**Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS**

**April 2021**

US Senate has just passed a bipartisan resolution designating April 2021 as “National Native Plant Month.” This resolution recognizes the importance of native plants to environmental conservation and restoration, as well as in supporting a diversity of wildlife.

<https://www.portman.senate.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/portman-hirono-praise-unanimous-senate-passage-bipartisan-resolution>

**Past Events**

**CPC Virtual Miniconference – Recordings available**

The educational sessions from the CPC Spring 2021 meeting held on March 16th are now available on the CPC page of the GNPS website in the Presentations link:  <https://gnps.org/chapters/coastal-plains-chapter/cpc-presentations/>  Recordings are: Using Native Plants for Hedges, by Heather Brasell; and Converting Pasture to Native Plant Meadow, by Greg Lewis.

We are currently planning ahead for a similar virtual meeting in June or July. If there are specific topics you would like to have presented and discussed, contact Mary Alice Applegate at maapple@mac.com .

**Progress on Old and New Community Projects**

**Old Projects**: I’ve heard from members of several work days weeding and replacing plants at community project gardens in Tifton – Fulwood Park, Matt Wilson Elementary School and Len Lastinger Elementary School. I’m sure there have been similar working bees at other projects and we’d like to know about them.

**New Project**: Karan Rawlins has started a new project planting native plants in a wooded area along a creek in a Tifton Mobile Home park. Our chapter has provided some plants for this project.

**Pitcher Plants Outplanted**

Last fall, CPC members helped Eamonn Leonard and other DNR botanists rescue over 400 pitcher plants ahead of development in their habitat. They were held by CPC members and had lots of TLC over the winter so they are in great shape. Amy, Paul and I helped DNR botanists replant these pitcher plants into two wetland sites where they will be protected. At the second site, they joined some hooded pitcher plants / *Sarracenia minor*, and yellow pitcher plant / *Sarracenia flava*, that CPC members had grown and helped plant in 2016. The rare Florida hartwrightia / *Hartwrightia floridana* from the Georgia Botanical Garden in Athens was also planted in the second site.

**Native Plant Habitat Certification**

Congratulations Greg! Amy Heidt, Mary Alice Applegate and I recently certified Greg Lewis’s Flat Creek Native Nursery with the GNPS gold level of Native Plant Habitat Certification. To get this certification, he had to demonstrate that his habitat has lots of different native plants, that he does not cultivate invasive plants, and that he uses a variety of sustainable conservation practices. We encourage you to consider getting your garden or community project certified through this program. You can find details at <https://gnps.org/conservation/native-plant-habitat-certification-2/>

**Coming Events: April-May**

**Earth Day Event**

We will be supporting an Earth Day event as a fundraiser for the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence. The April 22, 2021 event is a kick off for a new endowed chair for which the TCFEE recently received funding: the Mother Earth Environmental Studies Chair. This endowment will allow teachers to apply for grants for environmental projects. CPC members in the Tifton area will provide about 50 plants as well as educational handouts for the drive-through event.

**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.

**Virtual Field Trips**

[Tennessee Native Plant Society](https://www.tnps.org/)is offering a series of one-hour virtual field trips. No preregistration, no cost. Any of these webinars would count as a field trip for the Certificate of Native Plants program.

Date/time: Every third Tuesday; 7:30-8:30pm EST (7:30-8:30pm CT)

More info and join link: <https://www.tnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021Seminars.pdf>

**Plant Sales**

Amy Heidt will again be in charge of sale of native plants starting in April. The plant list is at the end of this email and will be posted on our Facebook page. We will be selling plants all season and more species will be added as they become available. If you would like to receive our plant list updates email at cpcgnps@gmail.com and we will send them to you. We will be offering a 10% discount for GNPS members.

**Tifton Farmer’s Market**: We will be resuming plant sales at GA Museum of Agriculture 9 am to noon. Dates: April 24, May 8, May 15 and maybe June 12.

**Online Sales**: Amy Heidt will again be in charge of online sale of native plants starting in late March. If you’d like more information, contact Amy Heidt at **ameidty@bellsouth.net**.

**GNPS Plant Rescue Survey**

You should have received (March 11) an invitation to respond to a survey about GNPS Plant Rescue program. If you haven’t already responded, please do so now. Your feedback will be used by GNPS to improve future plant rescues. Even if you have never participated in a plant rescue, we’d like to hear from you. **Click on the following link:** [Take the Survey](https://gnps.z2systems.com/track/servlet/DisplayLink?orgId=gnps&emailId=c1006b432576cd7579780bc3f3155f3acm844493c10&secureId=7YGxq8G67JUpvfqNQsMfnQ%3D%3D&linkId=11323&targetUrl=https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgTfUYRhv6PRIN2jel0e0uNwyARYtQbFCws4nG7GX8xyYJEg/viewform)Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgTfUYRhv6PRIN2jel0e0uNwyARYtQbFCws4nG7GX8xyYJEg/viewform](http://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgTfUYRhv6PRIN2jel0e0uNwyARYtQbFCws4nG7GX8xyYJEg/viewform)

**Help a UGA Grad Student – Survey Request**

Student’s thesis research -- Survey request! Please open link and complete.<https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_56dpA6vT5lYs4VE>

Dingning Yu is a UGA graduate student working with Dr. Brad Davis in the College of Environment and Design. She is working on new ways to label native plants to try and help them sell in all of their growth stages, at all times of year. Please help her complete her master’s thesis by answering the questions in her short survey.

