Attendees enjoy a casual spring evening of light dinner fare with an international flair by Rico's World Kitchen, beverage bar, and silent and live auction, with beautifully crafted "flighty" creations. Live Auctioneer: Gainesville's own noted artist, Frank Norton.

Whether you need a functional birdhouse, a unique piece to grace your yard or are shopping for a special gift for mother's day, you may find the perfect treasure among our one-of-a-kind pieces.

Presenting Sponsor: The McKibbon Family

Platinum Sponsor: Susan and Eddie Allen

Silver Sponsor: Mary and Sam Stanford

Bronze Sponsor: Joyce and Jock Hornor

Promotional Sponsors: Jim Chapman and Matthews Printing

Tickets: \$35 per person.

Call 770-535-1976 or email elachee@elachee.org to reserve yours today!

Elachee welcomes donations for the auction from local artists and friends. If you would like to help, call Elachee today at 770.535.1976. Be sure to let us know by April 15th that you plan to donate. Please deliver your creation by Tuesday, April 28th or contact us to have it picked up. Thanks!



Earth Day at Elachee

Saturday, April 17th, 10am-1pm.

Admission: FREE!

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Elachee's Volunteers Honored



It was a cool but cozy evening on February 11th when staff members, board members and volunteers gathered to celebrate the accomplishments and dedication of Elachee's Volunteers. Nearly 60 people introduced themselves, each outlining his or her role at Elachee and length of service. Most have been with us for many years! The common thread in almost all of the comments was the perception that Elachee does great work, and that volunteering here is an honor because of the level of appreciation extended to all volunteers regardless of level of involvement.



L-R: Lavon Callahan (Communications and Development), Andrea Timpone (President and CEO), Jane White (Volunteer/Board Member), Mary Stanford (Robbie McCormac Volunteer Service Award Recipient), Dr. Buddy Langston

The evening culminated with the presentation of the **Robbie McCormac Volunteer Service Award** to **Mary Stanford**. Mary has been a committee member for "Safari", Elachee's largest fundraising event, for a number of years, and for the last five has served as chair/co-chair for this important function-- a gargantuan task!

Many thanks to Mary and all of our other wonderful hard working and dedicated volunteers. We simply could not do without you!

Additional Volunteer News:

- Congrats to Elachee Advisory Board member and one of our founding mothers, **Julia Cromartie**, who recently was recognized by the Gainesville Rotary Club as its **Woman of the Year** for her work in the community.
- Welcome to our **newest members of Elachee's Board of Trustees: John Girardeau, Robin Smith and Linda Youngblood**. They join an active board including members Frank Armstrong, Eloise Barron, Sam Evans, Dallas Gay (Treasurer), Jock Hornor (Vice Chair), Buddy Langston, Richard Leet, Jackie Nabb, Mia Parrish, David Shumake, James Tipton, Jane White (Secretary), R.K. Whitehead (Chairman), Mike Whitmire, and Steve Gilliam.

What's Happening at Elachee?



Volunteer Trail Crew Work Parties	
Mathis / Dodd Trail Repairs Meet at Elachee Overflow Parking Lot	April 10 10am-3pm
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To Be Determined...	July 10 10am-3pm
Tool Clean-up & Cookout Meet at Chicopee Lake	August 7 9am-1pm

Elachee Events:

- Spring Plant Sale**
 Order by April 16th,
 Pick-up April 29th noon-6pm.
 Pre-order fantastic native plants that will create a garden of color later this spring and summer! Check our website for details.
- Volunteer Wildflower Hike**
 Thursday, April 15th, 5:30pm
 Our annual wildflower hike. Meet at Elachee. We will hike the Dodd, Mathis, & a bit of the East Lake Trail to identify the many spring wildflowers in bloom. Call 770-535-1976 or email preserve@elachee.org to register.
- Earth Day at Elachee**
 Saturday, April 17th, 10am-1pm.
Admission: FREE!
 Celebrate our planet and its wonders with outdoor exploration, activities, demonstrations and a lot of fun! Guided hikes, recycled crafts, live animal and nature discovery programs, & a special orienteering program. Join Elachee staff and volunteers in a habitat restoration project on Walnut Creek.

