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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### World Renowned Native Species Expert to Speak in Fort Thomas

The Fort Thomas Forest Conservancy, in partnership with the City of Fort Thomas, is pleased to host an evening with Dr. Julian Campbell, renowned botanist and conservationist residing in Lexington, KY. Dr. Campbell is considered Kentucky's foremost authority on native plants, shrubs, and trees and since public awareness of native plant species is growing, this would be the perfect opportunity to learn from one of the foremost authorities.

Dr. Campbell will focus his presentation on conservation planning for the Central Ohio River Valley, and the natural history of this ecoregion. Dr. Campbell has a special interest in advancing collaboration among conservation groups and other plants-people to maximize the effects of their advocacy.

Nan Genter, organizer for the Fort Thomas Forest Conservancy, says "I think anyone interested in conservation would benefit from hearing his thoughts on how individuals and groups who have similar goals can work together more effectively."

His free presentation will take place on May 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Mess Hall in Tower Park, 801 Cochran Avenue, Fort Thomas KY 41075. No reservation needed.

#### Julian Campbell Bio

*Dr. Julian Campbell was born in England and completed his initial degree at Cambridge University. He holds a masters from the University of North Wales, and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Campbell spent almost 20 years working for The Nature Conservancy in KY. He is now a private consultant. His main interests are plant taxonomy, ecology, and conservation, especially in east-central North America. He has been involved in many horticultural projects involving native plants, starting with work for UK in 1986 to collect*

*material for the Arboretum there. Since 1986, he has been working on the Atlas of Vascular Plants in Kentucky. Over the last 30+ years, he has researched specific treatments for problems of numerous plants native to Kentucky, including ash trees. Dr. Campbell advocates for more coordinated cooperation amongst plants-people, so that they can become better organized for and more effective at conservation efforts.*

You can learn more about Dr. Campbell and his Bluegrass Woodland Restoration Center at his webpage, <https://www.bluegrasswoodland.com/>