

Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS

March 2021

Past Events

GNPS Virtual Symposium

We hope you were able to attend the symposium over the weekend. Sessions were recorded for future playback. They will be sending a link to recordings to all registered participants by mid-next week. Sessions were excellent.

- Patrick McMillan: “Creating a Garden for Life”
- Jim Ozier: “Wildlife Habitat Values of Georgia’s Native Woodland Plants”
- Malcolm Hodges: “The Importance of Native Grasslands to Georgia’s Biodiversity”
- Giff Beaton: “Wetlands: Hydric Powerhouses”

Wolf Creek Field Trip

Nine people joined a field trip to Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve organized by Greg Lewis and led by Dan Miller. We enjoyed the spectacular expanse of millions of trout lilies and thousands of trillium. You can see gorgeous photos in FaceBook.

Coming Events: March-April

Neighborhood Ecosystems Workshop

March 5 from 12:00-3:00 PM: The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources "My Neighborhood Ecosystem" outreach team is partnering with Trees Atlanta to deliver an online workshop on community greenscape/green infrastructure with a sustainable ecological approach. For more information and to register: <https://www.treesatlanta.org/get-involved/events/workshop-neighborhood-ecosystems-a2B5w000001TV05EAG>

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.

- CPC and GNPS Committee reports
- Session 1: Heather Brasell – Using Native Plants for Hedges
- Session 2: Greg Lewis – Converting Pasture to Native Plant Meadow

Use the **access information** below. We’ll also send a reminder a week before the event.

Meeting Name: CPC Spring Meeting

Meeting ID: 985 2796 5530

Invite Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98527965530>

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. Mary Alice is our chapter VP. *See her brief bio in the Current Board Members section.*

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=ebsoporgprofile>

Certificate of Native Plants – Virtual Courses

April 24 and 29: **Longleaf Groundcover Restoration** (CNP Elective Class) will be presented by Carol Denhof, President of Longleaf Alliance. This course consists of three elements: a live, online two-hour program, a self-paced exercise on developing a restoration scenario, and a follow-up, one-hour discussion session.

- Part 1 - Online Class Session (2 hours) 4/24; 9am-11am
- Part 2 - Self-Paced Learning Exercise (1 hour)
- Part 3 - Follow-up Q&A Session (1-hour session) 4/29; 7:00-8:00pm

Register at <https://t.uga.edu/6DA>. Visit the State Botanical Garden of Georgia website at <https://botgarden.uga.edu/education/adult-programs/> for information about the CNP and Plants and Pollinators Specialization programs. For help or even more information, contact Sean Cameron at cscamero@uga.edu or 706-542-6156.

Plant Sales

Amy Heidt will again be in charge of online sale of native plants starting in late March. We will email the plant list when it becomes available. We will be offering a 10% discount for GNPS members. We'd still 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.

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

- **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 in next month's email to members 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

Last month I welcomed Mary Beth Cary to the board. Then I realized you may not know that much about our other board members. I plan to include a brief bio for one of our board members each month – starting with our Vice President, who will be President for two years 2022-23.

Get to Know Your Board Member – Mary Alice Applegate

Mary Alice Applegate is a retired downtown and community development professional. She joined the GNPS in 2017 after retiring, but she has been interested in native plants since the 1970s when she first attended a wildflower workshop. She's been involved in four different public pollinator gardens in Tifton. Her current interest is in her 1/3 acre in-town yard—incorporating native plants and reducing several typical exotic landscape plants and trees. She finished requirements for her Certificate in Native Plants (offered in Tifton by the State Botanical Garden) in February 2020. As chapter VP, Mary Alice organized our first virtual annual meeting last November and she is currently organizing our first virtual spring meeting (March 16).

- **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.*