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# Coastal Plain Chapter

## *Georgia Native Plant Society*

### Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS Newsletter May 2022

#### **Plant Rescue Involves Multiple Partners**

The Coastal Plain and Fringed Campion Chapters have partnered to remove three plant species of concern from a development site in Twiggs County, in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Department Of Transportation. Volunteers from both chapters recently flagged plants that will be removed later in May, in cooperation with DNR, DOT and the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. The plants will be kept in Athens at the SBGG until they can be placed at suitable conservation sites.

#### **CPC to Lead Workshops at Camp OSCAR**

Coastal Plain Chapter volunteers will return to the Okefenokee Swamp Park in Waycross to lead sessions at Camp OSCAR, a day camp for upcoming 2nd - 8th graders that inspires the conservation of the Okefenokee Swamp and the natural world. During sessions on May 24, 26 and 27, chapter members Marilynne Marshall, Heather Brasell and others will lead the children with plant identification and leaf print activities. Then each child will plant a native plant in the garden area. Plants to be donated are propagated by the CPC.

#### **May Native Plant Sales**

The Chapter's plant sales continue in three locations:

- May 5—Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Symposium, Plains Community Center, Plains, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- May 14—Wiregrass Farmers Market, Ga. Museum of Agriculture, Tifton, 9:00 a.m. - noon
- May 21—St. Mary's Garden Club Plant Sale, Orange Hall, Historic St. Mary's, 9 a.m. - noon

The inventory of plants is updated and posted on the [@CoastalPlainGNPS Facebook](#) page. Current plant list is posted [here](#). Order online for convenience—the minimum for pre-orders is \$25.00. See the [GNPS Events calendar](#) for additional event information.

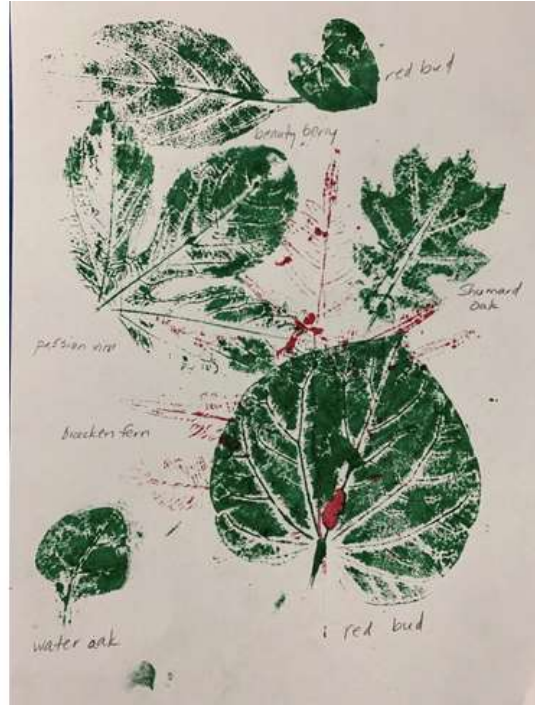


**April Activities:** In left photo above: Marilynne Marshall and Mary Alice Applegate demonstrate leaf printing at the Day in the Woods event held on April 23 at the Gaskins Forest Education Center in Alapaha. In photo, right: CPC volunteers Ky Tanton (left) and Carol Gibbs brave the April 16th showers to assist customers at the CPC plant sale at the Wiregrass Farmers Market in Tifton. April was a busy month, with two CPC plant sales, upkeep of CPC pollinator gardens, local Earth Day events, and the Day in the Woods.

### **Certificate in Native Plants**

Core and elective classes for the Certificate in Native Plants are offered by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Some classes are online and others are on location at the SBG in Athens and at other sites in the state. Classes in the Plants & Pollinators Specialization may also be of interest. Check the

schedule for upcoming classes:<https://botgarden.uga.edu/education/adult-programs/>



In photo above, CPC Board Secretary Katie Antczak looks at the leaf print activity lead by CPC volunteers during last year's Camp OSCAR.

### **CPC Board Spotlight: Katie Antczak, Secretary**

Katie is the Environmental Science Education Coordinator at Okefenokee Swamp Park and the Science Specialist at the Okefenokee Regional Education Service Agency. She conducts science outreach programs for public PreK-12 schools in a 9-county area, and she is responsible for developing education programs at the Okefenokee Swamp Park. Katie has an undergraduate degree in Forest Resources (Wildlife) from UGA and a M.A. in Teaching from Georgia Southern University. Prior to working at the OSP and OK RESA, Katie taught middle school science and worked for the GSU Center for Wildlife Education and the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. She currently lives in Waycross with her husband and two children, including newborn son, Liam.

**CPC Board meetings:** <sup>SEP</sup> The next meeting of CPC Board of Directors is May 18, 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.

### **CPC Board of Directors**

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