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## Castanea Publishes Proceedings of 2002 Symposium



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The Proceedings of the André Michaux  
International Symposium  
MICHAEL J. BARANSKI, Editor

After four years of work by contributors, reviewers, editors and fundraisers, the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society (SABS) published *The Proceedings of the André Michaux International Symposium*, as the *Occasional Papers in Eastern Botany Number 2*, a special issue of the SABS journal *Castanea* in May. The 237-page Proceedings issue includes 18 papers delivered at the 2002 symposium and 4 additional papers developed after the meeting.

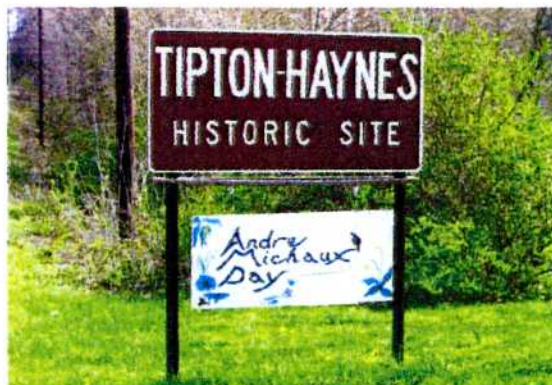
AMIS wishes to thank Michael J. Baranski for his outstanding leadership. He served as Program Chairman of the 2002 academic symposium at Belmont Abbey, and then provided the vision and hard work to bring the symposium papers to publication. AMIS also recognizes Zack E. Murrell and Lytton J. Musselman for their important editorial contributions, SABS Council for their long-term support of this project and Carol Brooks, Robert Tompkins and Charlie Williams for raising additional funds for the publication.

SABS Treasurer Charles Horn has additional copies of the Proceedings for sale at \$15 each. Write to him at [chorn@newberry.edu](mailto:chorn@newberry.edu) or Dept. of Biology, Newberry College, Newberry, SC 29108

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*Shortia galacifolia* "the Oconee Bell"



## Tipton-Haynes Historic Site To Dedicate André Michaux Historical Marker March 31, 2007

After three years of planning and work, the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site in Johnson City, will dedicate a Tennessee State Historical Marker to André Michaux on Saturday, March 31, 2007 during their annual *André Michaux Day*. This project has been supported by the Biology Department at East Tennessee State University, the Tennessee Native Plant Society and AMIS.

In 1795 and 1796 Tennessee pioneer Colonel John Tipton was André Michaux's host as the botanist explored the western territory. Michaux made note of the diversity of lovely spring wildflowers he found in bloom at Colonel Tipton's. Now, each spring Michaux's visits are remembered with "André Michaux Day" at the Tipton-Haynes state historic site in Johnson City which preserves and interprets Colonel Tipton's pioneer farmstead. The day features guided bird and wildflower walks on the site's André Michaux Trail, native plant sales, Charlie Williams performing his one man play about Michaux and more.

For additional information about the Historical Marker dedication and the 2007 André Michaux Day program schedule please contact [tiptonhaynes@earthlink.net](mailto:tiptonhaynes@earthlink.net) or call 423-926-3631 after March 1.

**!! Announcing !!**

**AMIS Meeting March 16-18, 2007  
Clemson, SC**

**Oconee Bell Celebration**

**Details and registration information  
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## AMIS Meeting Scheduled for 2007

### An Oconee Bell Celebration March 16-18, 2007 Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

A survey of participants in the Michaux Celebration at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden and Belmont Abbey College in 2002 showed that more than 80% wanted the organization we were forming to sponsor another meeting. Until the Proceedings of the 2002 symposium could be edited and published, the resources for this task were not available. Now, with the Proceedings of the André Michaux International Symposium in print, we have made plans for another meeting. In 2007 AMIS will join with the Clemson University Natural Science Museum, SC Botanical Garden and the SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism to sponsor a Celebration of the 220th anniversary of André Michaux's discovery of *Shortia galacifolia*, the "Oconee Bell" at the Madren Conference Center, Clemson University March 16-18, 2007. The keynote speaker will be Clemson's Patrick McMillan with other speakers making presentations on the history, science, and garden value of *Shortia*. The celebration will include a field trip to experience *Shortia* blooming in its native habitat, the performance of a one-man play about Michaux and will conclude with a tour of the SC Botanical Garden.



Clemson is conveniently located between Atlanta and Charlotte off Interstate 85, 40 minutes from the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport

Patrick McMillan's keynote address will focus on Michaux, whose 1787 discovery of the Oconee bell, *Shortia galacifolia*, did so much to spark the botanical exploration of the southern mountains in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Presenters Tim Drake, a Clemson entomologist noted for his work in historic preservation, Brad Sanders, author of *GUIDE TO WILLIAM BARTRAM'S TRAVELS* and Charlie Williams, AMIS Chairman, will set the romantic historical tale of the "lost" *Shortia* and its rediscovery in context. Ecologists Todd Linscott from Black Hawk College, Moline, IL and Katherine Weeks from Clemson University will report on the results of their individual studies of *Shortia* and the implications of their findings for the conservation of this rare species. Lisa Wagner, Education Director of the SC Botanical Garden, will discuss growing *Shortia* and other Michaux plants in the garden and also lead a tour of the SC Botanical Garden highlighting the Michaux plants. Tim Lee, Naturalist from SC State Parks, and John Garton will lead the field trip to see *Shortia* in bloom in its native habitat. At dinner Charlie Williams will don 18<sup>th</sup> century costume to perform the one-man play about Michaux's life and adventures that has both delighted and informed three dozen audiences from Charleston to Sewanee

### Full Conference Registration only \$89

Partial Conference Registrations will also be available check the website or your registration brochure for details.

If you did not receive a Registration Brochure in the mail, copies may be downloaded from the AMIS website [www.michaux.org](http://www.michaux.org) or write to us at P.O. Box 220283, Charlotte, NC 28222

### **Respond promptly, space is limited.**

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