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# Coastal Plain Chapter

## *Georgia Native Plant Society*

Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS  
Newsletter August 2022



*The Fourth Annual*  
**Great Georgia Pollinator Census**  
**August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Join our statewide effort to count pollinators in the third annual Great Georgia Pollinator Census! Help count and learn about pollinator insects and the native plantscapes that sustain them. All ages welcome! Participate in your own backyard or attend our FREE guided census event. Contact (229) 420-1183 to complete registration. A brief training will begin around 10, but participants may drop in anytime during the event to count and record their observations. Drinks and snacks provided!

**10 am to 2 pm Fri & Sat**  
Gaskins Forest Education Center  
3359 Moore Sawmill Rd, Alapaha, Georgia  
Visit [www.ggapc.org](http://www.ggapc.org) to learn more about the statewide event.



### Great Georgia Pollinator Census

There are easy ways participate in the [Great Georgia Pollinator Census](#) on August 19 and 20, 2022. You can do this at home or at an organized event where experts can help you. Two locations in the Coastal Plain include [Gaskins Forest Education Center](#) in Alapaha and the [Okefenokee Swamp Park](#) near Waycross. In Alapaha, a brief training will take place at 10:00 a.m.

with help from the Ga. DNR Wildlife Resources Division, Quail Forever, Monarchs Across Georgia, and the Coastal Plain Chapter GNPS. Call 229-420-1183 to register for the Alapaha event. At the Okefenokee Swamp Park, a short training begins at 9:00 a.m. For OSP event details:

<https://okeswamp.org/events>. To learn how to do the count at home, visit the [GGPC website](#). For updates on local pollinator census activities, see the [Coastal Plain Chapter Facebook page](#).



Photo above: Members of the new Tiftarea Junior Gardeners Club are shown how to plant native flowers. Assisting were CPC members Marilynne Marshall, Ky Tanton, Amy Heidt, Paul Sumner and Mary Alice Applegate, and ABAC student Raquel Whitcomb.

### **Pollinator Garden at Tifton-Tift County Library**

A new native plant pollinator garden has been installed at the Tifton - Tift County Public Library. Tifton-area members of the Coastal Plain Chapter organized, designed, and prepped beds and helped the junior gardeners install the plants. Funding for the garden came from the Georgia Public Library Service in partnership with the [Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail](#) and the Magnolia Garden Club of Tifton. Plants were provided by the Coastal Plain Chapter GNPS. The garden will be registered on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.

## **Fall Meeting Speakers**

Two speakers have been confirmed for the fall meeting of the Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS, set for **Sat., Nov. 12**, at the **Okefenokee Swamp Park**, in Waycross. Kathy Crye recently retired as a horticulturist and curator at the [Callaway Gardens](#). Her presentation will be “Transitioning Your Back Yard to a Pollinator Habitat.” Beth Grant has permission to present Doug Tallamy’s presentation “Bringing Nature Home.” Beth, a CPC member, is a founder of the [Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve](#) and [Lost Creek Forest](#) in Thomas County. CPC Vice-Pres. Jimmy Lindsey will announce more event details as we get closer to the date.

## **Video features Heather Brasell’s Forestry Practices**

Heather Brasell, the immediate past president of our Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS, was recently recognized at the Georgia Forestry Association Conference. She is the owner of the 2022 Georgia Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year by the American Tree Farm System.

Watch this [video](#) to learn more about Heather’s successful forestry operation that includes practices to support ecological diversity by controlled burning, elimination of invasive plants, protection of wildlife, and expansion of pollinator habitats. You’ll also learn more about the [Gaskins Forest Education Center](#), where many native plant classes and events have been held.

## **Preparing for Fall’s Plant Sale season**

Four dates have been set for plant sales this fall. The plant inventory list is updated before each sale on the [CPC webpage](#).

**Sept. 24:** Darien, Coastal Wildscapes Fall Plant Sale, Ashantilly Center

**Sept. 24:** Albany, Water Wings and Wildlife, Flint RiverQuarium

**Oct. 1:** Tifton, Wiregrass Farmers Market

**Nov. 5:** Tifton, Wiregrass Farmers Market

## **State Botanical Garden of Georgia**

The [SBGOG](#) in Athens offers classes toward a [Certificate in Native Plants](#). Here’s a recent [article](#) about the location of elective classes for the certificate program. Core classes are taught online. To get more details, email Sean Cameron [sbgeduc@uga.edu](mailto:sbgeduc@uga.edu) or call 706-542-6156. Upcoming classes are listed below:

**Aug. 6:** Plant Conservation, online, with follow-up on Aug. 10

**Aug. 20:** Native Plants and Insect Pollinators, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell.

**CPC Board meetings** The next meeting of CPC Board of Directors is Sept. 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. Board meetings are open to all CPC members. Contact Mary Alice Applegate [maryalice.applegate@gnps.org](mailto:maryalice.applegate@gnps.org) to request a zoom link.

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