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of *Sbortia galacifolia*, the Oconee Bell, in Oconee County, South Carolina

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Tim Drake, Ph.D. is a Clemson entomologist with a passion for historic preservation and interpretation who frequently speaks to historical groups. A longtime board member of the Historic Pendleton Foundation, he traces his ancestry and family connections back to André Michaux's friends Henry Middleton and General Andrew Pickens.

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Charlie Williams heads AMIS, the André Michaux International Society, was Chairman of the 2002 A Michaux Celebration sponsored by Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden and Belmont Abbey College. He is a frequent speaker on Michaux who has also written and performs a one-man play on Michaux's life and adventures.

Katherine Weeks, Ph.D. Candidate, is an ecologist most interested in the conservation of rare plants. Her Master's thesis, completed at Clemson in 2002, was a study of sexual reproduction in the Oconee Bell in the South Carolina Upstate.

Todd Linscott, Ph.D., Professor of Biology at Black Hawk College, Moline, Illinois began his studies of the Oconee Bell when he was on the faculty at Anderson College, Anderson, South Carolina and has continued this work after relocating to the Midwest. His research interests focus on rare plant species using molecular, morphological, and ecological data.

Lisa Wagner, Ph.D., is the Education Director of the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson and a frequent speaker on native plants and sustainable gardening. A plant ecologist, naturalist and keen gardener, she promotes interest in plants to people of all ages. She is the lead author of *The Nature of Clemson: a Field Guide to the Natural History of Clemson University*.

