**Members of Coastal Plain Chapter of GNPS**

**May 2021**

**Past Events**

**Plant Sale at Coastal Wildscapes**

Our chapter was one of the vendors at Coastal Wildscapes Plant Sale on April 17. It was held at the beautiful historical site of Ashantilly Center in Darien. Amy Heidt, Paul Sumner, Gail Farley, Erin Cork, and Heather Brasell were the volunteers for the event. Plant sales went really well. Amy and Paul brought their truck loaded to the hilt with as many plants as they could fit and they had very few plants to take home.

**Earth Day Event**

Our chapter donated four trays of plants for the Earth Day event as a fundraiser for the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence. Funds will help endow a new chair for Mother Earth Environmental Studies Chair and allow teachers to apply for grants for environmental projects.

**Progress on Old and New Community Projects**

**Old Projects**: Gail Farley, one of the Friends of Crooked River State Park, has been working on a project converting mowed area to a native plant meadow. She reported that the Park had a growing season prescribed burn last week, bypassing the solarized plot they had seeded in Nov 2020.  If you are in the area, visit the meadow and observe how plants are responding. However, don’t expect spectacular results for a couple of years – germination is often very slow. Of special note is the wire grass that reappeared after mowing was stopped, Wiregrass needs a growing season fire to produce viable seeds.

**Native Plant Habitat Certification**

Congratulations Karan Rawlins! Amy Heidt and Heather Brasell visited The Pines RV Park in Tifton and approved gold level GNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification. The area has woodland, slope seep, artificial pond and dam. Karan has done an amazing amount of work in this project in a short time frame. She has planted an impressive variety of native plants, some donated by our chapter. This site has great potential for educational impact. Karan is fulfilling this potential by networking and collaborating with many people - getting approval for the project from the RV Park owners, obtaining plants from various sources, and getting help in planting them.

We encourage you to consider getting your garden or community project certified through this GNPS program. You can find details at <https://gnps.org/conservation/native-plant-habitat-certification-2/>

**Coming Events: May-June**

**Plant Sales**

Plant sales have started and Amy Heidt is again be in charge of sale of native plants. 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 us 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 May 8 & 15**: We have resumed plant sales at GA Museum of Agriculture. Future dates: May 8, May 15 and maybe June 12 9 am to noon.

**St. Mary’s Garden Club June 12**

Our chapter will be one of the vendors at St Mary’s Garden Club plant sale on Saturday, June 12, 9-noon at Orange Hall. They'll be offering preorders to members of CPC and St Mary’s Garden Club.

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

**FL Native Plant Society Virtual Conference May 14-16**

This is a great opportunity to support our neighboring FNPS. For more information: <https://www.fnps.org/conference/2021>

**GA Botanical Society Marie Mellinger Grants**

GA BotSoc’s Marie Mellinger Grant program supports field-oriented botanical research in GA. Proposals for 2021 may be submitted via email (or U. S. mail postmarked) by 15 May 2021, for projects beginning or continuing in 2021. Proposals are reviewed by a Georgia Botanical Society evaluation committee; announcements of awards will be made by 15 June 2021. For more information: <https://www.gabotsoc.org/?page_id=9162>

**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>

**Events in Planning at Okefenokee Swamp Park**

We’ve had a couple of requests to collaborate with projects at Okefenokee Swamp Park, just east of Waycross.

1. They want to convert some lawn to a native plant garden. This has great educational potential.
2. The new Environmental Science Education Coordinator at the Okefenokee Swamp Park and Okefenokee RESA is planning a summer camp program for children in upcoming grades 2-8. Camp OSCAR will focus on **O**kefenokee**S**ustainability, **C**onservation, **A**dvocacy, and **R**espect.
* Upcoming 2nd & 3rd Grade: May 24-28; 8:30-12:30
* Upcoming 4th & 5th Grade: May 31-June 4; 8:30-12:30
* Upcoming 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade: June 7-11; 8:30-12:30

They are looking for collaborators like us to share what we know and love with the children. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, contact Heather Brasell **heather.brasell@gnps.org**, who will be coordinating our chapter participation.

