

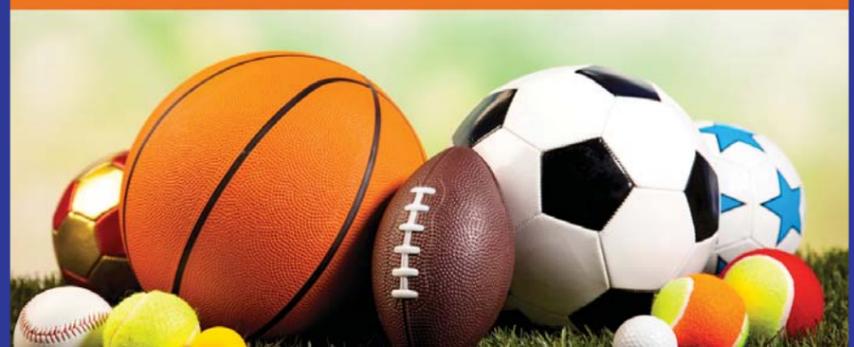
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Becky Dill and the New Violet for the Southeastern United States

In July 2024 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Herbarium (NCU) hosted Dr. Harvey Ballard for a week. Dr. Ballard, Curator of the Floyd Bartley Herbarium (BHO) at Ohio University in Athens, is an expert on the Violet Family, and during his week-long visit, he examined all our specimens of violets (Viola) and green-violets (Cubelium; specifically known as Hybanthus) from North Carolina and Virginia.



On a blessedly rainy Friday afternoon, Dr. Ballard brought one herbarium sheet to my desk, and said, "You've got an interesting violet here." I took a glance at the specimen label and noted that the plant had been collected in Anson County, North Carolina by Becky Dill. Dr. Ballard told me, "I was visiting the New York Botanical Garden a couple of years ago, and in one of the lawns I saw a violet that I did not immediately recognize. I got down on my hands and knees to take a closer look, and confirmed that I was seeing something unusual. Turns out it was an Asian species, *Viola arcuata*, and the lawn at the New York Botanical Garden was the first documented occurrence of the plant in North America. It has since been documented in New Jersey... and just now, in Anson County, North Carolina!"



Ms. Dill's specimen was labeled as *Viola striata*, but her iNaturalist post of the plant in 2022 reflected uncertainty. "I am not sure of this ID. This is a volunteer colony in a consistently wet area of my wooded backyard. Flowers are very white, not cream in color. Not a single bloom was wide open, all were constricted as in the photos. Stipule visible in 3rd pic [picture]. One big hesitation is that the leaf tip is rounded, whereas RAB5 describes *striata* leaves as acute to acuminate. I will dig up a plant today and look at roots." A year later, her doubts continued, "I tried to key this and it didn't work for me, although the small white, caulescent blooms and broad leaves should have been easy, right? I could not fit the stipules in with other plant characteristics. The closest one was *Viola striata*, but the leaves don't seem to fit either."

Ms. Dill is one of our premier community scientists so she dug up a few plants, pressed them, and sent them to the Herbarium in Chapel Hill. In May, 2023 Ms. Dill's violet was accessioned as NCU 679134, and filed under *Viola striata*, North Carolina, Anson County.

Dr. Ballard pointed to Ms. Dill's label on NCU 679134 and said to me, "Look at her notes on habitat where she found this growing - 'Year-round seepage area at edge of mixed woods, disturbed soil' - this fits perfectly with the places I've found it." In a 2023 paper, Ballard wrote about *Viola arcuata*, "In its native range [east temperate and tropical Asia] this species is said to inhabit 'Moist and marshy places, grasslands, grassy places on mountain slopes, thickets, forest margins, fields, alongside houses'" (Chen et al. 2007); in and around The New York Botanical Garden the violet is common in moister well-watered areas of lawns; in a park farther south in New York City and another park along Skyline Drive in New Jersey the violet grows in planting beds or pots, presumably brought in with nursery stock or bedding plants."

Ms. Dill's reluctant identification of her violet at *Viola striata* was reasonable. "[*Viola arcuata*] is distinctive in its broadly reniform-deltate cauline leaves with somewhat remotely low-serrate margins, but the occasionally white corolla, short spur, and basally reclining stems could be confused with *V. striata* if the proportionally broader leaf blades were ignored. The commonly node-rooting basal portion of the stems and slender entire to remotely denticulate stipules would distinguish this species," notes Ballard in his 2023 manuscript.

At the North Carolina Botanical Garden one tenet of our visitor safety policy is "if you see something, say something, then do something." I'm thinking of extending and slightly modifying that policy for botanists to be "if you see something, make an iNaturalist observation, then collect something."

