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# Coastal Plain Chapter

## *Georgia Native Plant Society*

**Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS  
Newsletter June 2022**



Photo above: Heather Brasell (left), Ky Tanton (rear), and Marilynne Marshall (right) lead campers through a tree identification exercise. Photo by Katie Antczak.

### **Kids learn about Conservation at Camp OSCAR**

At the Okefenokee Swamp Park near Waycross, Camp OSCAR kids in the 2nd - 8th grades learned a lot about native plants on May 24, 26, and 27th.

CPC volunteers Heather Brasell, Marilynne Marshall, Ky Tanton, and Mary Alice Applegate led activities about leaf shapes, seed dispersal methods, tree identification, and the plant life cycle. Students enjoyed doing leaf prints, adding native plants into beds at the OSP, and planting seeds in cups to take home. CPC BOD member Katie Antczak, the Environmental Science Education Coordinator / RESA Consultant at the Okefenokee Swamp Park, planned camp activities for counties surrounding the park. OSCAR is short for Okefenokee Sustainability, Conservation, Advocacy, and Respect. At the camp, children learn what it means to be an advocate for the conservation and sustainability of the Okefenokee Swamp.



Photo above: CPC volunteers Norris Wooten (left) and Paul Sumner (center) at the native plant sale during the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Symposium in May.

### **Native Plant Sales**

Our chapter covered a good part of the Coastal Plain region in May, with native plant sales in Plains, Tifton, and St. Mary's. We are pausing our traveling sales, but we still have plants available to purchase online. The [inventory](#) of plants is updated and posted on the [@CoastalPlainGNPS Facebook](#) page. Check the list, then contact us at [cpcgnps@gmail.com](mailto:cpcgnps@gmail.com) to

confirm inventory and arrange for pickup. The minimum for pre-orders is \$25.00.

### **Scholarship Available for the Certificate in Native Plants**

GNPS offers an annual scholarship for a Coastal Plain resident interested in completing the [Certificate in Native Plants](#) (CNP), a program offered by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. The certificate program involves 80 hours of participation, with a series of classes to teach identification, ecology, propagation and conservation of native Georgia plants. For information on the CNP program, email [sbgeduc@uga.edu](mailto:sbgeduc@uga.edu) or call 706-542-6156. If you know someone in the Coastal Plain in financial need who would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact Lori Conway at [loriconway@gnps.org](mailto:loriconway@gnps.org).

### **Upcoming CNP classes:**

June 4, 2022: Summer Tree Identification (Athens)

June 12, 2022: Carnivorous Plants (Online)

Since the program's inception in 2009, eleven Coastal Plain Chapter members have completed the CNP program: Ed McDowell, Amy Heidt, Paula Wheatley, Evelyn Ting, Elizabeth King, Heather Brasell, Mary Alice Applegate, Colleen Weinkle, Marilynne Marshall, Paul Sumner, and Gail Farley.

### ***Southern Soil Magazine***

The Coastal Plain Chapter contributes articles about native plants to *Southern Soil Magazine*. The [Spring 2022 issue](#) includes an article on Red buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*), by Heather Brasell on pages 30 - 33. In case you missed it, check out the [Winter 2022 issue](#), pages 36 - 39, where Heather Brasell wrote an article on Cinnamon fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*).

### **Social Media**

The Coastal Plain Chapter maintains a Facebook page, with event reminders and other posts of interest to native plant enthusiasts. Follow us to keep abreast of activities happening throughout the month! Please like and share posts, especially about events! [@CoastalPlainGNPS](#)

### **Listed on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail:**

The Fulwood Park Pollinator Garden, a CPC-supported project located in Tifton, is now listed as garden [#253](#) on the [Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail](#).


### **Other Educational Opportunities in June**

The Georgia Botanical Society has planned a [field trip](#) in the Coastal Plain region for BOTSOC members.

June 11, 2022: Big Hammock Natural Area, Tattnall County Georgia

## **Strategic Planning to further CPC's Mission**

The Coastal Plain Chapter GNPS has accumulated savings from plant sales, and we'd like to invest some of that money to further our mission. If you have an idea to share, please email it to [Maryalice.applegate@gnps.org](mailto:Maryalice.applegate@gnps.org). We will brainstorm for ideas at our July 20th CPC BOD meeting. Our mission is to conserve and protect the native plants in natural communities of Georgia and to promote the use of native plants in landscaping and restoration plantings.

**CPC Board meetings:**  The next meeting of CPC Board of Directors is July 20, 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.

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