

For those of you that do not know John, he is one of the country's leading botanists. He is Professor Emeritus at NCU but will draw some teaching from time to time. He is also one of the country's leading botanical editors.

Later this semester, Deborah White will be teaching an elective course on rare plant conservation. From what I understand the class is filling up quickly.

Our Fall meeting was a great success with about 45 in attendance. All enjoyed the presentation by Tom James. The Fall colors have given way to winter buds and piles of leaves. Later this fall, Lela and I traveled through Asheville NC on our way to Columbia SC and enjoyed a nice dash of Fall color along the way.

## Past recipients:

- 1987 Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- 1988 Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- 1989 Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- 2000 Wild Columbine (*Apuleya canadensis*)
- 2001 White Bergamot (*Monarda didyma*)
- 2002 Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- 2003 Spotted Groundsail (*Liatris spicata*)
- 2004 Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*)
- 2005 Shrews Groundsail (*Liatris spicata*)

## 2006 choices:

- Smooth Aster (*Symphoricarpos laevis*)
- Smooth Aster (*Symphoricarpos albigularis*)
- Flowering Beechbark (*Fernandus alpinus*)
- Eastern Coneflower (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Great Coneflower (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa*)