Now that this non-native violet has been documented in Anson County, perhaps other keen-eyed naturalists will document it elsewhere in the southeast by submitting specimens to their friendly local herbarium. For instructions on how to collect a plant for an herbarium, see *Pressing Matters* (ncbg.unc.edu/pressing_matters).

Congrats to Ms. Dill on her State (if not regional!) Record, and many thanks to Dr. Harvey Ballard for his work on NCU's violet collection.

North Carolina State Lottery Commission Releases July Sports Wagering Revenue Report

The North Carolina State Lottery Commission on Monday released its sports wagering revenue report for July. The report compiles the sports wagering revenue for the month of July as submitted by the eight licensed interactive sports wagering operators.

Between July 1 and July 31, account holders in North Carolina wagered \$340,375,353 on sports events, including paid wagering revenue and promotional wagering revenue. From those wagers, account holders won \$295,386,205.

State law levies an 18 percent tax on the gross wagering revenue generated by sports wagering activity. Gross wagering revenue is a total of amounts received from sports wagers less the amounts paid as winnings before any deductions for expenses, fees, or taxes.

In July, the gross wagering revenue was \$42,226,040. After the 18 percent tax rate is applied, the estimated tax proceeds for the month would be \$7,600,687.

The N.C. Department of Revenue is responsible for collecting the tax proceeds from sports wagering revenue.

The July revenue report is available on the Commission's website at: ncgaming.gov/about/reports.

VOTE DANNIE MONTGOMERY

**ACTIVIST • COMMUNITY LEADER
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As the 14th of fifteen children born to the late Charlie Thomas and Dannie Mae McCormick, Dannie was the first to go to college. From the age of eleven, her sisters, Pastor Iris Tillman and Pastor Elizabeth Evans were her parents.

Through challenging work and a profound spiritual relationship with God and the Church, Dannie's foundation is strong! She serves with boldness, honesty, and inspiration.

**VOTE DANNIE MONTGOMERY
 FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS
 ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECTION DAY.**

A lifelong resident of Anson County, Dannie is married 42 years to John Montgomery, and they live in Lilesville. They have four sons, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She loves to travel and has visited forty-three states, twenty islands, and three countries. Dannie enjoys meeting people. She was truly honored to meet and have conversation with, then- candidate Barack Obama, the first African American President.

Dannie is currently the Pastor of Grace Covenant Church of God of Prophecy in Albemarle, NC where she is the servant leader to a small congregation devoted to pleasing God. Her core values are Prayer and Service.

Dannie completed her Master of Public Administration and Supervision Degree at University of Phoenix; B.S. Business Administration at Wingate University; and B.S. Business Education at Fayetteville State University. She also graduated from South Piedmont Community College; and attended Bible College in Cleveland, TN and School of David, Church of God of Prophecy.

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Dannie believes that Hard Work equals Success. She is a Licensed Notary Public, Retired Public Education Administrator and Teacher, Former NC Employment Security Commission Supervisor of Dislocated Worker Program, Mecklenburg County, and Mentor.

Community Service, Transformational Leadership, and Political Activism keeps her moving FORWARD! She is currently the Chair of the Anson County Democratic Party, member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. / Black History Month Program Committee, NC Association of Educators / National Education Association Lifetime Member, and NAACP Member.

Over the years, Dannie Montgomery has received countless awards. The one she is most proud of is the Anson County NAACP Ada Ford Singleton Humanitarian Award, an award honoring an individual who was a fearless advocate for justice and equity in Anson County during the Civil Rights Movement. We were all born to serve one another, but it is only possible if you have the "true" love of Jesus internally. ALL GLORY TO GOD!

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Anson County AA Meeting Schedules

The Anson County Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. for an Open Topic Meeting. (Except the 2nd Monday of each month is an Open Big Book Study.)

The Harmony Group meets on Wednesdays at 12 noon for an Open Discussion Meeting.

Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, AA wants to help.

All meetings are held at the AA Building, located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the EMS building. Meetings are non-smoking and handicapped accessible.

Harvest Ministries
 25th Anniversary Celebration
Guest Speaker: Pastor Donnie McClurkin
 Friday August 23rd 2024 6:30 pm
 *doors open at 6:00pm
 w/Special Guest Praise & Worship from Anson County's Own: "E-Vessels of Praise"
****FREE ADMISSION****

Location: 1134 East Caswell St. Wadesboro, NC Highway 74 - Wadesboro (Behind Pizza Hut)
 For More Info: 704-695-2879

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wadesboro Housing Authority will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024, at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, located at 200 West Short Place, Wadesboro NC 28170, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the agency's 2024 Capital Fund Budget and Annual Plan.

A draft of the plan will be available for review at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office Monday through Thursday during the business hours: (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Betty L. Huntley
 Executive Director