



Mississippi Native Plants and Environmental Education

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2013 Conference Edition

The Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance and the Mississippi Native Plant Society both have exceptional conferences planned for this year that you will not want to miss! More information and the registration forms are inside.

MEEA will be meeting on the coast in two exciting places. We will be staying at picturesque Camp Wilkes on the north side of the Back Bay in Biloxi and spending Saturday at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The conference theme this year is Sustainable Local Agriculture. **Be sure to bring silent auction items!**

MEEA Scholarships are available and are incredible! Contact Peggy Guyton for more information at peggyguyton@gmail.com or to see which one you qualify for.

This is the weekend of the **Peter Anderson Festival** so you may want to spend the entire weekend on the coast!

MNPS will meet at the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center in Holly Springs for a two day conference. Board members and staff will describe the history, mission, educational programs, plant habitats and conservation efforts of Strawberry Plains. Heather Sullivan will propose a joint herbarium venture between the MNPS and the State herbarium. On and offsite field trips will be integrated into the conference. Come prepared to enjoy a silent auction, plant sale and social hour. A detailed agenda is on the MNPS website. **Be sure to bring silent auction items!**

MNPS is interested in having an idea of how many people to expect so please contact Debora or Peggy (addresses in sidebar) and let them know if you will be there. This is just to make sure we have enough food on hand! If you are making a last minute decision and haven't notified them, **come on anyway!!!! The more the merrier!**

MNPS and MEEA will be experimenting with accepting credit card payments for registration this year. Everything seems to be working but we worry about phone signals and Gremlins so you might want to bring a check or two as a backup!

Your Editors Need a Little Help

This summer proved to be the busiest we have had in a very long time and we are experiencing a lull in articles contributed for the newsletter. Consequently we are in danger of skipping an issue. If we find, receive enough or all of a sudden hit a really creative streak we might squeeze in a fall edition! We would love to publish more environmental education articles and could use a few new native plant contributors. We would even enjoy having a regular feature writer or two. If you are not a writer we would be interested in what you would like to see articles on in your newsletter.

Greetings Fellow MNPS Members! by Dr. Lelia Kelly, MNPS President

Dear Fellow Plant Enthusiast,
Please join us at our annual conference, October 18-19th at the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center in Holly Springs, MS.

We have a wonderful slate of knowledgeable speakers and some great activities in store for attendees. We will also have a silent auction and a plant sale. If you would like to bring a contribution to the auction or plant sale, we would be very appreciative.



We are a society of plant professionals including biologists, horticulturists and conservationists. We are also the typical home gardener or anyone interested in learning more about our native plants.

We all share a passion for nature and the plants native to our state. We also enjoy meeting and networking with other like-minded individuals.

The conference fee includes a one year membership in the society. Members contribute and learn by participating in organized field trips to interesting natural areas throughout the state and by attending annual conferences packed with activities and seminars by experts. Members also receive a quarterly newsletter filled with useful articles on plants and information on upcoming events.

If you have never been to the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center it will be worth your trip just to explore the grounds and interact with the professionals at this sometimes overlooked educational jewel of North Mississippi.

For more information about the center and the year round programs and events they offer, please visit their website: <http://strawberryplains.audubon.org/>

We are a growing society and are always looking for prospective members. The more members we have the greater the body of knowledge we can share with each other and through our public programs to further our mission.

Mission

The Mississippi Native Plant Society was formed in 1980 to provide a forum for learning about our state's ecosystems and the plants that exist within them. Our goal is to provide educational opportunities and to encourage the conservation and utilization of native plants.

Please join us for a fun and educational event for "plant people"!
Sponsor: Mississippi State University Marshall County Extension Office

Sincerely,
Lelia Scott Kelly, PhD
MNPS President
leliak@ext.msstate.edu

I trust in nature for the stable laws of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant and autumn garner to the end of time - Robert Browning

Mississippi Native Plant Society

Strawberry Plains Audubon Center
Holly Springs, MS
Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2013

Registration (\$70 Friday and Saturday, \$40 Friday, \$30 Saturday)

Credit Cards Accepted!! At the door.



PLANT SALE AND SILENT AUCTION DONATION

For our annual conference this October 18-19, 2013, we will be having a plant sale and a silent auction. And, we need you to make it a success. **All proceeds** will go to continue the upkeep of our Mississippi Native Plant Society webpage which keeps us all informed and updated. Also, this is a great time to buy plants, gifts and useful items without the hassle of shopping at the stores or online. Members, friends, affiliate organizations, or anyone interested in making a donation are welcomed!

