Coastal Plain Chapter
Georgia Native Plant Society

Annual Fall Conference – October 3, 2026
Thomasville Garden Center
1102 S Broad Street, Thomasville, GA 31792

Agenda

8:30 am: **Sign in, Seed Swap, Plant Sale**

9:00 am: **Welcome and Announcements.** Marta Turner, Gentian Creek Preserve and Coastal Plain Chapter

9:15 am: **My Native Plant Garden: Dos and Don'ts.** Elizabeth McCarty, Forest Health Outreach Specialist, UGA Center For Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health

9:55 am: **Break/Seed Swap/Door Prizes/Plant Sale**

10:05 am: **Going native: One family's story of habitat restoration at home.** Nia Wellendorf, Aquatic Ecologist, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection

10:45 am: **Garden Planning Activity**. Marilynne Marshall, Coastal Plain Chapter, Georgia Native Plant Society

11:00 am: **Break/Seed Swap/Door Prizes/Plant Sales**

11:10 am: **Conserving the Flora of Southwest Georgia.** Lisa Giencke, Senior Research Associate, The Jones Center.

12:00 pm: **Business Meeting** (open to all attendees)

12:10 pm: **Lunch/Plant Sales**

12:50 pm: **Wrap-up and Announcements/Door Prizes**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm: **Field Trips**

Option 1: Old Growth Longleaf Pine Savanna

Option 2: Gentian Creek Preserve

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