**Events in Planning near Perry**

We are continuing to plan events on several fronts. Recently Greg Lewis organized a reconnaissance trip for Amy Heidt, Mary Alice Applegate and me to explore several possibilities around Perry. If you live in the Perry area and would like to be involved in any of these projects, contact **heather.brasell@gnps.org**.

* We looked at a Wildlife Management Area with two raised gardens about 8’ x 15’ at the front of a facility building. This would make a great place for a community project.
* We also looked from afar at a forested site on the WMA that is destined for logging. We are considering possibility of a future plant rescue at this site.
* the Another possibility was a public park with existing paths etc. but a lot of invasive plants – mainly privet, wisteria, Japanese honeysuckle. This site has potential for tackling a small area at a time to get rid of invasive plants to expose some of the lovely native plants along the creek edge.
* Also close to Perry we looked from afar at a forested site destined for logging. We considered the possibility of trying to get access for a future plant rescue.

**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 a plant rescue is warranted, 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**

Get to Know Your Board Member – Gail Farley

Gail Farley is the immediate Past President of the Coastal Plain Chapter 2018-19. She is also a member of the Ixia Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society and Vice President of St Mary’s Garden Club. As a member of Friends of Crooked River State Park, she has been spent many hours working on their project to convert a mowed area to a native plant meadow. Gail has a BSc in Biology, followed by a 24-year career in pharmaceutical marketing/sales. She has almost completed her Certificate of Native Plants. She is a proud new member of "Home Mortgage Paid Off!" PLUS,. FULLY VACCINATED and about to reenter the world hopefully under more normal circumstances.

* 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 encourageother 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****.**

**OUR NATIVE PLANT SALE IS HERE!**

**Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS Plants Sale April 2021**

Pre-pay by PayPal (cpcgnps@gmail.com ) or at pick up with cash or money order made out to Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS.

Plants will be available for pick up at a designated site in or near Tifton or by delivery. If delivery is requested, mileage to and from your residence/pick up site will be added at 60 cents per mile.

*Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS members receive a 10% discount on all sales – join today.*

To order plants and for questions related to plants sales, send to cpcgnps@gmail.com .