**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 – Heather Brasell

Heather Brasell is current president of the chapter. She is now “retired” from a career mostly as forest ecologist in Australia, high school science teacher at Coffee High School, and teacher in the School of Education at Valdosta State University. Since retiring, she has been managing/practicing forest stewardship on family property. That means lots of work with prescribed burns and control of invasive plants. Part of the property has been developed as Gaskins Forest Education Center. All of this overlaps with continued activity in environmental education in many formats. If you want a place to hold any kind of environmental education program, contact Heather at **heather.brasell@gnps.org***.*

* 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****.**

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**Native Plant Sale May 2021**

Plant pre-orders will available for pick up Wiregrass Farmers Market parking lot in Tifton, GA on May 8, 2021 from 11am-12 noon or between 4:30 and 5pm on May 9th at Exit 71 (Sunsweet/Willis Still) in Chula, GA.

Coastal Plain Chapter accepts PayPal (cpcgnps@gmail.com), money orders (made out to Coastal Plain Chapter, GNPS) or cash (no checks or credit cards). Payment is due before or at the time of plant pick up.

Coastal Plain Chapter GNPS members will receive a 10% discount on all sales.

To purchase plants and for all questions related to these plants for sale, please contact us at cpcgnps@gmail.com .

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| **LE= Local Ecotype GE= Georgia Ecotype** |  |
| **Common name** | **Scientific Name** |  **Price**  |
| **Perennials** |   |   |
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| Atamasco lily | *Zephyranthes atamasca* |  $ 3.00  |
| Bee balm (dotted horsemint) | *Monarda punctata* |  $ 3.00  |
| Black-eyed Susan (LE) | *Rudbeckia hirta* |  $ 3.00 |
| Blanket flower - Yellow | *Gaillardia.*sp. *Yellow* |  $ 3.00  |
| Blue mist flower | *Conoclinium coelestinum* |  $ 3.00 |
| Blue mist flower (gal) | *Conoclinium coelestinum* |  $ 6.00 |
| Blue-eyed grass | *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* |  $ 4.00  |
| Brown eyed Susan | *Rudbeckia triloba* |  $ 3.00 |
| Cardinal flower  | *Lobelia cardinalis* |  $ 3.00  |
| Clasping coneflower | *Dracopis amplexicaulis* |  $ 3.00  |
| Climbing aster (gal) | *Ampelaster carolinianus* |  $ 6.00  |
| Columbine | *Aquilegia canadensis* |  $ 3.00 |
| Coreopsis (LE) | *Coreopsis* sp. |  $ 3.00 |
| Dense blazing star | *Liatris spicata* |  $ 5.00 |
| Goldenrod downy ragged  | *Solidago petiolaris* |  $ 3.00  |
| Green-head cone flower (gal) (GE) | *Rudbeckia laciniata* |  $ 6.00  |
| Joe pye weed | *Eupatorium fistulosum* |  $ 3.00 |
| Lanceleaf coreopsis  | *Coreopsis lanceolata* |  $ 4.00  |
| Lemon bee balm | *Monarda citriodora* |  $ 3.00  |
| Lyreleaf sage (white) (LE) | *Salvia lyrata* |  $ 4.00  |
| Mountain mint | *Pycnanthemum virginianum* |  $ 4.00  |
| Musky mint (gal) (LE) | *Hyptis alata* |  $ 3.00  |
| Native strawberry (gal) (LE) | *Fragaria virginiana* |  $ 6.00  |
| Obedient plant | *Physostegia virginiana* |  $ 4.00  |
| Orange coneflower | *Rudbeckia fulgida* |  $ 4.00  |
| Prairie coneflower  | *Ratibida columnifera* |  $ 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  |
