

## Wildflowers of DuPont State Forest Talk

Many interests overlap, and perhaps a common intersection is this area is hiking and wild flowers and gardening. Many people walk extensively in DuPont State Forest and the Blue Ridge Mountains and marvel at the myriad of beautiful wildflowers. This interest often transcends to our own gardens where we can introduce native plant species and continue the enjoyment. Rosemarie Knoll will present a talk entitled “Wildflowers of DuPont State Forest” on Tuesday, February 12th. This talk is sponsored by the Transylvania County Extension Master Gardeners and is part of the monthly program of talks and demonstrations that will interest Master Gardeners, amateur gardeners, and the public at large.



Rosemarie will talk about how wildflower color, shape and diversity led her to write her book entitled “Wildflowers and Waterfalls of DuPont State Forest”. She searches the forest, finds, identifies and documents wildflowers. What started as a log of her own local wildflower sightings bloomed into a book designed to help hikers in their own hunt for wildflowers. Rosemarie will cover many fun and interesting facts about the wildflowers in this area including Orchids and Violets, and will discuss some of our more unusual and unique plants. There will be an interactive slide presentation with full-color photographs of our local wildflowers.

Her first book came out in May 2017, and Rosemarie followed up a year later with “Wildflowers of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Pisgah National Forest”. Rosemarie has spent the last 10 years hiking the trails in western North Carolina and learning about the vast array of wildflowers, trees, and shrubs in our area. Her desire to share knowledge with others as well as her desire to promote the preservation of these plants and our ecosystems was the driving force behind the creation of her books.

The talk is sponsored by the Transylvania County Extension Master Gardeners and will be on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to about 11.00 am. and will be held in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania Public Library, 212 S. Gaston St, Brevard. Regular attendees of this series of talks should note the change of venue. The public are most welcome and there is no charge. This is a great opportunity to hear a local expert speak and will be of interest to new and experienced gardeners, devotees of wildflowers, and hikers. Refreshments will be served starting at 9.30 am. giving you an opportunity to meet with other Master Gardeners. Telephone 828-884-3109 for any questions.

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