

Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS

February 2021

Past Events

Minutes: In the next few days, I will send out minutes from the latest CPC board meeting - January.

Coming Events: February-March

It's still winter and we are still impacted by the covid situation, so it's a slow time in terms of events. But happenings are on the horizon. Our next chapter event will be our first virtual miniconference (see details below).

GNPS Virtual Symposium

- **Saturday February 27 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday February 28 1-3 p.m.** The 2021 Symposium will be held virtually across two sessions on (2 hours each day). Registration is being handled by GA Audobon at <https://georgiaudubon.z2systems.com/np/clients/georgiaudubon/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1383&>

CPC Virtual Miniconference

- **Tuesday March 16, 10 a.m. to noon.**
Join us for our first virtual miniconference. Based on feedback from our successful annual meeting, we will have two short presentations followed by plenty of time for you to interact, ask questions, and tell us about similar practices you use. This will be an opportunity for members to share the wealth of their knowledge and experience. We are still figuring out formats to use to maximize interactions. Look for details about accessing this event in next month's email. If you have questions about this event or if you have a preferred day of week or time of day for future programs, contact Mary Alice Applegate at maapple@mac.com.
- Session 1: Heather Brasell – Using Native Plants for Hedges
- Session 2: Greg Lewis – Converting Pasture to Native Plant Meadow

Wolf Creek Field Trip

Now is the time to visit Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve, a conserved forest in Grady County, Georgia, with literally tens of millions of trout lilies and thousands of trillium. This special area is owned by Grady County and cared for and managed by volunteers from the Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. For information on the preserve, go to wolfcreektroutlilypreserve.org or facebook.com/WolfCreekTroutLilyPreserve. Due to the pandemic, no public

tours have been organized this year. However, we may be able to organize a guided tour towards the end of the month. If so, we'll send a special email.

Certificate of Native Plants – Virtual Courses

- February 15, 18 & 24: **Natural Communities of Georgia** (CNP Core Class). Register at <https://t.uga.edu/6wl>. Visit the State Botanical Garden of Georgia website at <https://botgarden.uga.edu/education/adult-programs/> for more information about the CNP and Plants and Pollinators Specialization programs, descriptions of each course, and registration. For help or even more information, contact Sean Cameron at cscamero@uga.edu or 706-542-6156.

Presentation

- March I: Greg Lewis will be speaking at a webinar to the Master Gardeners of Middle Georgia on Native Azalea Care and a couple of other minor topics.

Native Tree Identification Webinar

- March 17, 10 a.m. to noon. Sydni Barwick, Leon County Extension will be presenting a webinar on identification of native trees in north Florida and south GA. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-tree-identification-tickets-138842962037?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Events in Planning

We are continuing to plan events on several fronts. We will keep you posted about dates for our usual spring events as they become available. We are planning **workshops or field trips** later in spring. These would satisfy requirements for Certificate of Native Plants. They would comply with covid recommendations – limit to 10 people who agree to wear masks. If you have requests or recommendations for specific events, contact Heather Brasell at heather.brasell@gmail.com.

Ongoing Reminders

- **Plant Sales:** We'd like help with **propagation** for community projects and plant sales. We can provide seeds for you to propagate. If you can help or if you'd like more information, contact Amy Heidt at ameidty@bellsouth.net.
- **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.
- **Plant Rescues:** If you know of a place where we could do a plant rescue, contact Erin Cork at erin.cork@gmail.com
- **Field Trips:** Contact us if you have suggestions or requests for field trips or workshops at heather.brasell@gnps.org.
- **Facebook:** If you have information you'd like to post, send it to Paul Sumner at psum@bellsouth.net.
- **Save the Date:** Please let us know about events you'd like to have included at 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.
- Certificate of Native Plants: GNPS has started a new scholarship program to support the Native Plant Certificate program administered by the State Botanical Garden. Two annual scholarships will be funded: one for a Piedmont resident, **one for a Coastal Plain resident**. Contact Sean Cameron at cscamero@uga.edu or 706-542-6156.

Current Coastal Plain Chapter (CPC) Board

Welcome to our new board member, Mary Beth Cary. Mary Beth is a retired teacher from Worth Primary School. For several years she has been very active in GA Environmental Education Alliance program Monarchs Across GA. In that role she has done many educational outreach events. For the 2019 Pollinator Census event, one of our chapter events, she brought monarch butterfly caterpillars and chrysalis as well as activities related to monarch butterflies. Mary Beth lives in Sylvester and will represent the western part of our Coastal Plain region.

- 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: Mary Beth Cary
- 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.*