For the plant sale – be propagating your native plants now in order to have them ready for October. It is also fun to share your plants and buy plants you may not have.

For the silent auction – Bring anything useful or pretty. Items such as decorative pots, gift baskets, original artwork, handmade crafts, picture frames, vases, any white elephant item and gift certificates are great. It is fun to look at the handy work of others and the interesting items. Usually there are some bargains too!

RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!

Rooms in northeast Mississippi are in high demand due to the Ole Miss/LSU football game. We would highly recommend you secure your lodging reservation ASAP. We have checked out the better places to stay, and the follow places have vacancies as of today, July 3rd.

EconoLodge - 100 Brooks Road, Holly Springs, MS phone (662) 252-5444 (25 rooms)

Kirkwood National Golf Club Cottages- 277 Palmer Lane, Hwy 4W, Holly Springs, MS -phone 800-461-4653 (4 rooms)

Comfort Inn Suites - 400 Hwy 30 West, New Albany, MS (662)534-5664 (25 rooms)

Now Autumn's fire burns slowly along the woods and day by day the dead leaves fall and melt. William Allingham

You're invited to join other plant enthusiasts at the Mississippi Native Plant Society's Annual Conference



October 18-19, 2013
Strawberry Plains Audubon Center
Holly Springs, MS

Registration Form--Deadline October 10th for count of who will be there for catered dinner on Friday

Please complete this form and mail with your check or money order to:

Debora Mann, Treasurer
MNPS, Inc
114 Auburn Drive
Clinton, MS 39056-6002

Cost: \$70.00
Friday Only: \$40.00
Saturday Only: \$30.00

Cost for conference includes 2 lunches, 1 catered dinner, break snacks, drinks and social hour refreshments. It also includes a facility use donation and a one year membership in Mississippi Native Plant Society.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Choose One:

___ Conference (Both days)--\$70.00 ___ Number people: Total amt. _____

___ Friday--\$40.00 ___ Number people: Total amt. _____

___ Saturday--\$30.00 ___ Number people: Total amt. _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

You may choose to submit your registration electronically from the website and pay when you arrive. MNPS can accept your credit cards. Society website address: <http://www.mississippinativeplantsociety.org/>

THANKS! SEE YOU THERE

Conference Dates
November 1–2, 2013

Register
Now!

Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance (MEEA)

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Annual Fall Conference 2013

- ▶ **Audience:** All formal and informal educators, Envirothon team sponsors and environmental communicators.
- ▶ **What:** This educational conference will feature presentations in support of this year's Envirothon's Current Issue, *Sustainable Local Agriculture*, as well as other environmental education topics. CEUs will be available for a nominal fee in addition to the registration fee.
- ▶ **When & Where:**

Fri. Nov. 1 at Camp Wilkes 1:00 PM-9:00 PM
2109 Camp Wilkes Rd, Biloxi, MS
www.campwilkes.org

Sat. Nov. 2 at Grand Bay NERR 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
6005 Bayou Heron Road, Moss Point, MS
www.grandbaynerr.org
- ▶ **How:** Fill out and return the attached form with your fees. COST \$75 (Registration fee includes: 2 nights stay in dorm, 3 meals, 1 evening poster social and snacks for 2 days). Dorm rooms are bunkhouse style, and you must bring your own linens, pillows and towels. **Some scholarships are available. Contact Jennifer for details.**



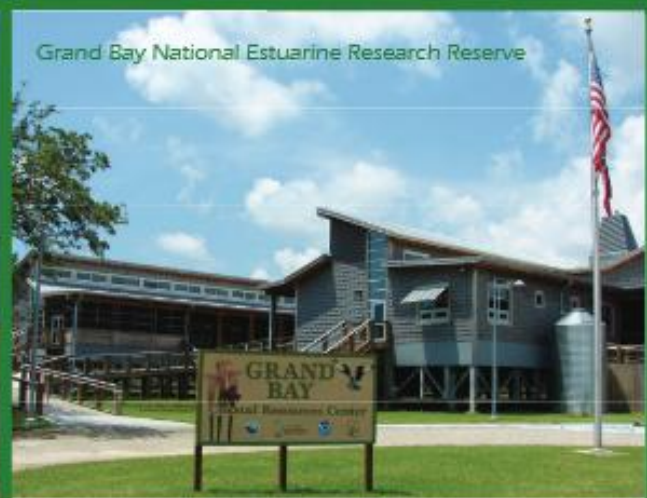
Grand Bay
National Estuarine
Research Reserve



Harrison County Soil and Water
Conservation District

Need More Info?

