

Georgia Native Plant Society

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REPORT
2023

Georgia Native Plant Society is a statewide organization with affiliated chapters. Our mission is to promote the stewardship and conservation of Georgia's native plants and their habitats.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is a great pleasure to share the large strides Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) took in 2023. I am humbled to be the first executive director of the organization. Our grand task is to help transform Georgia's landscape to one full of healthy ecosystems that support people, wildlife, clean water, and soils alive with life. We ended 2023 with the highest number of members and highest number of activities in our history. It is clear to me that once people understand the importance of native plants, they are eager to make changes and teach others.

There are few ways that we as individuals can make a positive impact for the environment. Planting native - even just one plant - offers every person the chance to make a difference. GNPS provides opportunities and resources to support people in their pursuit of knowledge and good stewardship, and builds a much needed sense of community. Enjoy this summary of our efforts to grow more people who love native plants and transform Georgia's landscape.

~Nikki Belmonte, Executive Director

8
chapters

2,058
members

835
volunteers



The Fringed Campion Chapter established a native plant garden at Macon's historic City Cemetery. Photo by G. Lewis

IMPACT 2023

56

Outreach Programs

60

Plant Rescues

16

Plant Sales

47

Field Trips & Workshops

825

Volunteer hours at Stone Mountain Propagation Project

44

Educational Presentations

16

Native Plant Habitat Certifications

420

Annual Symposium Attendees



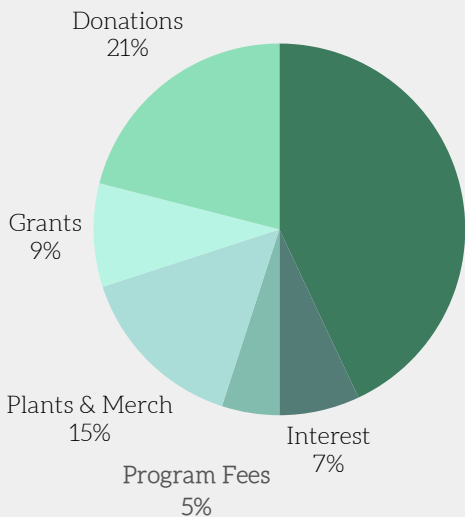
Growth at SMPP

Thanks to a grant from Woodard & Curran, the Stone Mountain Propagation Project (SMPP) grew with the addition of a contract nursery manager. Kelley Hanada has increased propagation efforts, providing key conservation species to partners for several restoration projects and educational gardens. Production relies on weekly volunteers - in 2023, more than 50 volunteers contributed 825 hours at SMPP.

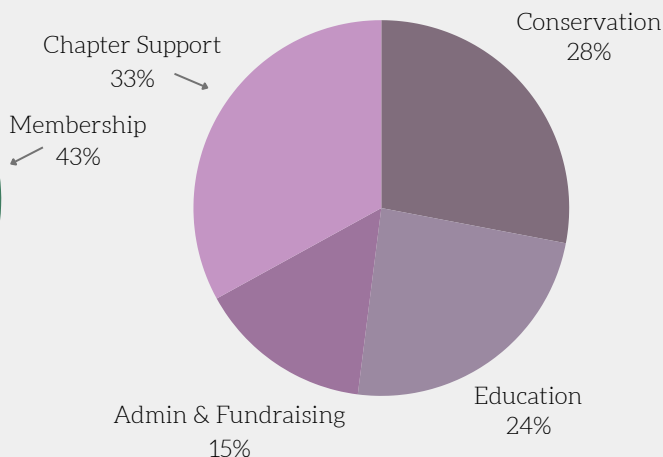


Financials

Revenue
\$108,382



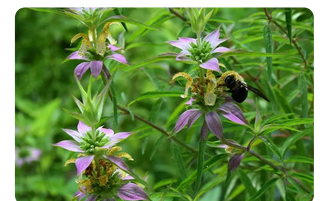
Expense
\$106,418



New in 2023

- Blue Ridge Plants & Landscaping brochure.
- Small Trees/Shrubs for Small Lots & Utility Areas plant list.
- Updated logo and branding.

Plant of the Year:
Spotted Beebalm
(*Monarda punctata*)



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