Volunteers Needed!

Chicopee Woods Trillium Trek

Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Pre-Event Training Clinics:

Saturdays: April 17th & 24th, 10am-1pm.

Three or four person, coed teams will run, bike, hike, orienteer, and identify Georgia flora and fauna as they traverse the 13-mile course through the Chicopee Woods.

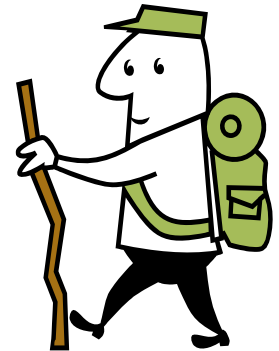
Check out www.elachee.org/trilliumtrek.html for details.



Check our website for a full list of activities:
www.elachee.org

Spring is in the Air

Spring is a wonderful time to get out and hike in the Chicopee Woods! Take advantage of longer, warmer days and get a little exercise while watching spring-time unfurl its petals and leaves along Elachee's trails.



Choose any of our trails to enjoy the parade of spring blooms beginning with hepatica, bloodroot, and toadshade trillium. Nodding trillium, Catesby trillium, and mayapples follow these early bloomers in April and May. All of these lovely spring "ephemerals" bloom abundantly during spring. But as the trees begin to fill with green leaves and the temperatures climb higher, these woodland plants set their seeds and then disappear, not to be seen again until next spring.

Above the forest floor are the blooming woodland shrubs. Spicebush blooms in masses along both Vulture Rock Creek and Walnut Creek. Look for the tiny yellow blossoms, then do a "scratch" test. If you gently rub a fingernail along a twig of spicebush you will be rewarded with a whiff of lemony fragrance. Early settlers steeped cuttings from young spicebush branches to make a tea. The berries could be dried and used as a substitute for allspice, and the dried bark was sometimes used as a cinnamon substitute.

Another spring-blooming shrub is yellow buckeye. Look for a shrub with compound leaves in groups of five like the outstretched fingers of a hand. Buckeye blooms with showy clusters of creamy yellow blossoms. The shrubs will produce a round greenish fruit that opens in fall to release shiny brown nuts that look something like a chestnut.

April marks the beginning of the spring bird migration in Georgia. Listen to the chatter in the treetops as our year-round resident birds like chickadees, wrens, and titmice are joined by the birds of summer – scarlet tanagers, summer tanagers, great-crested flycatchers, orchard orioles, indigo buntings, rose-breasted grosbeaks, and many species of warblers.

So come check out springtime as it bursts into bloom and song in the Chicopee Woods. See you on the trails!



Trout Lily



Wild Geranium



Trillium



Jack in the Pulpit



Pink Lady's slipper

Wildflower Bloom Dates

MARCH:

Trout Lily *Erythronium americanum*
 Bloodroot *Sanguinaria Canadensis* (into April)
 Jack In The Pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum* ('til June)
 Columbine *Aquilegia Canadensis* ('til May)
 Toothwort *Dentaria laciniata* (into May)
 Redbud *Cercis canadensis* (into April)
 Birdfoot Violet *Viola pedata* (into May)
 Halberd Leaved Yellow Violet (into May)
 Dogwood *Cornus florida* (into April)
 Pinxter *Rhododendron nudiflorum* (into May)
 Yellow Star Grass *Hypoxis hirsute* (into June)
 Blue-Eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium augustifolium* (into June)
 Sweet Shrub *Calycanthus floridus* (into June)
 Green and Gold *Chrysogonum virginianum* (into Oct.)
 Liverleaf *Hepatica americana* (into April)
 Toadshade *Trillium cuneatum* (into April)
 Rue Anemone *Anemonella thalictroides* (into May)
 Bluets *Hedyotis spp* (into June)
 Bellwort *Uvalaria grandiflora*
 Dog Violet *Viola conspersa* (into June)
 Blue Violet *Viola papilionacea* (into May)