Jennifer Buchanan, Pres.
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228-475-7047
<http://eeinmississippi.org/>



Stay over on Saturday night and attend the Peter Anderson Festival in Ocean Springs, MS, on Sunday!

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Conference Highlights

CEUs Available



This year our **keynote speaker** will be Mr. Daniel Doyle. Mr. Doyle is currently the Statewide Coordinator of the *Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network (MSAN)* and is a past Executive Director of the *Gaining Ground Sustainability Institute of Mississippi*. Mr. Doyle has a background in both education and agriculture. He taught for many years in the classroom but eventually left this formal educational setting to co-found and manage one of Mississippi's first CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farms, *Yokna Bottoms*, in Oxford, Miss.

- ▶ **Hands-on Indoor and Outdoor Presentations and an Evening Poster Session/Dessert Social**—If you wish to create, display and present a poster outlining a project you have worked on, please submit a short abstract to Janet Chapman, Janet_Chapman@deq.state.ms.us for consideration.
- ▶ **Meals made primarily from locally grown or wild harvested foods**—Our cooks will prepare locally sourced foods for our dining pleasure. Vegetarian options will be available.
- ▶ **Field Trip to Local Garden and Orchard**—We will enjoy a lunch at a local restaurant that uses a lot of ingredients grown in their adjacent garden and orchards. After lunch we will tour the grounds.
- ▶ **Free Teaching Resources**—We are assembling a bagful of resources on a variety of environmental topics that will help make your classroom presentations more engaging.
- ▶ **Silent Auction**—Please bring items for the silent auction. Proceeds are used to provide mini-grants for environmental education projects!
- ▶ **Some Scholarships are Available**—Contact us to see if you qualify for a free registration!



Conference Locations: Camp Wilkes in North Biloxi (Fri) and the Grand Bay NERR in Jackson County (Sat)

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Registration Form

Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance (MEEA)

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Date: _____ Check Nights you will stay in the dorm _____ Friday _____ Saturday

Dorm rooms are bunkhouse style, and you must bring your own linens (Twin XL), pillow and towels.

Name: _____ M _____ F

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number (24 hr): _____

Meal Option : _____ No Preference _____ Vegetarian

Accessibility

Needs: _____

CEUs : _____ Yes _____ No (CEUs must be paid for during registration at conference.)

Type of Payment: _____ Check _____ Cash _____ Credit /Debit Card _____ PO

Please make checks out to MEEA for \$75.00.

Return registration form with your fee by

Oct. 18, 2013

to

Peggy Guyton

P.O. Box 43

Mayhew, MS 39753

Or scan and send form to peggyguyton@gmail.com

Please call 228.324.3136 if you have any questions.

Mississippi Native Plant Society Application

The organization dedicated to the study and appreciation of native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. Join Today!

New member ____ Renewing ____ (note any changes below)

Name _____

Address _____

PO or Street Address City Zip Code

Email _____ Phone _____

Individual or Family \$10 Student \$7.50 Sustaining \$15

Contributing \$35 Life \$125

Newsletter preference Email or Regular mail (USPS)

Return form to Dr. Debora Mann, 114 Auburn Dr. Clinton, MS 39056-6002

Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance Application, The state affiliate of the NAAEE

Name _____ New ____ Renewing

Organization _____

Address _____

PO or Street Address City Zip Code

Email _____ Phone _____

Individual \$15 Student \$5 Family Institution or Business \$50

Life \$150 Patron > \$150

Committee interest: Strategic Planning, NCLI, Conference, Awards

Communication, Climate Change, MEEA Board

Return application with check to MEEA c/o Angel Rohnke, MS Museum of Natural Science, 2148 Riverside Dr., Jackson, MS 39202

MEEA's Website: eeinmississippi.org

MS Native Plant Society

mississippinativeplantsociety.org

Coastal Plains MNPS meets every 4th Monday in Gulfport. Contact President Edie Dreher at 228-864-2775 or mail to 100 24th St., Gulfport, MS 39507.

Join MNPS, MEEA or both!

MS Environmental Education Alliance

eeinmississippi.org

The Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance conducts an annual fall conference and occasional workshops.

MNP&EE

Mississippi Native Plants & Environmental Education is the quarterly newsletter of the Mississippi Native Plant Society & the Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance.

Deadline for Articles

Winter - November 10

Spring - February 10

Summer - May 10

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MEEA Website: EEinMississippi.org

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MEEA Conference Dates November 1-2!

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