





# **Accomplishments for 2019**

### **Programs and Events**

- Kicked off 2019 at our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Symposium Looking Inward Fire, Forest, & Floodplains. This theme was carried through the year's educational programing.
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser *Starlight & Spartina* at the Musgrove Retreat Center, SSI, was a great success raising \$9,800.

### • Lunch & Learns:

- o Turtles of the Coastal Plain
- o Birds of Prey
- Plant Identification Workshop –
  Altama Plantation WMA

## • Evening Lectures:

- o The Red Cockaded Woodpecker
- o Carnivores of the Plant World

### • Field Trips:

- Gopher Tortoise Conservation
  Altama Plantation WMA
- Fall Plant Walk Townsend WMA Sandhills
- o Fall Plant Walk Altama Plantation WMA
- Old Growth Longleaf Pine Forest – Moody Forest Preserve
- Broxton Rocks Preserve –
  Coffee County

#### • Paddles:

- Cathead Creek Paddle with Southeast Outdoor Adventures
- Okefenokee Paddle with Okefenokee Adventures

# • Film and Cocktails:

Secrets of the Longleaf Pine – Ritz Theater

- Honored Randy Tate as the 1<sup>st</sup> prize 2019 "Looking Inward – Fire, Forest, & Floodplains" photo contest winner.
- Used the Paul Griffin Scholarship Fund to send a child to the GA DNR Camp Talon.
- Held our Spring & Fall Native Plant Sales at Ashantilly Center in Darien, GA.
- Celebrated our members with a *Feast* of the Coastal Wild oyster roast at Altama Plantation WMA.

### **Partnerships**

• Partnered with One Hundred Miles to facilitate the second Master Birding Course.

### **Volunteering**

- Awarded our Volunteer of the year award to Judy and Fred Fergus for their years of dedicated volunteer service.
- Tended the native plant gardens on Little St. Simons and Sapelo Islands.
- Helped to maintain and plant pollinator plants in the wetland and pollinator demonstration gardens at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- Provided support and volunteers for the Butterflies of the Atlantic Flyway Alliance (BAFA) fall migratory butterfly surveys.
- Held 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall 1 day Butterfly Bio Blitz.
- Provided GA DNR with volunteers for monthly garden restoration work days at Altama Plantation WMA.
- Provided GA DNR with volunteers to help with invasive Sand Pine removal at Townsend WMA.
- Provided GA DNR with volunteers to help with invasive Periwinkle vine removal at Altama Plantation WMA.



# **Our Mission**

To connect residents to the habitats of coastal Georgia and empower them to be stewards of their natural environment

### Our Goals:

- Educate target audiences about native habitats.
- Provide tools to empower ecologically based decision-making.
- Foster a culture that values biodiversity.





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