



Accomplishments for 2016

Programs & Events

- 2016 was kicked off at our annual Symposium - Open the Garden Gate. The theme was “Pollinators” which was carried through to the rest of the year’s educational programming.
- Our 4th annual fundraiser *Starlight & Spartina* at the Musgrove Plantation, SSI, was a great success. We raised \$15,000.
- Hosted several Lunch & Learn Events, Evening Movies, and Lectures. Topics included: groundcover restoration, native bees, birds of prey, & “Hometown Habitat” movie.
- Led a field trip to Paulks Pasture WMA, a Butterfly walk at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center, and joined the Jekyll Island Bird Banding station folks.
- Led an invasive plant species removal day at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- Led a member only paddle trip on the Satilla River with the Satilla Riverkeeper.
- Worked with the STEM program in Liberty County to educate area youth Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- Continued the Coastal Habitat Certification program.
- Participated in 3 Oyster Roast fundraisers at Sorry Charlies in Savannah. So far over \$2,300 has been raised which will be used to support the restoration work of the Living shoreline working group.



- Held our Spring & Fall Native Plant Sales at the Ashantilly Center, Darien GA
- Celebrated our Members with a *Feast of the Coastal Wild* oyster roast.
- Launched a redesigned website.

Partnerships

- Worked with the Orianne Society to educate youth at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- We were awarded a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Grant to implement a pollinator demonstration garden at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center and to provide pollinator garden grants to the community in the upcoming year.
- Continue our partnership with the City of Midway to educate the public on natural wetland communities through our projects at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center. A wetland demonstration garden was installed as part of a master plan for the site.
- Partnered with the Friends of Sapelo to add more species to their Native Plant Garden
- Partnered with the Jekyll Island Authority to propagate native plants at the Jekyll Island Greenhouse complex.
- Collected native bee survey data for coastal Georgia (specifically Sapelo Island) in partnership with Sam Droge at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.
- Contributed a small donation to the GA DNR acquisition of the Altama Plantation WMA.



- Developed interpretive signage for a boardwalk on the Satilla River with the Satilla Riverkeeper, UGA Extension – Camden County, & Bryan-Lang Historical Archives.
- 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 Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- Partnered with the Longleaf Alliance, St. Simons PTA, & GA DNR to design, implement, and grow plants for an educational native “Habitat” garden at the St. Simons Elementary School.
- Partnered with GA DNR CoastFest event to award a best “Habitat” award to Oglethorpe Point Elementary student artist Emmeline Griffith.

Volunteering

- Assisted GA DNR with a population assessment of the rare Radford’s mint.
- Control of invasive exotic plants at Cay Creek Wetlands Interpretive Center.
- Tended the native plant gardens on Little St. Simons and Sapelo Islands.
- Installed the native planting at St. Simons Elementary school.
- Provided volunteers for a bee survey on Sapelo 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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