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## Fall 2025 — Tryon Garden Club News



Dear Members:

We hope you had a nice summer and the rains have your garden looking vibrant! Over the summer your board has been planning for the coming year. We look forward to an exciting year of programs and field trips and keeping you updated on the progress we are making at restoring and enhancing Pearson's Falls and Glen. Please note our program dates on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting! *Rae Ann Wessel, TGC President*

### 2025—2026 Programs

**Our meetings will be held at FENCE, Tryon, NC except as noted. Social time starts at 1:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 17 — Open to the public

*Speaker, Jim Welch*

*Walking with Rudy: 25 Years on the Nature Scene Trail*

Wednesday, October 15 — Open to the public

*Speakers, Kyle Gilgis and Donna Sapp*

*Bullington Gardens: History and Programs*

Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> — Members only

*Pearson's Falls Update*

Thursday, December 11 — Members only

*Holiday Party at the Tryon Country Club*

Wednesday, January 21 — Members and guests

*Luncheon and Presentation, Nell Long and Pierre Joseph Redoute*

Wednesday, February 18 — Open to the public

*Presenter, Sue Bain (TGC Member)*

*Flower Arranging*

Wednesday, March 18 — Open to public

*Speaker, Bob Rossier (TGC Member)*

*Landscaping Ladies: A Few Notable Female Garden Designers and Gardeners*

April — Members Only

*Garden tours and field trips*

Wednesday, May 20 — Members Only

*Annual Meeting*

## September Program Details

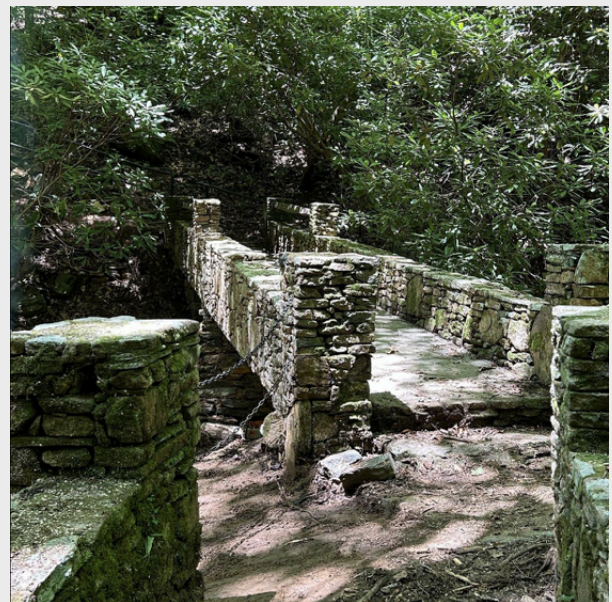
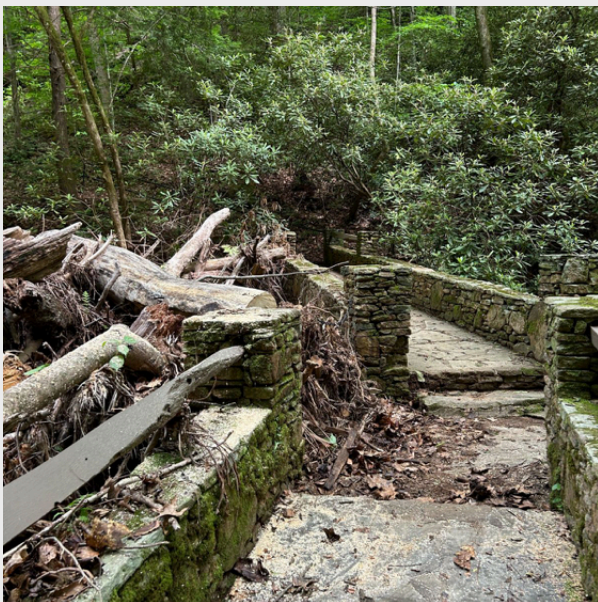
Join our very own Jim Welch as he shares,  
*Walking with Rudy: 25 Years on the Nature Scene Trail*

Jim and Rudy Mancke traveled around the world documenting the natural history of preserves, parks, seashores, and forests. Jim will share a plethora of pictures from many of the places and the most exciting parts of their adventures. NatureScene is on YouTube and for many years was on public television. This program was presented at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Association of Naturalists, a group that Rudy founded over 50 years ago.

## Pearson's Falls and Glen Progress

A major milestone has been accomplished by our contractor and staff in clearing the massive woody debris pile from around the Ethyl Chase Bridge. We have engaged an engineer to evaluate the bridge and assess if additional repairs are needed. This is probably the most iconic sign of our progress!

## Before and After Restoration



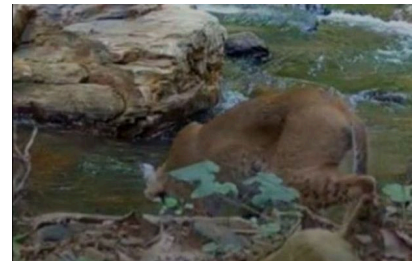


## Nature is thriving in the Glen!

As we were assessing the upper trail, look who we spied as we crossed the bridge — a mitten crawfish, *Cambarus asperimanis*. We also encountered a juvenile eastern box turtle greeted us on the trail.

Member Corrie Woods set up trail cameras that have allowed us to capture wildlife enjoying their “private preserve”. A large bear and a bobcat have been sighted along with fox, racoons, mice and otters.

Nature is resilient! Plants and wildflowers are continuing to colonize the newly exposed areas and trails. To revegetate and help stabilize new areas, Janice and Andy have been transplanting natives that pop up in areas that would be impacted or lost.



## Welcome New Members!

Jo Cahill, Sue Davis, Shawn Matthew, and Linda Schutter

## Lanier Library Presentation September 24, 1:00 p.m.

Pearson's Falls Operations Director Andy Ruff and TGC President Rae Ann Wessel to hear an update on the Pearson's Falls Restoration at the Lanier Library in Tryon.



Come join us to hear more about our work at Pearson's Falls and Glen.

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