



## Accomplishments for 2014

### Programs & Events

- 2014 was kicked off at our annual Symposium - Open the Garden Gate. This year we opened the garden gate to “Creatures of the Night” This theme of “Creatures” was carried through to the rest of the year’s educational programming
- Our second annual fundraiser *Starlight & Spartina* held at the Musgrove Plantation, SSI, was a great success
- Conducted several Lunch & Learn Events and Evening Cocktail lectures. Topics included: beneficial insects, dish bog gardening, all about owls, and alligators & snakes
- Led two botanical field trips, one to the sandhills at Townsend WMA and the second to a botanically rich spot at Paulks Pasture WMA
- Led two seed collection trips to Little St. Simons Island and Sapelo Island. Collections provide regionally-specific genotypes of native plants for propagation and public distribution at our spring and fall plant sales. Led a members only paddle trip on the Satilla River in partnership with the Satilla Riverkeeper
- Continued the Coastal Habitat Certification program and awarded several Coastal Habitat Certifications
- Held our spring Native Plant Sale at the Ashantilly Center, Darien GA

- Held our fall Native Plant Sale at the Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center, Midway GA
- Celebrated our Members with a *Feast of the Coastal Wild* oyster roast

### Partnerships

- Partnered with The Nature Conservancy, Coastal Georgia Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, and Altamaha River Keeper to remove invasive plants from the Altamaha River
- Partnered with Georgia Department of Natural Resources to expand educational opportunities to mitigate the impact of invasive exotic plants
- Partnered with Georgia Forestry Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service to research, design and help disseminate a Firewise Landscape Booklet as an education resource about native plants, wildlife friendly gardening, and fire resistant landscaping
- Coastal WildScapes continues their partnership with the City of Midway to educate the public on natural wetland communities through our outreach programs in 2014-2015 and projects at Cay Creek. The project was award a Coastal Incentive Grant supported by NOAA in 2014

- Partnered with the Friends of Sapelo to add more species to their Native Plant Garden
- Partner with the Jekyll Island Authority to provide space for native plant propagation, supplies, and staff time at the Jekyll Island Greenhouse complex
- Coastal WildScapes was awarded a Five Star National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Grant supported by The Southern Company to implement a native plant wetland demonstration garden designed by Verdant Enterprises as part of a 2013 master plan for Cay Creek Wetland Interpretive Center

### Volunteering

- Provided volunteers for invasive species removal work at Cannon’s Point Preserve, St. Simons Island
- Provided volunteer citizen scientists to partner with The Nature Conservancy, Georgia Department of Natural resources and Little St. Simons Island for continued development and implementation of Living Shoreline and native plant habitats
- Provided volunteers and organized regular work days for control of invasive exotic plants at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center
- Provided volunteers to tend the native plant gardens on Little St. Simons and Sapelo Islands.
- Provided volunteers to work on marine debris on Little St. Simons Island



## Mission

The mission of Coastal WildScapes is to actively preserve and restore the highly significant biodiversity of Southeastern coastal ecosystems by protecting existing native habitats, rebuilding the connectivity of impaired habitats and minimizing the future fragmentation of the coastal landscape. We have three overarching strategies to accomplish our mission:

**Educational Outreach**  
**Conservation Initiatives**  
**Grassroots Activities**

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