

# Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS

## October 2020

The Coastal Plain Chapter is featured in this month's issue of NativeSCAPE, so be sure to check out what our members have to say about our activities.

### CPC Annual Meeting Update

The 2020 CPC GNPS annual meeting is coming together as an online event, set for Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Agenda and directions for accessing the event will be shared with you in the November email to CPC members. Anyone who needs technical assistance on using Zoom video conferencing can ask for help before the meeting.

#### **Business Meeting**

The meeting will begin with a short business session. We will be able to keep it short by distributing written reports prior to the meeting.

At least a week before the meeting, CPC President Heather Brasell will send minutes from 2019 annual meeting and 2020 Financial Report. Members will be able to discuss these documents at the meeting or email questions ahead of the meeting. After the meeting, members will vote online to accept these documents.

Additional reports that do not need voting will also be sent to all members ahead of the meeting. This will include reports from Membership and Communication, Conservation and Rescues, and Propagation and Plant Sales. At the meeting, members will be able to discuss these reports.

#### **Educational Program**

This part of the meeting will have three components: brief reports about community projects, take-away "How to do it" nuggets, and a virtual field trip.

- **Community projects session.**
  - Crooked River State Park – Gail Farley
  - Tifton's Fulwood Dog Park – Karan Rawlins
  - Len Lastinger Elementary School – Marilynne Marshall
- **How to do it session.**
  - Making pollinator gardens look more acceptable – Greg Huber
  - Propagating native plants – Amy Heidt
  - Plant rescue strategies – Erin Cork
- **Virtual field trip to Cay Creek Wetland Interpretive Center – Eamonn Leonard, DNR**

### Coming Events: New Information

#### October & November

Except for the annual meeting, we don't have any events scheduled at this time. However, I've been hearing from local groups working on local projects. I encourage you to share information about these informal events with other members in your area.

Fall is time for seed collection and planning propagation for plant sales in spring. Here are a couple of ways you can help.

Amy Heidt will be coordinating a working session in Tifton to repot plants for plant sales next spring. Contact Amy if you want to be added to her contact list at [ameidty@bellsouth.net](mailto:ameidty@bellsouth.net).

Eamonn Leonard, DNR and Coastal Wildscapes, has asked for help in collecting seeds so he can develop an increase plot to produce lots of native plants for restoration projects. My property in Berrien County is within the target ecozone. Some of these plants grow on my property and seeds will be ready for collecting in the coming weeks. We'd like to arrange small groups of people to collect as the seeds mature. If you are interested in joining this project on my property, contact me at [heather.brasell@gmail.com](mailto:heather.brasell@gmail.com). If you would like to collect seeds separately in counties from Berrien to the coast, contact Eamonn Leonard for further information at [Eamonn.Leonard@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Eamonn.Leonard@dnr.ga.gov).

### **Coming Event Reminders**

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

- November 7, 2020: CP Chapter Annual Meeting - virtual.
- 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. **Note date changes from Sept email.**

- **Oct. 10 & 15, Managing Invasive Plants**
- **Oct. 24, Grow Your Own Prairie in North Georgia**
- **Nov. 5, 10, & 17, Basic Botany: Lives of the Plants**
- **Dec TBD, Plants We Love to Hate: Identifying and Controlling Exotic Pest Plants**

### **Ongoing 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
- Secretary: Amy Heidt – also Chair for GNPS Conservation Committee
- 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).*