

# Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS

## CPC Annual Meeting Update

This is the only section that contains new information.

Thanks to all of you who responded to our survey to help us plan our online annual meeting on November 7. We were delighted to get feedback from 32 people – 41% response rate! Here are the results.

	% Respondents			
	0=None	1	2	3=High
<b>Past experience</b> with online/virtual meetings	6	16	41	38
Available <b>audio</b> technology for virtual meeting	0	3	13	84
Available <b>video</b> technology for virtual meeting	3	6	22	69
Comfort level in <b>joining</b> a virtual meeting	3	9	28	59
Comfort level in <b>interacting</b> during virtual meeting	3	16	25	56
<b>Intention</b> of joining the virtual annual meeting	3	6	29	61
Interest in session about <b>community projects</b>	0	10	45	45
Interest in session about <b>how-to projects</b>	0	6	47	47
Interest in <b>PowerPoint presentation</b> with Q&A	3	12	56	28
Interest in session about <b>local field trip site</b> with Q&A	6	12	41	41
<b>Maximum hours</b> for virtual annual meeting.	3	25	37	34

### In summary:

- Nearly everyone has experience and technology needed for participating in a virtual meeting, but a few may not be able to see visuals.
- Nearly everyone is comfortable joining a virtual meeting, but some will need support in voting and interacting.
- All but one respondent plans to attend the virtual meeting, so we should go ahead with our plans.
- Most interest was in sessions to share information about community projects, how-to projects, and local field trip site.
- Based on responses, we will limit the time for the meeting to 2 hours—half an hour each for business, community projects, how-to, and field trip site.

From Mary Alice Applegate (VP), who is planning the meeting.

After looking at the responses, we have decided to limit our fall meeting to **two hours, from 9 - 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, November 7th.**

- **Business meeting**, led by CPC President Heather Brasell (30 minutes). You will be sent an agenda, minutes, treasurers' report, and committee reports via email prior to the meeting.

- **RFP: Community projects session** (30 minutes). We want to showcase up to 6 community projects, allowing 5 minutes per speaker. To do this online, we are asking you to create 4-5 PowerPoint slides, with several good photos. Brief information would be on the slides (who, what, when, where, why, and lessons learned). Speakers should estimate allowing about a minute per slide to discuss the basics of the project.
- **RFP: “How to do it” session** (30 minutes). We would like short presentations on such topics as native plant conservation, propagation, plant rescues, incorporating natives into the home landscape, etc. Depending on the number of volunteers, we plan to allow approximately 5-6 minutes per topic. Again, we will request 4-5 PowerPoint slides per presentation, with good photos, and basic info.
- **Virtual field trip to Cay Creek Wetland Interpretive Center**, presented by Eamonn Leonard (30 minutes). Eamonn will include management tips.

**RFPs (Request for Proposals):** Please think about sharing your community project, and/or a brief “how to do it” presentation for our fall conference. Contact Mary Alice Applegate ([maapple@mac.com](mailto:maapple@mac.com)) by **September 10th** if you would like to make a presentation. Slides will be submitted by the end of October and collated into a single PowerPoint presentation. Once we have a final slate of speakers, we will develop a clear schedule to make sure we stay on track for times.

Thanks so much!

### **Reminders: Coming Events**

#### **September & October**

- September 5-6: GA Botanical Society field trip with roadside botanizing in the Okefenokee area will be led by Rich Reaves. This will be available for a limited number of participants with priority given to GA BotSoc members. If you enjoy field trips to see native plants in their natural environment, we encourage you to join BotSoc.

#### **Future Save the Date** (includes reminders)

- November 7, 2020: CP Chapter Annual Meeting.
- March 27, 2021: Middle Georgia University Spring Garden Symposium, Macon

#### **Certificate of Native Plants – Virtual Courses**

The Certificate of Native Plants program has restarted with virtual courses. For those of us spread out in the Coastal Plain, this is a great opportunity to take courses without having to drive long distances. Virtual courses are being planned with flexible combinations of synchronous (Zoom sessions), asynchronous (pre-recorded presentations and demonstrations), and individual learning exercises. Visit the State Botanical Garden of Georgia website at <http://botgarden.uga.edu/> for more information about the Certificate of Native Plants and Plants and Pollinators Specialization programs, descriptions of each course, and registration. *For even more information, contact Sean Cameron at [cscamero@uga.edu](mailto:cscamero@uga.edu) or 706-542-6156.*

The following courses were scheduled for fall and will be reformatted as virtual courses. Dates may change as courses are split into two sessions.

- **Sept. 12, Carnivorous Plants: Learn to Identify, Grow, and Conserve Carnivorous Plants**
- **Sept. 19, Monarchs & Beyond: Pollinator Stewardship**
- **Sept. 19, Plant Taxonomy**
- **Oct. 3, Managing Invasive Plants**
- **Oct. 10, Plants We Love to Hate: Identifying and Controlling Exotic Pest Plants**
- **Oct. 17, Grow Your Own Prairie in North Georgia**
- **Nov. 14, Basic Botany: Lives of the Plants**

#### Reminders

- Community Projects: Consider starting an individual project of your own, but keep us posted on what you are doing and share photos with us at [heather.brasell@gnps.org](mailto:heather.brasell@gnps.org).
- Plant Rescues: If you know of a place where we could do a plant rescue, contact Erin Cork at [erin.cork@gmail.com](mailto:erin.cork@gmail.com)
- Field Trips: Contact us if you have suggestions or requests for field trips or workshops at [heather.brasell@gnps.org](mailto:heather.brasell@gnps.org).
- Facebook: If you have information you'd like to post, send it to Paul Sumner at [psum@bellsouth.net](mailto:psum@bellsouth.net).
- Save the Date: Please let us know about events you'd like to have included at [heather.brasell@gnps.org](mailto:heather.brasell@gnps.org).
- Presentations and Publications: Please let us know about any presentations, publications, newspaper articles or other outreach activities. [heather.brasell@gnps.org](mailto:heather.brasell@gnps.org).

#### Current Coastal Plain Chapter (CPC) Board

- President: Heather Brasell – also member of GNPS Conservation Committee and Education Committee
- Vice President: Mary Alice Applegate – also member of GNPS Membership Committee and Representative for Central CPC
- Past President: Gail Farley – also Representative for East CPC
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- Treasurer: Eamonn Leonard – also member of GNPS Conservation Committee
- Conservation: Erin Cork
- Membership and Communication: Paul Sumner
- Representative for North CPC: Greg Lewis
- Representative for West CPC: tbd
- Advisors: Ed McDowell, Karan Rawlins

I would like to encourage other members to serve on the board in the future. New people bring new ideas and fresh commitment. *If you would like to become more involved in our chapter, contact Heather Brasell at [heather.brasell@gnps.org](mailto:heather.brasell@gnps.org).*