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Coastal Plain Chapter

Georgia Native Plant Society

2023 May Email to CPC Members

CPC Plant Sales Continue

Our chapter's plant sales continue with in-person and online sales. Please note, we are not able to bring the entire inventory to a plant sale. To be sure to get the species in the quantities you want, please order online and arrange a pick up date. Check the plant [list](#) that is updated after each sale. Minimum pre-sale (online) order is \$35.00. Email cpcgnps@gmail.org to order plants.

April 29: Tifton, [Wiregrass Farmers Market](#), Tifton, GA. 9 a.m. - noon.

May 5: Plains, [Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Symposium](#), 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Okefenokee Swamp Park Habitat Restoration Day

Join other volunteers at the [Okefenokee Swamp Park](#) on **May 6, 2023**, to restore a small area that was once filled with invasive and non-native plant species. Starting at 9:15 a.m., volunteers will plant native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs and trees where bamboo, Chinese wisteria and other non-native vegetation once lived. Eighteen species are being sourced from the Coastal Plain Chapter. The project is made possible by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Five Star and Urban Waters grant program.

[Registration](#) is required. Contact Katie Antczak at kantczak@okresa.org for more information.

Camp OSCAR

The Coastal Plain Chapter GNPS is returning to the [Okefenokee Swamp Park](#) to conduct nature study classes at [Camp OSCAR](#), a summer day camp for elementary school students. We are helping with classes on June 19, 20, and 21, 2023. If you'd like to help with these activities, contact Heather Brasell (heather.brasell@gmail.com).

CPC Grant to Library for Garden and Seed Bank

The Coastal Plain chapter has approved a grant for \$100 to the St. Mary's Library to start a pollinator garden and a seed library. The garden will consist of two 5 x 12' raised beds, with one bed for native plants and the other for vegetables. Patrons will be able to check out seeds, but must replace seeds before borrowing for a second time. Our chapter has provided several species that have seeds that easily germinate as starter plants. The species provided were *Monarda fistulosa*, *Salvia coccinea*, and *Asclepius incarnata*. The St. Mary's Garden Club is providing seeds to get the seed library started, and the St. Mary's Rotary Club and Lowe's are contributing labor and supplies for the beds.

Monarchs Across Georgia Symposium

On **Sat., June 24, 2023**, Monarch Across Georgia will present a pollinator symposium, "Creating Landscapes for Beauty, Biodiversity & Ecological Benefits." The symposium will be held at the Wimberly Center for Community Development, located at 163 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Winder, GA 30680. Registration is \$75.00. Keynote speaker is Anne Spafford, author of "Pollinator Gardening for the South: Creating Sustainable Habitats." Check the registration [website](#) for the agenda and details on concurrent session speakers.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

The SBG in Athens offers [classes](#) toward a Certificate in Native Plants and for the Plants and Pollinators Specialization. For further information, email Sean Cameron sbgeduc@uga.edu or call 706-542-6156.

May 11: Ethnobotany of Native Plants: Through the Eyes of the Cherokee, Dahlonega, GA

June 3: Summer Tree Identification, Athens, GA

Day in the Woods

Dozens of nature-based organizations educated visitors of all ages during the 2023 Day in the Woods at Gaskins Forest Education Center in Alapaha, GA. CPC volunteers showed kids and adults how to build bee hotels for solitary bees. We also offered free native swamp rose mallow (*Hibiscus grandiflorus*) and hemp vine (*Mikania scandens*) plants that had been propagated by UGA Tifton student, Kaleb Bell, who has been doing a greenhouse management independent study under Amy Heidt and Paul Sumner. See the CPC Facebook [page](#) for photos of the day.

Broxton Rocks Field Trip

Frankie Snow led our group through the Broxton Rocks Nature Conservancy

property on April 8, pointing out many species specific to this site. To see a sampling of photos from the day, see the CPC Facebook [page](#).

CPC Board Meetings: The next Meeting is May 17, 2023, 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 link. Minutes of meetings are available upon request.

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