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# Coastal Plain Chapter

## *Georgia Native Plant Society*

### Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS Member Newsletter September 2022

#### **Fall CPC plant sale schedule**

Native plants propagated by the Coastal Plain Chapter will be for sale at several locations this fall. Remember, you can always buy online and arrange for pickup with a minimum order of \$25.00. Here is the [link](#) to see the plant inventory and information about online purchases. The inventory is updated after each sale.

Sept. 24: Darien, Coastal Wildscapes Fall Plant Sale, [Ashantilly Center](#)

Sept. 24: Albany, Water Wings and Wildlife, [Flint RiverQuarium](#)

Oct. 1: Tifton, [Wiregrass Farmers Market](#)

Nov. 5: Tifton, [Wiregrass Farmers Market](#)

#### **Native Grasses Workshop on Oct. 22 in Valdosta**

Heather Brasell, CPC Education Director, has confirmed a native grasses workshop to be led by Dr. Richard Carter on October 22, in Valdosta. Weather permitting, the class will conduct a morning field survey for grasses in a variety of habitats, with emphasis on their field identification and habitat associations.

After lunch the class will work indoors surveying diagnostic features useful for identifying representative species of this large, widely distributed family. Characteristics useful in distinguishing grasses from other graminoids, including sedges and rushes, will be discussed and observed. 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. To **register**, contact Heather Brasell [heather.brasell@gmail.com](mailto:heather.brasell@gmail.com).

### **CPC Annual Meeting on Nov. 12**

Mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS, set for Sat., Nov. 12, at the [Okefenokee Swamp Park](#), in Waycross. Kathy Crye, retired horticulturist from Callaway Gardens will present "Transitioning Your Back Yard to a Pollinator Habitat." CPC member Beth Grant will present Doug Tallamy's "Bringing Nature Home."

The afternoon will include a **guided field trip** along nature trails at the Okefenokee Swamp Park. We will have a table set up for a **seed swap**, so start collecting your mature native plant seeds and place them in labeled envelopes. Event registration will be posted online soon.

### **Native Plants to be exhibited at Sunbelt Ag Expo**

Dallas Ingram, Quail Coordinator, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, contacted Amy Heidt and Paul Sumner about acquiring native plants propagated by the Coastal Plain Chapter for use in the DNR booth at the [Sunbelt Ag Expo](#), set for Oct. 18 - 20, 2022, in Moultrie, Ga. The Sunbelt Expo is established as the most comprehensive farm show in the Southeast U.S., with over 1200 companies exhibiting. Mary Alice Applegate and Heather Brasell have repotted several fall-blooming species into larger containers, preparing them for the display.

### **State Botanical Garden of Georgia**

The [SBGOG](#) in Athens offers classes toward a Certificate in Native Plants. Classes are also offered for the Plants and Pollinators Specialization. Check their adult programs [page](#) and calendar for information. For further information, email Sean Cameron [sbgeduc@uga.edu](mailto:sbgeduc@uga.edu) or call 706-542-6156. Note, there will be a CNP class in Alapaha on October 15th.

Upcoming CNP classes:

Sept. 18: Fall Wildflowers of the Georgia Piedmont, Athens

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

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

### **Big Picture Brain Storming Sessions**

On July 20 and August 10th, our chapter board members met to brainstorm ideas to further our mission. Thanks to those non-board members who contributed ideas to this session. CPC Vice-President Jimmy Lindsey facilitated our meetings, and he has created two documents that cover our

discussion those nights. Those documents will be emailed to members in a later email blast.



### **Great Georgia Pollinator Census**

The Coastal Plain Chapter participated in the [GGPC](#) event on Aug. 19 and 20 at [Gaskins Forest Education Center](#), along with representatives from [Ga. DNR](#), [Quail Forever](#), and [Monarchs Across Georgia](#). In photo above, Mary Beth Cary of MAG showed Emma Watkins a black swallowtail caterpillar munching on dill. See our CPC Facebook [page](#) for additional photos from the two days.

### **Southern Soil Magazine**

Our chapter contributes articles on native plants for this online publication. The Southern Soil Summer 2022 Issue, Volume 5, [p. 36-39](#) features an article on Wild bergamot / *Monarda fistulosa* by Mary Alice Applegate. Katie Antczak will provide an article for the next issue.

We encourage all CPC members to consider writing an article on native plants. You learn so much by doing a little research on your favorite plant.

Heather Brasell can guide you and edit your writing. Contact:  
heather.brasell@gmail.com.

To look for other articles on native plants contributed by CPC members, check out our "[Publications](#)" link on our website.

**CPC Board meetings**: The next meeting of CPC Board of Directors is Sept. 21, 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.

### **CPC Board of Directors**

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