APRIL

Leucothue *Leucothue spp.* (into June)
 Nodding Trillium *Trillium cernuum* (into May)
 Catesby's or Rose Trillium *Trillium catesbaei* (into May)
 Indian Cucumber Root *Medeola virginiana*
 Crested Dwarf Iris *Iris cristata* (into May)
 False Solomon's Seal *Smilacina racemosa* ('til June)
 Solomon's Seal *Polygonatum biflorum* (into June)
 Wild Ginger *Asarum canadense* (into May)
 Pink Ladyslipper *Cypripedium acaule* (into June)
 Showy Orchid *Orchis spectabilis* (into May)
 Giant Chickweed *Stellaria pubera* (into June)
 Mayapple *Podophyllum peltatum* (into May)
 Foam Flower *Tiarella cordifolia* (into June)
 Blackberry *Rubus argutus* (into May)
 Squaw Root *Conopholus americana* (into June)
 Blue Cohosh *Caulophyllum thalictroides* (into May)
 Robins Plantain *Erigeron pulchellus* (into June)
 Wild Geranium *Geranium maculatum* (into May)

MAY

Mountain Laurel *Kalmia latifolia* (into June)
 Phlox *Phlox Carolina*
 Clinton's Lily *Clintonia borealis* (into June)
 Wild Hydrangea *Hydrangea arborescens* (into July)
 Flame Azalea *Rhododendron caledulaceum* (into June)

Cross Vine *Anisostichus capreolata*
 Beard Tongue *Penstemon smalli* (into June)
 Ox-Eye Daisy *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*
 Galax *Galax aphylla* (into July)
 Butterfly Weed *Asclepius variagata* (into June)
 Wood Sorrel *Oxalis acetosella* (into Sept.)
 Poke *Phytolacca americana*
 Wild Bergamot *Monarda fistulosa* (into Sept.)

JUNE

Spiderwort *Tradescantia subaspera* (into July)
 Carolina Lily *Lilium michauxi* (into Aug.)
 Rattlesnake Plantain *Goodyear pubescens* (into Aug.)
 Black Cohosh *Cimicifuga racemosa* (into July)
 Indian Pipes *Montropa uniflora* (into Oct.)
 Sourwood *Oxydendrum arboreum* (into July)
 Coreopsis *Coreopsis pubescens* (into Aug.)
 Yarrow *Achillea millefolium* (into Sept.)
 Bee Balm *Monarda spp.* (into Aug.)
 Violet Wood Sorrel *Oxalis violacea* (into Sept.)
 Partridge Pea *Cassia fasciculata* (into Sept.)

JULY

Mountain Mint *Pycnanthemum incanum* (into Aug.)
 Passion Flower *Passiflora incarnata* (into Aug.)
 St. Andrews Cross *Hypericum hypericoides* (into Aug.)
 Jewel Weed *Impatiens capensis* (into Sept.)
 Black-Eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*
 Common Milkweed *Asclepius syriaca* (into Aug.)
 Tall Coneflower *Rudbeckia laciniata* (into Aug.)
 White Snakeroot *Eupatorium rugosum* (into Oct.)
 Turtlehead *Chelone cuthbertii* (into Sept.)

AUGUST

Ironweed *Vernonia noveboracensis* (into Sept.)
 Joe-Pye Weed *Eupatorium purpureum* (into Sept.)
 Cardinal Flower *Lobelia cardinalis*
 Blazing Star *Liatris spicata* (into Sept.)
 Rabbit Tobacco *Gnaphalium obtusifolium* (into Oct.)
 Virgin's bower *Clematis virginiana*

SEPTEMBER

Soapwort Gentian *Gentiana saponaria* (into Oct.)
 Goldenrod *Solidago spp.*
 Aster *Aster spp.*
 Golden Seal *Hydrastis canadensis*

