



WOODLAND VOICES: NEWS FROM THE WCC



WCC Highlight



Nathan Hill

Profession: Retired Public Works and Part Time Farmer

Hobbies: Fishing

Motto: Treat everyone fair and teaching young men the value of being a man

Been a WCC Since: 2016

Favorite Part of being a WCC: Helping people save their land

Term of the Month

Clearcut

A harvesting/removal of all saleable trees within a given area.



Save the Date

We're celebrating 10 years of impact at the South Carolina Rural & Limited Resource Landowner Symposium with the theme: "Rooted in Legacy."

Friday, November 7, 2025

Lowcountry Conference Center

Join landowners, families, and professionals from across the state for a day of powerful speakers, legal insight, and community connection—all focused on protecting and preserving family land.

Mark your calendar and grow with us! 🌱

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10th Annual

South Carolina Rural and Limited Resource Landowner Symposium

"Rooted In Legacy"

Friday, November 7, 2025

Lowcountry Conference Center
406 Sigma Drive,
Summerville, SC 29486

Stay Tuned for More Information

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Educational Moment

One of the unique things associated with our Lowcountry Landscape is the moss streaming down from our trees. If you look at any coffee table book of photographs of the South, or postcards from the south, they will feature trees with Spanish moss on them. We don't think about it because for folks who live here it is literally "part of the scenery."

Have you ever seen Spanish moss draped on the branches of a live oak tree and wondered "what the heck is that?" If you live in the Lowcountry of South Carolina you are probably not far from moss covered trees or shrubs. If you don't have any in your yard, you have certainly seen it while walking or driving around our town.

We live in a sub-tropical climate here in the Lowcountry and have several thousand different species of plants and trees in our area. Spanish moss is an odd ball among them, and you may not even think of it as a flowering plant. In fact, it is botanically cataloged in the Bromeliad family of plants called the Bromeliaceae. The scientific name is *Tillandsia usneoides*. Ironically, this is the same family as pineapple. Don't worry there will not be a quiz on these factoids at the end of the story. Spanish moss is not parasitic like Mistletoe. It does not take any nutrients from the sap of the tree. It only hangs on the tree as a way to collect sunlight, water, and nutrients. There may be some minimal shading caused by the moss but since it is generally in the lower branches, any negative effects on tree growth would be nil

Unlike most of the flowering plants around us, this plant is considered an epiphyte. This is a class of plants that do not root to the ground. Instead, it latches on to trees and shrubs. Epiphytes do not derive water and nutrition from the ground, but from the air and from their host plant. Examples of other epiphytes that occur here are orchids and a few ferns like the resurrection fern.

If you look closely at Spanish moss you will see a tangle of greyish tendrils. The "leaves" are more like scaly, pubescent wires. They curl around each other forming a mat. If you look at it through a magnifying glass, you will see many tiny scales and hairs on the leaves. This allows them to collect water and nutrient-bearing particles from the air.

If you look at a clump of moss at certain times of year you will easily pick out yellowish green flowers that are about a half inch long. Later in the season the remaining capsules will split into 3 bracts and release seeds that are about 3-4mm long. While some Spanish moss gets started from seed, much of the time the wind or animals will carry it from one place to the next. Birds and squirrels use it for nesting material. The wind can carry it from one branch to the next and from one tree to the next.

Historically, Spanish Moss was used by early colonists to mix with mortar to give it more strength. It was also used as stuffing material for beds and for insulation. While we no longer have any major uses for Spanish Moss, rest assured the squirrels, birds and insects and other animals will continue to find uses for it. All we have to do is simply enjoy it as we take in the Lowcountry scenery.



Meet the Community Engagement Team
&
the Counties Covered

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Get to know the dedicated team working to support families in protecting and maintaining heirs' property.



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Upcoming Events

Estate Planning and Probate Heirs' Property and Sustainable Forestry Seminar

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Union African Methodist Episcopal

Free Legal Educational Seminar

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM
AIM Charity

Estate Planning and Probate Heirs' Property and Sustainable Forestry Seminar

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Central SC Habitat for Humanity

CHPP 20th Anniversary Rooted In Legacy Gala

Friday, June 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Charleston Gaillard Center

Estate Planning and Probate Heirs' Property and Sustainable Forestry Seminar

Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Mt. Pisgah Community and Resource Center

Estate Planning and Probate Heirs' Property and Sustainable Forestry Seminar

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Berkeley County Electric

Sustainable Forestry Collaborative Learning Workshop

Friday, June 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Lancaster County Community Center

WCC News

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, we had a workshop entitled "How to Clear Title". Brianna Jackson, the Director of Legal, at the Center conducted the workshop. Mrs. Jackson gave three different scenarios on what would be required to clear the title in each scenario. The WCCs had a lot of questions and comments about clearing title. Light refreshments was provided.



In CHPP News...

Join us as we celebrate 20 years of the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation®!

For **two decades**, we have been dedicated to empowering families, protecting land, and preserving generational wealth through education, legal services, and sustainable land use.

This will be an unforgettable evening filled with inspiration, connection, and celebration.

"Rooted In Legacy" Gala tickets are now available!

Don't miss out! Secure your Gala tickets TODAY!
<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/20anniversary/>

For more details on sponsorship opportunities, reach out to **Brett Wadford** at bwadford@heirsproperty.org or **Nulani Bennett** at nbennett@heirsproperty.org.



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