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The Clinch Coalition Newsletter

The Clinch Coalition Celebrates Earth Day

The Clinch Coalition made great efforts this year to expand its Earth Day celebrations to honor our 25th year of advocacy, education, and recreation. Expansion in our events included attending UVA Wise's Experiential Learning Conference, as well as holding a hike with TCC's official hiking club.

UVA Wise Experiential Learning Conference

At UVA Wise's Experiential Learning Conference, TCC had the privilege of connecting with local students, promoting our advocacy opportunities, and showing attendees strides made to improve trails, water quality, and education for our community.



TCC Development Director Melissa Hines (left) showing Dr. Jinny Turman (right) the displays and information table.

Program Director Jay Tyler also had the opportunity to present with UVA Wise professors Dr. Jinny Turman and Dr. Anthony Cashio on the results of our collaborations with their Appalachian Studies and Environmental Ethics classes, respectively.



Dr. Jinny Turman (left) and Dr. Anthony Cashio (right) holding a joint presentation on their students' experiences with The Clinch Coalition.

April Earth Day Hike

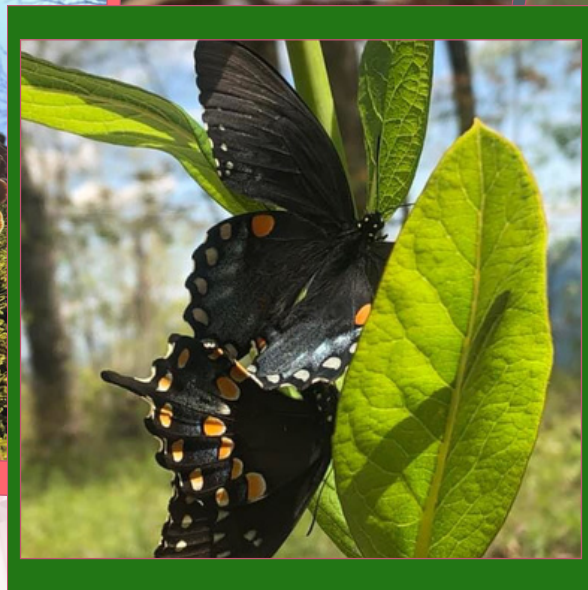
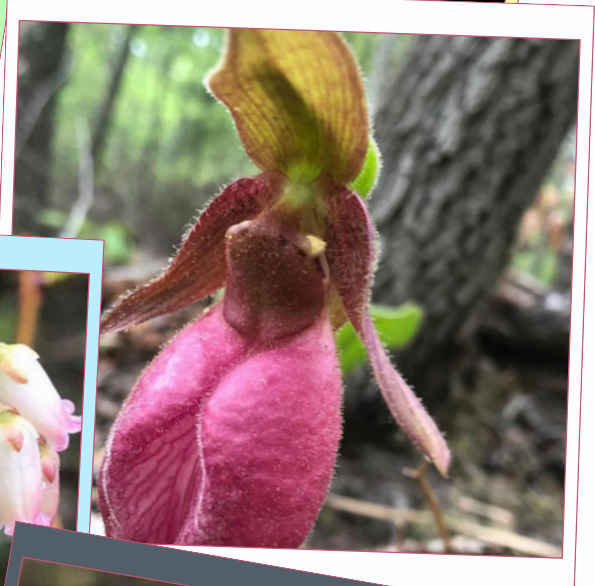
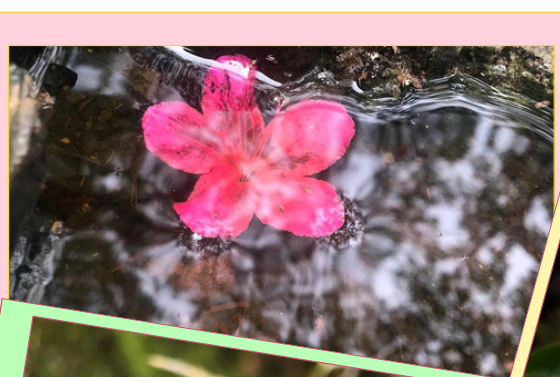
On April 22nd, 2023 TCC's Hiking Club met at the High Knob Tower. The hike was on the Chief Bengé Scout Trail from the tower to the High Knob Recreation Area and back. It was a very enjoyable outing. The weather was intermittent but comfortable, and the trail was fairly easy. TCC would like to thank all participants. If you would like to join us for our next hike, please contact TCC Hiking Club for more information at tcchikingclub@gmail.com.



Photo of red trillium (*Trillium erectum*) flower found at the High Knob Recreational Area. Photo taken by Tauna Gully.



Kara Dotten, TCC Board Member, is an avid hiker. Here are a few of her photos taken this Appalachian Spring.





Upcoming Local Events

Norton Upper Reservoir Trails Hike May 27th, 2023 @11am: TCC Hiking Club meets at 11am at the Upper Reservoir parking area. Contact TCC Hiking Club for more information at tcchikingclub@gmail.com.

May 20th, 2023 @7:30pm: The Country Cabin II Live Music! Norton. The Country Cabin is one of the nine major venues on the Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, providing travelers Saturday night bluegrass music, special music and dance programs for bus tours.

May 25th, 2023 @8am: UVA Wise 8th Annual SWVA Economic Forum. The Clinch Coalition will have information on the Commonwealth's plan to put Small Modular (Nuclear) Reactors in Southwest Virginia's coalfields.

June 4th-10th: Norton Best Friends Festival
June 17th: High Knob Music Festival



Timber Rattlesnake
Photography by Wally Smith

Now is the time to become a new member or renew your membership. Also, consider making a tax-deductible donation. Your support is vital to helping us continue our advocacy for a clean and protected environment. In 2023, The Clinch Coalition enters its 25th year dedicated to working on environmental justice for our communities and protecting our forests, waters, and the vast biodiversity of Southwest Virginia. Only together can we conserve our natural heritage, create excellent recreational opportunities, and build a culture of land stewardship.

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