| Rosinweed | *Silphium* sp. |  $ 6.00  |
| Rosinweed (starry) | *Silphium asteriscus* |  $ 3.00  |
| Scarlet sage | *Salvia coccinea* |  $ 3.00 |
| Spider lily (gal) (GE) | *Hymenocallis occidentalis* |  $ 6.00  |
| Spider lily (LE) | *Hymenocallis duvalensis*  |  $ 4.00  |
| Stokes aster (gal) | *Stokesia laevis* |  $ 6.00  |
| Water dropwort | *Tiedemannia filiformis* |  $ 3.00 |
| White doll’s daisy | *Boltonia asteroides* |  $ 3.00 |
| Yarrow | *Achillea millefolium* |  $ 3.00  |
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| **Milkweeds** |   |   |
| Aquatic milkweed | *Asclepias perennis* |  $ 4.00  |
| Butterfly weed (GE) | *Asclepias tuberosa* |  $ 4.00  |
| Butterfly weed (GE) (gal) | *Asclepias tuberosa* |  $ 6.00  |
| 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  |
| American wisteria (3 gal) (LE) | *Wisteria frutescens* |  $ 20.00  |
| Coral honeysuckle (LE) | *Lonicera sempervirens* |  $ 4.00  |
| Yellow jessamine (LE) | *Gelsemium sempervirens* |  $ 6.00 |
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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  |
| Fringe tree | *Chionanthus virginicus* |  $ 7.00 |
| Hearts-a-bursting | *Euonymus americanus* |  $ 6.00  |
| Oakleaf hydrangea | *Hydrangea quercifolia* |  $ 6.00 |
| Possumhaw (LE) | *Viburnum nudum* |  $ 6.00  |
| Redbud  | *Cercis canadensis* |  $ 15.00 |
| Sassafras (gal) (LE) | *Sassafras albidum* |  $ 6.00  |
| Shiny blueberry (3 gal) | *Vaccinium myrsinites*  |  $ 20.00  |
| Smooth hydrangea (3 gal) | *Hydrangea arborescens*  |  $ 20.00  |
| Virginia sweetspire (3 gal) (LE) | *Itea virginica* |  $ 20.00  |
| Virginia sweetspire (gal) (LE) | *Itea virginica* |  $ 6.00  |
| Winged sumac (gal) | *Rhus copallina* |  $ 6.00  |
| Yellow popular (gal) | *Liriodendron tulipifera* |  $ 6.00 |
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| **Shrub-like perennials** |   |   |
| Halberd-leaf hibiscus | *Hibiscus laevis* |  $ 3.00 |
| Halberd-leaf hibiscus | *Hibiscus laevis* |  $ 6.00 |
| Scarlet rose hibiscus | *Hibiscus coccineus* |  $ 3.00  |
| Swamp rose-mallow | *Hibiscus grandiflorus* |  $ 3.00  |
| Swamp rose-mallow (gal) | *Hibiscus grandiflorus* |  $ 6.00  |
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| **Shrub-like Evergreen** |  |  |
| Coontie | *Zamia integrifolia* |  $ 5.00  |
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| **Ferns** |  |   |
| Netted chain fern (LE) (gal) | *Woodwardia areolata* |  $ 6.00  |
| Sensitive fern (LE) | *Onoclea sensibilis* |  $ 4.00  |
| Spleenwort (LE) (gal) | *Asplenium* sp. |  $ 6.00 |
| Southern shield fern (LE) | *Thelypteris kunthii* |  $ 4.00  |
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| **Grasses** |  |   |
| Giant plume grass (gal) | *Saccharum giganteum*  |  $ 6.00  |
| Muhly grass (gal) | *Muhlenbergia capillaris* |  $ 6.00  |
| Purpletop grass (gal) | *Tridens flavus* |  $ 6.00  |
| Purpletop grass (3 gal) | *Tridens flavus* |  $ 12.00  |
| River oats | *Chasmanthium latifolium* |  $ 3.00 |

Coastal Plains Chapter will be selling plants all summer long and more species will be added as they become large enough to transfer to pots. If you would like to receive our plant list updates email me and I will send them to you.

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