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Coastal Plain Chapter

Georgia Native Plant Society

Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS Newsletter January 2022

President Comments:

We begin the year 2022 with a new slate of officers. As the new chapter president, I start by thanking Heather Brasell, our immediate past president. Heather worked tirelessly to further our chapter's education and conservation activities and work on GNPS initiatives as well. Thankfully, Heather will continue to share her great knowledge by serving on our Board as CPC Education Committee Chair. Heather also continues to serve on the GNPS Conservation and Education Committees.

I also want to thank our outgoing treasurer, Eamonn Leonard. In addition to providing very informative presentations for our chapter meetings, Eamonn has meticulously kept our financial affairs in order and has helped our chapter transition to the new state book-keeping process. Eamonn also served on the GNPS Conservation Committee.



Propagation season begins in January:

Amy Heidt and Paul Sumner perform the lion's share of propagation for our chapter's native plant sales. Several CPC members who live in or near Tifton are propagating a few species to add to the inventory. Even if you don't have a greenhouse, you can help. See my cold frame seed germination system photo above. If you're interested and need seeds, contact Amy Heidt at ameidty@bellsouth.net.

Amy, Paul, and Heather Brasell recently met with UGA Tifton Dr. D. Barry Croom about partnering with his greenhouse management class in propagating plants. Mary Beth Cary, CPC Board member and Co-Chair of Monarchs Across Georgia, made the initial contact with Dr. Croom.

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Southwest Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium**, an annual March event that was held in Tifton for many years, was cancelled the past two years due to the pandemic. Amy Heidt contacted event organizers and learned that UGA Tifton does not intend to continue sponsoring the event. But now the CPC and the Garden Clubs of Georgia (Camellia District) are working to bring back the symposium, with the blessing of UGA Tifton. The event is being planned for **Wed., March 30th**, at the **Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center**. Be on the lookout for registration details to be announced soon. Registration will be \$45.00.

Other Educational Opportunities:

The **State Botanical Garden of Georgia** continues to offer classes for those interested in classes for a Certificate in Native Plants or the Plants & Pollinators Specialization Program. Upcoming programs include:

Feb. 7, 9, and 16, 2022: Natural Communities of Georgia (online)

Feb. 11, 2022: Connect to Protect Leadership Workshop (State Botanical

Garden of Georgia, Athens)

To see registration information for all the educational opportunities:

<https://botgarden.uga.edu/education/adult-programs/> There is a new online registration system, so you may need to create a new account/login. Contact Sean Cameron for questions about registration, cscamero@uga.edu or 706-542-6156.

Two Tift County residents recently completed requirements for the Certificate in Native Plants Program: Marilynne Marshall and Paul Sumner.

Congratulations!

The **2022 GNPS Annual Symposium** is set for **Sat. Feb. 19**, from 9 a.m. - noon; and **Sun., Feb. 20**, from 2 - 4 p.m. The virtual event will again be in partnership with Georgia Audubon. All sessions will be recorded for future viewing of registered attendees. Be on the look out for additional information on speakers and topics.

The **Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve** season usually begins in mid-February. Be on the lookout for details about visiting this Grady County preserve during the 3-4 week period the lilies are in their peak bloom.

<https://www.wolfcreektroutlilypreserve.org/>

The **GA Botanical Society Spring Pilgrimage** will be held near Savannah on the second weekend in April.

Southern Soil Magazine:

Our chapter continues to contribute articles on native plants for this online publication. The latest issue (2021 Issue 5, p. 32-35) features an article on Carolina cherry laurel / *Prunus caroliniana* by Greg Lewis, former CPC Board Member and now a member of Fringed Campion Chapter.

<http://www.southernsoil.org/issues>

Paul Sumner will provide an article for the next issue. Our CPC chapter plans to continue to provide this service, so please contact Heather Brasell heather.brasell@gmail.com if you are interested in writing an article.

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