



Ken Moore to Speak at Annual Meeting

Ken Moore, former assistant director of the NC Botanical Garden, native plant expert and Life Member of the B. W. Wells Association will speak about his friendship and experiences with the Wells' at our annual meeting on September 21. The annual meeting will once again be held at Rockcliff Farm and will once again provide a real Pig Pickin' courtesy of Board Member Jimmy Ray and his team.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. followed by a brief business meeting, election of officers and board members and reports about the work of the association. We will again have a free native plant raffle courtesy of the NC Botanical Garden. Members may tour the studio and hike along the trails or just enjoy the grounds after the meeting.

Last year there were 85 members in attendance. It is important for planning purposes (like not running out of food) that we know how many are expecting to attend so we will appreciate hearing from you if you plan to attend. Please make reservations for lunch by emailing Jimmy Ray jimmy@aliceray.com or phoning him at 906-5788.



John Pelosi, President,
B. W. Wells Association

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 21. 1 p.m.

B.W. Wells Annual Meeting

September 30 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

B.W. Wells : "Tarheel Ecologist"
Teacher Workshop

October 11 SATURDAY - 8:00 p.m.

B.W. Wells group camp program

October 18 SATURDAY - 8:00 p.m.

B.W. Wells group camp storytelling

To sign up or learn more visit the web site at www.bwwells.org or [email](#).



Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium purpureum

Wild Flowers in Bloom at Rockcliff Farm



While Hugh Nourse, Earl Creutzburg and John Pelosi were out at the farm dealing with display cases we couldn't help walking the trails to see what may be in bloom. Ruelia, Elephant's Foot and Joe Pye Weed were blooming in abundance. Swamp Mallow was also in evidence along with many types of mushrooms. The latest rains should encourage other flowers to pop up, hopefully in time for our annual meeting.

Board Approves Slate of Officers

The B. W. Wells Board of Directors approved a slate of officers to put before the membership at the annual meeting on September 21. Current officers have agreed to serve additional two year terms so John Pelosi will be on the slate for president, Johnny Randall for vice president, Bill Williams for treasurer and Jean McCamy for secretary. Amy Sawyer and Vickie Cumbee have been nominated for board memberships and current member Fran Shapiro has been nominated to serve a full term on the board. Jean Harrison and Patty Ray are going off the board after years of service.

Amy is an artist and past member of the master plan committee for Horseshoe Farm Park for which she was instrumental in assuring the park remain a nature park and not paved over with parking lots, tennis courts and gymnasia.

Vickie has a Bachelor's Degree in graphic arts and has worked for the NC Wildlife Commission for the last nine years, eight of them as the art director for the Wildlife in North Carolina magazine. Vickie hopes to help communicate the significance of B. W. Wells' contributions to the people of North Carolina.

Ed Osborne Repairs Studio Floor

Our Master Carpenter and Life Member Ed Osborne was out at Rockcliff Farm recently. His task this time was to repair the floor of the studio that had suffered from rain damage due to a leaking skylight.

He used some old flooring that had been stored in the wood rack behind the studio so repairs were made with original flooring material. We are grateful to Ed for his work on both the floor of the studio and the porch on the Wells house.

Membership Renewal

Membership in the association extends from the annual meeting to the day before the next annual meeting. Members will soon receive in the mail an invitation to the annual meeting and a renewal form. We will also have a membership table at the annual meeting for your convenience. We will appreciate your continued support of the association!

Display Cases Installed

Bill Williams and John Pelosi worked together to put six of our new display cases in the ground. The old cases near the Wells house and the smoke house have been replaced. There is a new one near the Ray house and one at the trail head past the studio. Earl Creutzburg and Hugh Nourse actually dug holes for a display case to go in at Soapstone Point. Earl and John set three more cases in the ground on Labor Day Sunday, one for Ziegler's Rock, one for the new pig slaughtering display built by Brian Bockhahn and one near the hog pen and hog well on the south side of the farm.

Two more holes need to be dug for the display case near a site showing remnants of Mangum Terraces to complete the task. The plan is to install the other two as soon as possible and before the holes disappear.

Currently we have only four displays for the eleven display cases. Brian Bockhahn has the other seven displays well established in his mind. One of our objectives for the next period of time is to design and produce these displays.



Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees

Now that the B. W. Wells Association has been awakened from its temporary sleep and is moving again more and more volunteers are needed to continue its work. The board is organized by having certain directors responsible for different broadly structured committees. The standing committees are: Buildings, Grounds, Education, Membership, and Archiving. We also have ad hoc committees to accomplish certain tasks for our events such as Heritage Day and our annual meetings or to help with getting out the newsletter. We recently completed committee work on a book about Rockcliff Farm. Work within a particular committee may involve either major effort or short-term, uncomplicated effort.

For example, Jeff Adolphsen is chairman of the Buildings Committee. Larry Earley, a fellow board member has volunteered to help Jeff document each of the historic buildings at Rockcliff Farm by taking measurements and photographs. Obviously this is a major undertaking requiring many hours of work as well as the expertise to do it. The buildings also need work to keep them in decent repair. They need painting as well as minor repairs. Compared to documentation the work on the buildings is relatively uncomplicated but it needs to be done. We need volunteers to form work teams to do the work.

Hugh Nourse is chairman of the Grounds Committee. He and Johnny Randall, our Vice President and one of the assistant directors of the NC Botanical Garden are working together to design and implement a plan to increase the number of wildflowers on the property. The Grounds Committee is also responsible for cleaning up the trails before major events.



We will also need volunteers to help with planting wildflower seedlings when they become available and then keeping them watered until they are established as plants.



Earl Creutzburg heads up the Education Committee. We need members to volunteer to serve as tour guides on Heritage Day and for other events which we could have if we had more people trained to serve in this way (and we will provide training for you). We also are beginning to make presentations to other groups especially at the B. W. Wells Group Campsite. Presenting to different groups really serves the mission of the association by educating people about Wells and his environmental ethic. It helps us to serve the Falls Lake State Recreation Area by assisting staff with the demand for presentations. It helps to promote our organization by attracting more members.

These three examples will give you an idea about the kind of needs the association is now having because of our resurgence. You will soon receive an announcement about our annual meeting and an invitation to renew your membership. Consider letting us know you would like to volunteer by indicating it on your renewal form. We will also have signup sheets for different committees at the annual meeting.

Please think about signing up for any one of our committees.

John Pelosi

B.W. Wells Association

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

___ Student/Senior	\$10
___ Membership (Individual)	\$15
___ Membership (Patron)	\$50
___ Family	\$30
___ Club/Partner Organization	\$75
___ Life Membership	\$100

BENEFITS:

- Organized walks and lectures
- Interpretive Displays
- Meetings and Newsletters
- Maintained hiking trails
- Educational project for students of all ages

Mission Statement

The B.W. Wells Association will strive to educate the public about B.W. Wells, North Carolina's first plant ecologist, and promote his conservation ethics. The Association will achieve its mission primarily by assisting the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to preserve, restore and interpret the unique cultural and natural resources at Rock Cliff Farm, the site of Wells' retirement.

Vision Statement

The B.W. Wells Association will be the leading resource for educating the public about B.W. Wells and his philosophy of "man living in harmony with nature." The Association will play a major role in restoring Rock Cliff Farm so that it becomes a living legacy of the environmental ethics of B.W. Wells and a source of inspiration to future conservationists.

"Man living in harmony with nature." - B.W. Wells

Visit the B.W. Wells
Association web site at:

www.bwwells.org

ANNOUNCEMENT: If you haven't already renewed your membership in the Association, please consider doing it. Membership extends from the annual meeting in September to the next annual meeting. If you have renewed, consider making a small donation. Contributions to the B. W. Wells Association (including membership dues) are tax deductible under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) of the Internal Revenue code.

B.W. WELLS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - John Pelosi
Vice President - Johnny Randall
Treasurer - Bill Williams
Secretary - Jean McCamy
Committee Chair - Earl Creutzburg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Adolphsen (Buildings)
Jean Harrison (Archiving)
Patty Ray (Archiving)
Earl Creutzburg (Education)
Vacant (Ways and Means)
Jimmy Ray (Membership)
Liz Ford
Hugh Nourse (Grounds)
Fran Shapiro
Larry Early

ADVISORY BOARD

Margaret Pridgen, Ken Moore, Benson Kirkman
Brian Bockhahn (Newsletter, website)

***Rock Cliff Farm is open for
guided tours only.***

See [web calendar](#) for dates.