

## "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Herbarium Exhibit

Pressed plants, nature journals, paintings, eco-prints, and mixed media make up the Herbarium's January 2022 exhibit at Stirling's Coffee House on the Sewanee campus. Participants in All Things Bright and Beautiful include Herbarium student intern Izzie Berthelot and members of the Herbarium-sponsored nature journaling group.

Berthelot, a member of Sewanee's Class of '24, is double majoring in biology and environmental studies in the arts and humanities. Art and ethnobotany are two major interests of hers. Currently, she is working on a collection of paintings of plants of Sewanee. See the botanical illustration page on her website at [www.isabelleberthelot.com](http://www.isabelleberthelot.com) for more.

Some of the nature journalers enjoy creating "phenology wheels," several of which are included in the exhibit. Responses of the natural world to the change of seasons are called phenology. A phenology wheel is a circular journal where single observations of what is happening in nature

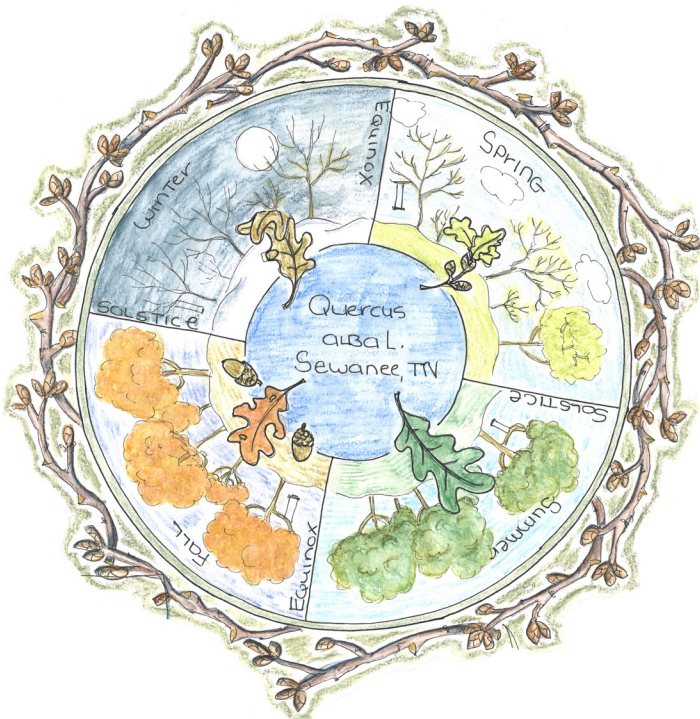


for a particular date or time of year are recorded. It makes a compact display of observations made at one part of the Earth, like Sewanee, during a month, season, or year. A simplified example is shown here.

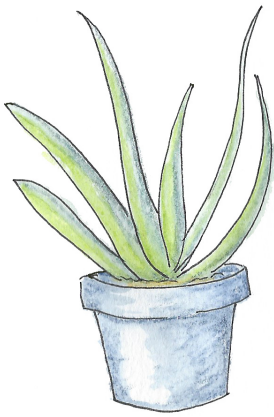
In an interactive portion of the exhibit, Stirling's patrons are invited to use their imaginations to find images that they see in photos of local sandstone. Once they discover an image, they can use crayons to transform the photo into what they see, sign their work if they wish, and post it for all to enjoy.

The exhibit will be on display for the month of January. The nature journaling group is open to all. It meets Thursdays, 9–11 a.m. Get in touch with Mary Priestley at [mpriestley0150@gmail.com](mailto:mpriestley0150@gmail.com) to learn more.

—Mary Priestley



# Herbarium Fellows Activities



## Plant Stewardship in Residence Halls

George Burruss, in collaboration with proctors across campus, has brought Herbarium plants to 11 residence halls and theme houses. Three plants—an aloe (*Aloe vera*), a silver squill (*Ledaboris socialis*), and a snake plant (*Dracaena trifasciata*)—were put in common room spaces with ample light, watering trays, and small watering cans, with the goal of increasing plant awareness and appreciation on campus. Plants were chosen for their hardiness and beauty, and were paired with information cards that contain watering instructions, their place of origin, and a fun fact about each plant! Each trio of plants has a steward, a resident of the building who is in charge of watering, but everyone in the hall can enjoy having a little extra green in their lives.

