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Coastal Plain Chapter

Georgia Native Plant Society



2023 April Email to CPC Members

South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium (SGNPWS)

We are pleased that over 100 people attended the SGNPWS in Tifton, and evaluations show that they enjoyed the presentations, native plant sales, exhibitor information, and great door prizes. Of 69 attendee responses, all 69 would recommend the symposium to others.

Three excellent speakers shared their presentations, now available on the CPC [website](#). See the CPC Facebook [page](#) for some of the day's photos. The

symposium committee will re-group and discuss plans for next year. A big thank you goes to all the chapter members who worked very hard on this.



Field trip Broxton Rocks, April 8

Frankie Snow will lead a joint CPC GNPS / Georgia Botanical Society field trip to **Broxton Rocks**, a Nature Conservancy site in South Georgia. Also, Broxton Rocks is one of the featured sites in Edwards et al book, *Natural Communities of Georgia*, p. 417. To sign up, email Frankie Snow: fsnow@sgc.edu. Another field trip of interest is [“Roadside Botanizing: Waycross and Okefenokee Area”](#) on April 29 - 30. For more information about field trips, check the Georgia Botanical Society [website](#).

Day in the Woods, April 22

The Coastal Plain Chapter will be among the conservation organizations participating in the 2023 **“Day in the Woods”** at [Gaskins Forest Education Center](#) in Alapaha. Marilynne Marshall and Mary Alice Applegate are planning

kids' activities. We could use some help! Please contact Mary Alice (maapple@mac.com) if you are able to assist at the CPC table. Our chapter will also be donating native plants to event attendees. Our chapter has participated in this event since 2015, when DITW first started.

CPC Plant Sales are coming to a location near you!

Preparation for plant sales requires a lot of weeding, re-potting, and labeling. This sounds simple, but is very time-consuming. **Contact Amy Heidt** ameidty@bellsouth.net if you can volunteer to help.

Our first plant sale begins this weekend. Check our [plant list](#), updated as inventory changes after sales. Remember, you can order online and arrange for pickup.

April 1: Coastal Wildscapes [Spring Plant Sale](#), Ashantilly Center, Darien

April 22: St. Mary's Garden Club [Plant Sale](#), Orange Hall, St. Mary's

April 29: Wiregrass Farmers [Market](#), Tifton

May 5: Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail [Symposium](#), Plains

Congratulations to Jimmy Lindsey

Our chapter vice-president has completed all requirements for the **State Botanical Garden's Certificate in Native Plants**. Jimmy Lindsey is one of 12 chapter members who have earned this certification. Jimmy will be honored at next year's recognition ceremony at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia's symposium held in February 2024.

Spreading the Native Plant Message Around the Region

Three of our chapter members recently provided presentations to other organizations about the importance of native plants in our ecosystem.

Colleen Weinkle spoke to the Woodbine Woman's Club on March 20th.

Jimmy Lindsey spoke to Albany - area Master Gardeners in February and will share his presentation with an Albany garden club in April. On March 3rd,

Marilynne Marshall provided a native plant informational table at the Agriculture Career Fair at Valdosta High School.

Another way to spread the message--Kaylie Fenhoff, a St. Marys Middle School student who helped plant the CPC-supported school pollinator garden, has won 3rd place in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. [Youth Poetry Contest](#) about pollinators. Congratulations to Kaylie!



CPC at Camp OSCAR

Our chapter will again provide educational experiences at a kids' summer camp held at the [Okefenokee Swamp Park](#) in Waycross. CPC Board member Katie Antczak is Environmental Science Education Coordinator and Okefenokee RESA Consultant, and she is head of the Camp OSCAR (Okefenokee Sustainability, Conservation, Advocacy, and Respect). Heather Brasell, CPC Education Chair, will organize the chapter's participation.

Possible dates we may help are **June 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 15 or 16**. If you are interested in **volunteering** for one or more days, please **contact Heather** at heather.brasell@gmail.com.

Where shall we meet in November?

We are preparing an online poll to decide where we want to meet in November, when we conduct our fall in-person meeting. We traditionally meet in the western part of our region in spring, and in the eastern part in the fall. Please fill out this poll (when it arrives) and let us know your preference, so we can begin planning. Thank you!

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

The SBG in Athens offers [classes](#) toward a Certificate in Native Plants. Classes are also offered for the Plants and Pollinators Specialization. For further information, email Sean Cameron sbgeduc@uga.edu or call 706-542-6156.

April 1, 3, 4: Plant Taxonomy, Online; Session 3 virtual or in-person.

April 15: Planning for Pollinators: Online

April 29: Entomology for Gardeners: Identifying & Understanding Common Backyard Arthropods: Athens



School Garden Plant Rescue--Part 1

Above photo, right - left: Heather Brasell, Phoenix Best, and Marilynne Marshall pause after digging up dozens of native plants. Marilynne Marshall had planted and for several years tended a CPC-supported pollinator garden at Len Lastinger Elementary School in Tifton. Due to school construction, the garden had to be eliminated. This week, native trees, shrubs, grasses, vines and perennials were dug up and potted with enough soil to cover the roots. They will be held for a couple of weeks at Gaskins Forest Education Center, then re-planted at a Nashville, Ga. school. Thankfully, Heather Brasell and other chapter members had been communicating with Christina Lott, the Berrien County Middle School science teacher who wants to introduce native plants to the school garden.

CPC Board Meetings: The next meeting is May 17, 2023, via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all CPC members. Contact Mary Alice Applegate (maryalice.applegate@gnps.org) to request a Zoom link. Minutes of meetings are available upon request.

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