



The Future of Biodiversity in the Northeast: Building on Les Mehrhoff's Legacy

27 May, 2011
University of Connecticut

The Center for Conservation and Biodiversity will host a one-day meeting to honor the life of our late colleague Les Mehrhoff. The day will be broken into sessions focused on four areas of interest to Les: New England botany, invasive species, rare and endangered species, and the future of biodiversity in the Northeast. Each session will include a set of three or four invited talks. In addition, the program will include a brief sketch of Mehrhoff's life, tours of UConn's state-of-the-art biological collections and greenhouse facilities, and an open mike session at the end of the meeting. There will be an optional evening gathering at a nearby restaurant, where attendees will be able to gather and reminisce.

Program

- 8:30 am Registration, coffee, bagels, and donuts
- 8:50 am Welcome, logistics, and introductory remarks
- 9:00 am Mehrhoff biographical sketch (Randy Westbrooks and Noble Proctor)
- 9:30 am Session I: Botany in the Northeast (Moderator: Greg Anderson)
 - ❖ Arthur Haines and Robert Bertin
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Session II: Invasive Species (Moderator: John Silander)
 - ❖ Chuck Barger, Bernd Blossey, Dick Casagrande and Randy Westbrooks
- 12:00 pm Lunch:
 - ❖ open collections (Jane O'Donnell)
 - ❖ greenhouse tours (Clint Morse/Matt Opel)
 - ❖ poster viewing
 - ❖ Discover Life demo?
- 1:00 pm Session III: Rare and Endangered Species (Moderator: Dave Wagner)
 - ❖ Bryan Connolly, Milan Bull, Jane O'Donnell and Dave Wagner
- 2:00 pm Session IV: The Future of Biodiversity in the Northeast (Moderator: Kent Holsinger)
 - ❖ Chris Elphick and Elizabeth Farnsworth
- 2:40 pm Field Notes on Science and Nature (Michael Canfield)
- 2:55 pm Discover Life (John Pickering)
- 3:10 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Doug Tallamy - "*Conserving Biodiversity in Suburbia*"
- 4:20 pm Open microphone and closing remarks
- 4:45 pm Posters
- 5:30 pm Drinks at Margaritaville



Posters

We welcome poster presentations by any attendees. If you would like to submit a poster, please contact john.silander@uconn.edu.

Workshop Registration

While there will be no registration fees, we will limit participation to 150 people so it will be important to register early. Costs will be covered the Center, but attendees will be encouraged to make a donation in Mehrhoff's name to defray costs of speaker fees, coffee and donuts, and the catered lunch (see below).

We will only have capacity for 150 people. Please RSVP by the 13th of May. To register, send registration information (below) to Pat Anderson (patricia.anderson@uconn.edu) at the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, U-Box 3043, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-3043. Details regarding nearby lodging and directions will be emailed to registrants and placed on the Center website. Questions regarding the event can be sent to david.wagner@uconn.edu

Registration Information:

Name: _____

Phone (w): _____ Phone (c or h): _____

Address: _____

City : _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Comments: _____

Donations to support Center activities, programming, and research in Mehrhoff's name can be made out to the **University of Connecticut Foundation**. Please indicate in the memo section whether you'd like to contribute to the Center's Unendowed Account (all funds are available for purposes such as this event) or the Center's Endowed Account (only interest income may be spent).