

Botany walks with the Sullivan's islanders

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Please join us for an educational and fun walk through the accreted area of Sullivan's Island. Dr. Richard Porcher, renown botanist, professor and author, will lead us on a tour of discovery through a portion of the beautiful front beach green space of our island.

Sullivan's Island is blessed with 90 acres of protected front beach land - protected from development by the Lowcountry Land Trust. This land has built up (accreted) over the years. Dr. Porcher will show us the great diversity of the forested areas. He will identify beneficial native and harmful invasive species.

Other topics will include: how the grasses, shrubs and trees are able to grow within a harsh coastal environment; how a maritime forest is formed; how this protected land can help protect the United States from hurricane damage and how we can be responsible stewards of this fragile and ever changing barrier island.

If you have never looked closely at these natural spaces, this is your chance to see them through

the eyes of a master botanist and recipient of the 2007 S.C. Environmental Awareness Award.

Sponsored by The Sullivan's Islanders, there is no cost for this trip. Each walk will be limited to 30 folks to assure no harm comes to the areas we are trying to protect. The date is Saturday, April 4, and the two available walks will be held at 10am and 2pm. Each walk will last approximately 90 minutes. We will meet at the Sand Dunes Club, 1735 Atlantic Ave. Be sure to wear long pants, socks and walking shoes/boots. Older children are welcome (please limit 2 per family). Call Susan or Larry Middaugh at 883-3034 for reservations or email larry.middaugh@gmail.com.



Drawing of Dr. Porcher provided by Norman Khoury.