



# GREENWAY SPEAKER SERIES



## Garden Insects: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly-Unusual

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**Speaker:** Dr. Paula Mitchell, Winthrop University

Insect pollinators and natural enemies of pests (the Good), insects that feed on crops, invasive species that attack native vegetation, and those that attack man (the Bad), and some bizarre native species (the Unusual) will be introduced via photographs, natural history, experimental research results, and live and museum specimens. In addition, the current dramatic decline of insect populations, a.k.a. the “Insect Apocalypse” is addressed. Questions from the audience on any aspect of entomology are welcome.

### About the Speaker:

Paula Mitchell, Professor Emerita at Winthrop University, is presently the part-time Collections Manager for the Winthrop Biology Department Museum and an adjunct professor in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Clemson University. She was born and raised in New York City and received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. She enrolled in graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin intending to study lizard ecology, but ultimately found lizard gut contents far more interesting than the lizards themselves. Morphing from herpetologist to heteropterist, Paula completed her Ph.D. in Zoology in 1980, followed by a post-doctoral position in the Entomology Department at Louisiana State University. Her doctoral research focused on the ecology and feeding behavior of leaf-footed bugs; at LSU she studied soybean insect feeding and crop damage. From 1984-1993, Paula taught part-time at Tarleton State University and Texas Christian University while raising young children; during this time, she also served as co-editor of the Journal of Economic Entomology. During her 25 years at Winthrop, she taught courses in zoology, entomology, animal-plant interactions, and sustainable agriculture; served as the first female president of the South Carolina Entomological Society; and was a Fulbright Research Scholar for one year in India, studying environmentally friendly methods of controlling insects on pigeonpea. Her research in South Carolina focuses on feeding behavior of the green vegetable bug, a major pest of cotton and soybean. She has published 3 book chapters and 30 research papers and currently lives in Rock Hill with her spouse, her cat, and a small lab colony of stink bugs.

## THE DETAILS

### Location

Adventure Center, 104 Adventure Road in Fort Mill, SC

### Cost

This event is free to Greenway members, \$6 for non-member adults and \$4 for non-member youth ages 5-12 years.

### Time

Complimentary refreshments will be provided at 10am and speakers begin at 10:30.

### FYI

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, we encourage attendees to bring their own coffee mugs to minimize waste from single-use cups!



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