



Accomplishments for 2018

Programs and Events

- Kicked off 2018 at our 9th annual Symposium - Open the Garden Gate to Beaches & Barrier Islands. This theme was carried through the year's educational programming.
- Our 5th annual fundraiser *Starlight & Spartina* at the Musgrove Retreat Center, SSI, was a great success raising \$13,000.
- **Lunch & Learns:**
 - *Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles*
 - *Resilient Native Plants*
 - *Birds of Prey*
 - *Fall Migratory Butterflies*
 - *Maritime Forest Restoration*
- **Evening Lectures:**
 - *Life Traces of the GA coast*
 - *Snakes of Georgia*
 - *A High Low Tide – an evening at Skidaway*
- **Field Trips:**
 - *Reptiles and Amphibians – Jekyll Island*
 - *Ocean Life on the RV Bulldog*
 - *Night Sea Turtle Walk – SSI*
 - *Moonlight Paddle on White Chimney River*
 - *Barrier Island Ecology and Bird Walk – Jekyll Island*

- *Sapelo Island History and Wildlife*
- *Creighton Island History & Ecology*
- *Birding on Tybee Island*
- Continued our Habitat Certification program and awarded 7 certifications.
- Honored Duke Smith as the 1st prize 2018 “Beach & Barrier Island” photo contest winner.
- Used the Paul Griffin Scholarship Fund to send a child to the GA DNR Camp Talon.
- Participated in an Oyster Roast fundraiser at Sorry Charlie's in Savannah, GA. To date \$2555 has been raised and will be used to support the restoration work of the Living Shoreline working group.
- 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. This year at Altama Plantation WMA.

Partnerships

- Partnered with the Friends of Sapelo to add more plant species to their Native Plant Garden.
- Partnered with the Jekyll Island Authority to propagate native plants at the Jekyll Island Greenhouse complex.

- Partnered with GA DNR CoastFest event to award a best “Habitat” award to Liberty County School student artist Lindsey Copeland.
- Partnered with One Hundred Miles to facilitate the first Master Birding Course and helped with planning a session at the Choosing to Lead Conference, Jekyll Is.

Volunteering

- Awarded our Volunteer of the year award to Paula Wheatley for her years of dedicated volunteer service.
- Assisted GA DNR with a population assessment of the rare Radford's Mint.
- Tended the native plant gardens on Little St. Simons and Sapelo Islands.
- Helped maintain the wetland demonstration garden at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- Helped with a monthly native bee survey on Sapelo Island.
- Provided support and volunteers for the Butterflies of the Atlantic Flyway Alliance Fall Migratory butterfly surveys.
- 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.



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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