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Coastal Plain Chapter

Georgia Native Plant Society

Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS Newsletter March 2022

Symposium in Valdosta:

Plans are shaping up for the **South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium**, set for **Wed., March 30, 2022**, at **The Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center**, located at 904 North Patterson Street. In addition to educational sessions, the event offers an opportunity to buy native plants from Flat Creek Natives, Thompson's Nursery, and the Coastal Plain Chapter.

Presentations begin at 9:15 a.m.:

- Know It and Grow It, Native Plants in the Landscape**—Amy Carter
- Native Plant Hosts: Attracting Beneficial Insects to Your Garden for a Healthy Ecosystem**—Allie Snyder and Lisa Giencke
- Monarchs and Milkweed**—Mary Beth Cary

Registration is \$45.00 including lunch if **registered by March 11th**. After March 11th, **late fee is \$60.00**, and lunch is not guaranteed. For more information, and to register, go to **www.sgnpws.org**. The symposium is co-sponsored by the Coastal Plain Chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society and the Camellia District of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

At the end of the symposium, the Coastal Plain Chapter will have our annual **spring chapter meeting**. Non-members are welcome to join us from **3-4 p.m.**

Members, please contact **Amy Heidt** ameidty@bellsouth.net if you are able to volunteer with registration and/or plant sales on the day of the symposium.

All members present are requested to help with clean up prior to the spring meeting.

CPC Booth and Presentation, Whigham Rattlesnake Roundup:

On **March 5**, CPC will join other conservation organizations to provide presentations and an educational booth at the Whigham, Ga., Rattlesnake Roundup, located at 267 East Broad Ave. (U.S. Highway 84), Whigham, Ga., 39897. Other participating organizations include the Department of Natural Resources, Quail Forever, and Southeastern Reptile Rescue. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. and also features arts and crafts vendors. For information about the event, contact **Jess McGuire jmcguire@quailforever.org**. Note: Snakes may be on display for educational purposes, but they are not harmed or killed.

Day in the Woods returns on Saturday, April 23, 2022

CPC will have a booth with activities at this community event held at **Gaskins Forest Education Center** at 3359 Moore Sawmill Road, Alapaha Ga., 31622. Starting at 1 p.m., presenters have activities and demonstrations related to forestry, wildlife, and traditional crafts using natural resources. The agenda is still being developed, but will probably include a demonstration prescribed fire in the woods, a nature walk, and an astronomy evening. Please contact **Marilynne Marshall marmar@friendlycity.net** if you can help man the CPC booth. We know several organizations have events around Earth Day, so there will be competition for volunteers.

Other Educational Opportunities

State Botanical Society Field Trips in Coastal Georgia

Registration at gabotsoc.org.

Sat., March 12, 10:00 a.m. Crooked River State Park, Camden County

Sun., March 13, 10:00 a.m. Ceylon Wildlife Management Area, Camden County

Sat., March 19, 10:00 a.m. Spring Flora of an Established Cultural Site—The Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Nature Center, Chatham County

Sun., March 20, 10:00 a.m. Skidaway Island State Park-Sandpiper Trail, Chatham County

April 8 - 10: Savannah / Chatham County area, Ga. Botanical Society Pilgrimage

Coastal WildScapes 2022 Annual Symposium

Keynote speaker is Georgann Eubanks, author of "Saving the Wild South." To register: www.coastalwildscapes.org.

Sat., March 22, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., JF Gregory Park, Richmond Hill.

Georgia Humanities Council and Atlanta Science Festival

Free Virtual Program—“Carol on Cumberland”

Author Carol Ruckdeschel speaks about the island, its history, and forces that threaten its natural resources. To register: <https://atlantasciencefestival.org>

Sat., March 19, 1 - 2:00 p.m. Virtual

Sun., March 20, 1 - 3:00 p.m. Virtual / outdoor

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia offers classes for those interested in a Certificate in Native Plants or the Plants & Pollinators Specialization Program. Registration: <https://botgarden.uga.edu/education/adult-programs>. Contact **Sean Cameron** for questions about registration, cscamero@uga.edu or 706-542-6156.

March 18: Plant Taxonomy (virtual) Other sessions are April 2 in person or April 4 virtual; April 5, virtual.

CPC Board Member Spotlight—Jimmy Lindsey is our new CPC Vice-President. He is president of the Flint RiverQuarium, and past president of Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, both located in Albany. Jimmy is a Master Gardener and is currently working on his Certificate in Native Plants offered by the State Botanical Garden. In Albany, Jimmy is working with the local Master Gardener group to enhance the Chehaw Park Native Plant / Pollinator Garden project.

CPC Board meetings:

The next meeting of CPC Board of Directors is **March 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** via zoom. Board meetings are open to all CPC members. Contact Mary Alice Applegate maryalice.applegate@gnps.org to request a zoom link. The chapter meets as a whole in Valdosta, after the symposium on March 30.

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