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| **LE= Local Ecotype GE= Georgia Ecotype** |  |
| **Common name** | **Scientific Name** |  **Price**  |
| **Perennials** |   |   |
| Atamasco lily | *Zephyranthes atamasca* |  $ 3.00  |
| Barbara's buttons (LE) | *Marshallia* sp. |  $ 3.00  |
| Bee balm (dotted horsemint) | *Monarda punctata* |  $ 3.00  |
| Blanket flower - yellow | *Gaillardia.*sp. (yellow) |  $ 3.00  |
| Blue-eyed grass | *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* |  $ 4.00  |
| Cardinal flower (gal) | *Lobelia cardinalis* |  $ 6.00  |
| Carolina elephant's foot (GE) | *Elephantopus carolinianus* |  $ 4.00  |
| Clasping coneflower | *Dracopis amplexicaulis* |  $ 3.00  |
| Climbing aster (gal) | *Ampelaster carolinianus* |  $ 6.00  |
| Elephants foot (LE) | *Elephantopus tomentosus* |  $ 4.00  |
| Elliott's aster (gal) | *Symphyotrichum elliottii* |  $ 6.00  |
| Goldenrod, downy ragged (gal) | *Solidago petiolaris* |  $ 6.00  |
| Green-head cone flower (gal) (GE) | *Rudbeckia laciniata* |  $ 6.00  |
| Greyhead coneflower | *Ratibida pinnata* |  $ 3.00  |
| Lanceleaf coreopsis (LE) | *Coreopsis lanceolata* |  $ 4.00  |
| Lemon bee balm | *Monarda citriodora* |  $ 3.00  |
| Lizard tail (GE) | *Saururus cernuus* |  $ 4.00  |
| Lyreleaf sage (purple) (LE) | *Salvia lyrata* |  |
| Lyreleaf sage (white) (LE) | *Salvia lyrata* |  $ 4.00  |
| Mountain mint | *Pycanthemum virgineanum* |  $ 4.00  |
| Musky mint (gal) (LE) | *Hyptis alata* |  $ 6.00  |
| Native strawberry (LE) | *Fragaria virginiana* |  $ 4.00  |
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| Obedient plant | *Physostegia virginiana* |  $ 4.00  |
| Orange coneflower | *Rudbeckia fulgida* |  $ 4.00  |
| Purple coneflower  | *Echinacea purpurea* |  $ 3.00  |
| Rattlesnake master (GE) | *Eryngium yuccifolium* |  $ 3.00  |
| Rattlesnake master (flats of 6) (GE) | *Eryngium yuccifolium* |  $ 4.00  |
| Rattlesnake master (gal) (GE) | *Eryngium yuccifolium* |  $ 6.00  |
| Starry rosinweed  | *Silphium asteriscus* |  $ 4.00  |
| Smooth aster (gal) | *Symphyotrichum laeve* |  $ 6.00  |
| Spider lily (LE) | *Hymenocallis duvalensis*  |  $ 4.00  |
| Spider lily (gal) (GE) | *Hymenocallis occidentalis* |  $ 6.00  |
| Stokes aster (gal) | *Stokesia laevis* |  $ 6.00  |
| Yarrow | *Achillea millefolium* |  $ 3.00  |
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| **Milkweeds** |   |   |
| Aquatic milkweed | *Asclepias perennis* |  $ 4.00  |
| Butterfly weed (GE) | *Asclepias tuberosa* |  $ 4.00  |
| Swamp milkweed | *Asclepias incarnata* |  $ 4.00  |
| Whorled milkweed | *Asclepias verticillata*  |  $ 4.00  |
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| **Vines** |   |   |
| American wisteria (gal) (LE) | *Wisteria frutescens* |  $ 6.00  |
| Coral honeysuckle (LE) | *Lonicera sempervirens* |  $ 4.00  |
| Coral honeysuckle (gal) (LE) | *Lonicera sempervirens* |  $ 6.00  |
| Cross vine (gal) | *Bignonia capreolata* |  $ 6.00  |
| Groundnut (gal) (LE) | *Apios americana* |  $ 3.00  |
| Passion flower (LE) | *Passiflora incarnata* |  $ 4.00  |
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| **Trees and shrubs** |  |  |
| American elderberry (gal) (LE) | *Sambucus canadensis* |  $ 6.00  |
| American snowbell (5 gal) | *Styrax americanus* |  $ 30.00  |
| Beautyberry (gal) (LE) | *Callicarpa americana* |  $ 6.00  |
| Hearts-a-bursting | *Euonymus americanus* |  $ 3.00  |
| Native azaleas (gal) | *Rhododendron* spp.  |  $ 6.00  |
| *(*from seed of native species) |
| Possumhaw (LE) | *Viburnum nudum* |  $ 6.00  |
| Sassafras (gal) (LE) | *Sassafras albidum* |  $ 6.00  |
| Shiny blueberry (3 gal) | *Vaccinium myrsinites*  |  $ 15.00  |
| Smooth hydrangea (3 gal) | *Hydrangea arborescens*  |  $ 15.00  |
| Virginia sweetspire (gal) (LE) | *Itea virginica* |  $ 6.00  |
| Virginia sweetspire (3 gal) (LE) | *Itea virginica* |  $ 15.00  |
| Winged sumac (gal) | *Rhus copallina* |  $ 6.00  |
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| **Shrub-like perennials** |   |   |
| Halberdleaf rose-mallow | *Hibiscus laevis* |  $ 6.00  |
| Scarlet rose-mallow | *Hibiscus coccineus* |  $ 6.00  |
| Swamp rose-mallow | *Hibiscus grandiflorus* |  $ 6.00  |
| Woolly rose-mallow | *Hibiscus lasiocarpus* |  $ 6.00  |
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| **Shrub-like evergreens** |  |  |
| Coontie | *Zamia integrifolia* |  $ 7.00  |
| Yucca (LE) | *Yucca filamentosa* |  $ 4.00  |
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| **Ferns** |  |   |
| Netted chain fern (LE) | *Woodwardia areolata* |  $ 5.00  |
| Resurrection fern (LE) | *Pleopeltis polypodioides* |  $ 5.00  |
| Sensitive fern (LE) | *Onoclea sensibilis* |  $ 5.00  |
| Southern shield fern | *Thelypteris kunthii* |  $ 5.00  |
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| **Grasses** |  |   |
| Giant plume grass | *Saccharum giganteum*  |  $ 6.00  |
| Muhly grass (gal) | *Muhlenbergia capillaris* |  $ 6.00  |
| Purple top grass (gal) | *Tridens flavus* |  $ 6.00  |

Coastal Plain Chapter will be selling plants all season and more species will be added as they become available. If you would like to receive our plant list updates email at cpcgnps@gmail.com and we will send them to you.

Thank you all for your support and interest in using native plants in your landscape.