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Coastal Plain Chapter

Georgia Native Plant Society

2022 October Email to CPC Members

Plant Sale Cancellation Notice:

The plant sale scheduled for **Oct. 1** at the [Wiregrass Farmers Market](#) in Tifton has been **CANCELLED** due to Hurricane Ian. Georgia Power Co. has leased the facility as a staging area for hurricane relief.

We are working to **reschedule** it for Sat., **Oct. 8**, 9 a.m. - noon. Please **check the [CPC Facebook](#)** page for updates.

The last fall sale will be on **Nov. 5** at the Wiregrass Farmers Market in Tifton, from 9 a.m. - noon.

Online purchases are always available before and after these sales, with a minimum order of \$25. Check the plant [inventory list](#) to order.



Annual Meeting—Okefenokee Swamp Park

We will meet again (in person) for the annual meeting, set for **Sat., Nov. 12**, at the [Okefenokee Swamp Park](#) in Waycross. Register [here](#) for the annual meeting of the Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch, snacks, and admission to the park.

We will have a short business meeting, with a lot of time set aside for a member input session for our “Big Picture” plan, conducted by CPC Vice-President Jimmy Lindsey. We want to hear your thoughts!

Two educational sessions will include “Transitioning Your Back Yard to a Pollinator Habitat;” by horticulturist Kathy Crye; and “Doug Tallamy’s ‘Bringing Nature Home,’” presented with permission by CPC member Beth Grant. After lunch and a seed swap, a guided field trip will take us along nature trails. Please start collecting your mature native plant seeds to share.

Native Grasses Workshop—[Gaskins Forest Education Center](#), Alapaha *(Note change in location)*

Dr. Richard Carter will lead a native grasses workshop on **Sat., Oct. 22** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for this workshop, and it can be counted as an elective for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia Certificate in Native Plants program. A field house is available for participants to stay overnight. To register, **contact Heather Brasell** heather.brasell@gmail.com.

Weather permitting, the class will work on identifying grasses in the field; after lunch, the class will survey diagnostic features in the lab. The class will cover characteristics useful in distinguishing grasses from other graminoids, including sedges and rushes. Other topics to be covered are identification of invasive grass species, recent changes in nomenclature of grasses, and recommendations on references and equipment useful in identifying grasses.

Groundcover Restoration Workshop—[Gaskins Forest Education Center](#), Alapaha

Heather Brasell will lead the field day on **Sat., October 29** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for this program, and it can be counted as an elective for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia Certificate in Native Plants program. A field house is available for participants to stay overnight. To register, **contact Heather Brasell** heather.brasell@gmail.com.

The class will visit a variety of sites to compare and contrast groundcover restoration projects and management practices. Focus will be on management decisions rather than on identifying specific plants. We’ll discuss challenges, successes, and ways to do it better next time, also managing

invasive plant species. Habitats include minimum understory management (thin and burn) on different sites, economy understory restoration (thin and burn with limited use of supplemental seeds), high-quality seed mix for pollinator garden, conversion from turf grass to meadow, and rehabilitating a wetland area.

School Pollinator Garden at St. Mary's Middle School

The CPC has approved providing \$100 in plants for a new pollinator garden for Life Sciences classes at the St. Mary's Middle School. If you're thinking of a pollinator garden for a school or public place in your community, please contact Mary Alice Applegate maryalice.applegate@gnps.org for a copy of the grant application.

Native Plants display at Sunbelt Ag Expo

Be on the lookout for a CPC native plant display at the [Sunbelt Ag Expo](#), set for Oct. 18-20 in Moultrie. If all goes as planned, we will have blooming forbs and grasses in their full autumn glory. Check out the Georgia Department of Natural Resources display, if you're visiting the Expo.

Native Plant Exhibit at Georgia National Fair, Perry

CPC member Marilynne Marshall, is an active member of the Magnolia Garden Club in Tifton. For the upcoming [Standard Flower Show](#) at the [Georgia National Fair](#), she has prepared an educational exhibit called "Plant This, Not That," showing native plant alternatives for common non-native plants used by landscapers. If you're visiting the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Ga., on Oct. 7 - 9, be sure to look for it.

CPC Membership Contact Information

We are working on a Google Doc to compile contact information of members who are willing to submit phone or email information. We hope this will encourage car-pooling to events and getting to know fellow native plant enthusiasts in your area. Be on the lookout for an email with a link to a google doc.

Southern Soil Magazine

Please consider writing an article on your favorite native plant in 2023 for [Southern Soil Magazine](#). You learn so much by doing a little research! Heather Brasell can guide you and edit your writing. Contact: heather.brasell@gmail.com

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. Note, there will be a CNP class in Alapaha on October 15th.

Upcoming Certificate in Native Plant classes:

Oct. 7: Warm-Season Grasses of the Georgia Piedmont, Athens

Oct. 15: Managing Invasive Plants, Gaskins Forest Ed. Center, Alapaha

Nov. 1: Basic Botany, part 1, online

Autumn Weekend in Thomas County, Oct. 8-9

The [Georgia Botanical Society](#) has scheduled a series of field trips for BOTSOC members to visit the Thomas County sites of Lost Creek Forest, Cherokee Pollinator Garden, and Birdsong Nature Center. To sign up, **contact tour leader Beth Grant** bethgrant@bellsouth.net.

CPC Board meetings: The next meeting of CPC Board of Directors is November 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. Minutes of all meetings are available, if requested.

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