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## Friday, October 11

- 3:00-5:00 Tour Memphis Botanic Garden's conifer collection and its expansive Japanese Garden
- 5:00 Registration and tour of Dixon Gallery and Gardens; Acceptance of donations of plants for the auction
- 6:30 Dinner and display of auction items
- 7:30 Carol Reese: *Plants with Stories to Tell*

## Saturday, October 12

- 8:00 Board buses at Dixon Gallery and Gardens to tour two private gardens in Memphis.
- 10:00 Tour Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, the largest bonsai nursery in North America.
- 11:30 Lunch at Brussel's
- 12:15 Board buses for Jackson, Tennessee, to tour two private gardens and the University of Tennessee Research and Education Center, hosted by Jason Reeves; Presentation by Sue Hamilton and Andy Pulte: *Designing with Conifers*.
- 6:00 Arrive back at Dixon; appetizers and cash bar; silent auction begins
- 7:00 Dinner
- 8:00 Silent auction ends
- 8:00 John M. Ruter: *Landscaping with Conifers and Ginkgo for the Southeast*
- 9:00 Live auction

## Registration Fee

\$119 per person until September 25  
\$135 per person after September 25

## Symposium Site

DIXON GALLERY AND GARDENS  
4339 Park Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38117  
www.dixon.org

## Hotels with Group Rates

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON  
5069 Sanderlin Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38117  
901-767-6666 or 800-222-8733  
Hotel provides free shuttle service to and from airport.

HAMPTON INN  
5320 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38119  
901-683-8500 or 800-426-7866

Hotel provides complimentary hot breakfast.

Both hotels are exactly two miles from Dixon Gallery and Gardens. The group rate at both is \$89 per night (plus 16% tax of \$14.20). The rate is available October 10-14. Reservations may be made via the internet utilizing the code AMC for the DoubleTree or ACS for the Hampton Inn or by calling each hotel by September 20. Both hotels provide free internet access.

## Contact Information

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# Conifers with Southern Charm

A 2-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON  
GARDENING WITH CONIFERS

**GARDEN TOURS**  
**EDUCATIONAL TALKS**  
**PLANT AUCTION**



**October 11-12, 2013**  
Memphis, Tennessee

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**Dixon Gallery and Gardens** is a fine art museum and public garden that features a 17-acre campus of formal gardens, woodland tracts, and a large cutting garden. Its fine art museum includes a permanent collection of over 2,000 objects, focusing upon French and American impressionist paintings and German and English porcelain. The Dixon is serving as our host for this annual regional meeting. [www.dixon.org](http://www.dixon.org)

### Memphis Botanic Garden

Its 96-acre property includes 23 specialty gardens, among which are its conifer collection of plants from all over the world, highlighted by a mature Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca Pendula'). The Japanese Garden of Tranquility was created during the 1960's and updated in 1989 by noted Japanese garden designers. Its red bridge is one of the most photographed locations in Memphis. [www.memphisbotanicgarden.com](http://www.memphisbotanicgarden.com)

### Two private gardens in Memphis

These are the only two gardens in Memphis that are included in *Gardens: Private and Personal*, the book recently published by the Garden Club of America and Abrams. One is a three-acre park-like oasis that includes a large woodland tract with winding paths and a picturesque creek. The countless mature deciduous trees are spectacular in October. The other is an in-town garden with extensive plantings of conifers that complement the home's Oriental-style architecture.

**Brussel's Bonsai Nursery** has over 175,000 square feet of greenhouses devoted to bonsai and has been a destination for serious hobbyists for over 30 years. While most of its trees are mailed to enthusiasts, the nursery includes an extensive collection of ancient miniature trees which will be at the peak of their fall color as well as countless examples of conifers of all varieties. You will not want to miss this tour.

<http://www.brusselsbonsai.com/ourstory.cfm>

### Two private gardens in Jackson

These adjoining estates include two spacious Louisiana-style plantation homes and three antique log structures that have been reassembled on the grounds for guest quarters and garden storage. Extraordinary stonework and fabulous water features complement the lavish plantings.

### University of Tennessee's Research and Education Center

in Jackson was established in 1907 and focuses upon research on ornamentals as well as agronomic and horticultural crops. Visiting its extensive plantings of conifers being tested for suitability for use in the South will be a highlight of the tour. A highlight will be the annual pumpkin display that attracts thousands of visitors each year.

**CAROL REESE** is the University of Tennessee's Ornamental Horticulture Specialist for West Tennessee. She writes a weekly gardening column for the *Jackson Sun* and is a frequent contributor to numerous gardening magazines including *Fine Gardening* and *Horticulture*, and her presentations take her all over the nation.

**JASON REEVES** is the Curator of the University of Tennessee Gardens in Jackson. He has interned and worked at the Missouri Botanical Garden and Longwood Gardens as well as at Palomia Gardens in New Zealand. He is a contributing editor at *Fine Gardening* magazine and is a frequent speaker at symposiums and conferences.

**DR. JOHN M. RUTER** is the new president of the Southeast Region of the American Conifer Society and is the Allan M. Armitage Endowed Professor of Horticulture at the University of Georgia. He has authored or co-authored over 400 publications and two books, including *Landscaping with Conifers and Ginkgo for the Southeast*, which was published this spring.

**DR. SUE HAMILTON** is the director of the University of Tennessee Gardens and a professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UT Knoxville. Her columns appear regularly in several publications including the *Knoxville News Sentinel* and *Fine Gardening* magazine, and she wrote the book *The Best Garden Plants for Tennessee*. She is the new vice-president and the immediate past president of the Southeast Region of the American Conifer Society.

**ANDY PULTE** is a gardening expert and internationally certified arborist who teaches and coordinates undergraduate programs in the Plant Sciences department at UT Knoxville. He contributes to several gardening publications and hosts a gardening radio show. He also speaks regularly to diverse groups and travels extensively to feed his passion for people and plants.