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# Coastal Plain Chapter

## *Georgia Native Plant Society*



### **2023 February Email to CPC Members**

#### **South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium (SGNPWS)**

Register by **March 2** to get the early bird rate of **\$45** for the [South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium](#) set for **March 15, 2023**, at the [Georgia Museum of Agriculture](#) in **Tifton**, GA. We are excited to again be co-presenting this symposium with the [Camellia District of the Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc.](#)

#### **SGNPWS Speakers and topics include:**

**Jody Walthall:** "Design with Nature: Ecological Landscaping"

**Marilynne Marshall:** "Plant This, Not That: Native Substitutions for Exotic Plants Typically Found in South Georgia Garden Centers"

**James Ferrari:** “Reflections from a Bird Bath: What Game Cameras can Teach Us about Fruit-eating Birds”

This will be an early opportunity to **buy native plants**. **Vendors** include [Flat Creek Natives](#), [Naturescapes](#), [Florabundance Gardens](#), Groco, and the [Coastal Plain Chapter GNPS](#). Pre-orders may be accepted by some vendors. Check the symposium [website](#) to register and look at the agenda, speaker bios, and plant vendor information.

**Calling for SGNPWS volunteers:**

We could use several volunteers during the March 15th symposium: Setup for the plant sale begins at 8:00 a.m. The Coastal Plain Chapter and other plant sale vendors could use help unloading plants. We also need help inside at the registration table, and help during lunch. Lots of hands mean light work, especially during breakdown at the end of the symposium. Contact [maryalice.applegate@gnps.org](mailto:maryalice.applegate@gnps.org) if you can help.

**GNPS / Audubon Symposium: “Planting with Purpose”**

The **GNPS symposium**, in partnership with [Georgia Audubon](#), is scheduled for **Sat., Feb. 18** from **9:00 a.m. - noon**; and **Sun., Feb. 19**, from **2:00 - 4:30 p.m.** It will be virtual. Cost for GNPS members is **\$10 / day** or \$20 for the two days. Go to the GNPS Symposium [page](#) for the agenda and speaker bios. When you are on the registration site, ignore the pop-up asking you to log in if you are not also a Georgia Audubon member.

**Chehaw Restoration:**

Jimmy Lindsey is heading up a [GNPS-approved Restoration](#) Project at [Chehaw Park](#) in Albany, Ga, with the help of Albany-area Master Gardeners and funding from the Coastal Plain Chapter. **Tues., Feb. 21** is planting day, and **volunteers** from our chapter would be **appreciated**. If you’re available contact Jimmy: [jimmylindsey@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmylindsey@hotmail.com). At the February Master Gardener chapter meeting on Feb. 14, Jimmy will present a report on Doug Tallamy’s book, “Bringing Nature Home.”

**Plant Rescue, Berrien County, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. - Noon**

A GNPS native plant rescue is planned for **Sunday, Feb. 26**, from **9:00 a.m. - Noon**, in Berrien County, Ga. The rescue will be on a forest property that has been clearcut and is scheduled to be sprayed with herbicide later this year before replanting of pines. To attend this rescue, you must sign up via the [GNPS link](#). Please read the participant agreement and the liability waiver, which you are agreeing to as part of signing up. A list of plants identified to be rescued is included in the link.



**Propagation by CPC members continues:** In photo above: A new use for leftover casserole pans! Marilynne Marshall propagates Georgia asters (*Symphyotrichum georgianum*) in her mini-greenhouse (roughly 2.5' x 5') using re-purposed aluminum baking pans (with clear lids). Seeds collected from her yard were started in the sand-filled pans in early January after several weeks of cold stratification in her refrigerator. Germinated seeds are carefully spooned out into starter trays at right.

#### **Joint CPC / BOT SOC Field trips**

Heather Brasell is planning several activities for 2023, and many will be co-sponsored with the [Georgia Botanical Society](#). For more information, contact [heather.brasell@gmail.com](mailto:heather.brasell@gmail.com).

**April 8:** Broxton Rocks, led by Frankie Snow

**Aug 19-20:** Sedges workshop, taught by Richard Carter - VSU

**Oct 7:** Salt Marsh to Uplands Fall, Darien, led by Deb Sheppard

#### **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](mailto:sbgeduc@uga.edu) or call 706-542-6156.

**Feb. 4, 2023:** Hidden World: The Survival Systems of Plants, Online

**Feb. 6, 8, 15:** Natural Communities of Georgia, online

**Feb. 10:** Connect to Protect Leadership Workshop, Athens

**Feb. 22:** Native Plant Symposium, Athens / online

### **Propagation Workshop —Fringed Campion Chapter GNPS**

The Fringed Campion Chapter is hosting “Propagating Without a Mist System” workshop on **Feb. 16**, from **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at **Flat Creek Natives Nursery**, Perry, GA. GNPS members are invited. [Registration](#) is required, fee is \$25, including supplies. For questions, contact Greg Lewis, flatcreeknatives@gmail.com.

### **Add to your calendar:**

Day in the Woods: **April 22**

Great Southeast Pollinator Census: **August 18 - 19**

**CPC Chapter meeting** The next general meeting of CPC is **March 15, 2023**, at **3:00 p.m.**, immediately following the South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium in Tifton. Minutes of all meetings are available, if requested.

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