—Lucy Rudman, C'22

## Art and Science

There is a new addition to the Sewanee Herbarium in the works! To increase student involvement and education about Herbarium resources and Block Fellowship Program, we have decided to turn the blank pillar in Spencer from an architectural feature into our botanical programs billboard. Fellows have been drawing up the designs this semester, which include detailed information about the Herbarium, the Block Fellowship Program, and the Webb Greenhouse, and will begin executing this plan in the spring semester.

The Herbarium hosted a botanical illustration event during fall semester in which students learned the process of tracing and copying plant specimens from our collection and illustrating them with scientific accuracy. Prepare for more illustration events to come in the spring semester, as well as cyanotype workshops where we will learn how to make sun prints! The Herbarium is also featured in the Stirling's Coffee House art gallery throughout the month of January.



—Izzie Berthelot C'24



## Student Body Engagement: The Success of Plant Fridays!

The Herbarium makes a plethora of astounding resources available to the Sewanee community. Sadly though, because of the Block Fellowship Program being relatively new and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had trouble establishing a community beyond the fellowship. In an attempt to remediate that, we have started a weekly event called Plant Fridays! Every week at Plant Fridays we offer tours for all the people who have always wanted a look inside our greenhouse, but have never gotten the chance. Each week, we choose a theme to spice things up, like Carnivorous Plant Friday, or Epiphytic Plant Friday. Plant Doctor Friday, our houseplant care event, has by far been the most successful! A great number of people have shown interest in the greenhouse and the Herbarium as a whole as a result of the event. We're really starting to pull all the Sewanee plant people into one place! Campus members who are interested in joining us one Plant Friday should check the Sewanee Sustainability

newsletter for confirmation from us on the theme and whether we will be active that Friday. Plant Fridays are on most Fridays from 2–4 p.m., with breaks in the Sewanee semesters being the biggest exceptions. Otherwise, we're looking forward to talking about plants with everyone!

—Oliver Hutchens, C'23

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## Trails & Trilliums: An April Adventure!

**P**lan now to attend the Friends of South Cumberland's 18th annual Trails & Trilliums, April 8–10 (COVID-19 willing). This weekend-long naturalist rally will be headquartered at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, with hikes and workshops taking place throughout South Cumberland State Park and on other favorite trails. Registration is set to open in mid-February. More information will be available at [www.TrailsAndTrilliums.org](http://www.TrailsAndTrilliums.org).

This year's Wine & Wildflowers will kick off Friday night, April 8, with a talk by Sewanee Biology Professor and acclaimed author David Haskell (*The Forest Unseen*, 2012; *The Songs of Trees*, 2017). His new book, to be released March 1 and titled *Sounds Wild and Broken*, will be available at the Friday evening reception at Cravens Hall on the Sewanee campus.

Expert naturalists will provide three days of guided hikes, workshops, and slide presentations, with opportunities to focus on one of our key "Naturalist Tracks" including: Geology of the Plateau, Birding, Wildflowers, Gardening with

Native Plants, Tennessee Trees, Nature Journaling, Astronomy, and more.

Highlights of the weekend include Saturday's keynote address by John T. Manion, the new arboretum curator at Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center in Chattanooga, most recently curator at the Kaul Wildflower Garden at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Todd Crabtree, Tennessee's Natural Heritage Inventory Program botanist, will lead a strenuous all-day hike deep in Fiery Gizzard. The Natural Heritage Inventory Program maintains a database that contains information on the distribution and ecology of rare plants, animals, and ecological communities across Tennessee. So Crabtree is well versed in the flora and fauna of the plateau.

The Herbarium staff and student fellows will all be involved: participants may explore Shakerag Hollow with Jon Evans or Collins Gulf with Mary Priestley. Yolande Gottfried plans to lead a walk featuring ferns, mosses, and their relatives. The student fellows are looking

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forward to showing off the greenhouse and Herbarium. They will also be leading walks on campus.

A native plant sale, featuring natives from Overhill Gardens, will take place all weekend. Overhill, the Trails and Trilliums “perennial” plant supplier, is devoted to modeling and encouraging beautiful and sustainable landscapes by providing high-quality nursery-propagated native plants.

There will be plenty for parents and grandparents with children to do. Activities include pioneering fairy houses, hands-on wildlife, family hikes, and an owl program.

Reasonable hotel rooms, cabins, and RV/tent camping are all available at DuBose Conference Center. Proceeds support South Cumberland State Park, home of the Fiery Gizzard, Buggytop Cave, the Great Stone Door, and many more natural gems of the Sewanee area.

—Margaret Matens  
Trails and Trilliums Chair

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