

Symposium Schedule

8-9 am: Registration.

Welcome remarks at 8:45 am.

9-9:50 am:

“Good Things from the South”

Fred Spicer, Executive Director, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

The story of a kind of a love affair this former northerner developed for certain native plants...before he knew they were really southern native plants in northern gardens! The lecture touches on the impact of glaciation on plant ranges - even in the south - and takes a look at current range maps and of course the plants themselves, in the wild and in gardens. This presentation will give you a new appreciation for native plants, their beauty and their utility.

A graduate of the Landscape Architecture program at Rutgers University, Mr. Spicer has 30 years experience as a public garden administrator, landscape architect, and nurseryman. He has spoken to numerous groups ranging from professionals to garden clubs. He has written for gardening publications and appeared on numerous television programs, including Martha Stewart Living.

10-10:50 am:

“Piedmont Garden, Beautiful Habitat”

Matt Whitaker, Landscape Architect

The presentation follows the design and construction of a house and landscape in the Virginia Piedmont. The house landscape was designed to blend into the surrounding ‘natural’ landscapes created by restoration efforts. The Piedmont Garden draws inspiration from culture and nature in formal and informal design forms and uses primarily native plant species, with year-round interest.

The native ecosystems and species relations in the design provide practical tips to help any home gardener with their own landscape.

Mr. Whitaker’s biology/landscape architecture education at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and the University of Georgia sharpened what the natural habitats had taught him. He has worked on numerous landscape planning and design projects including the Washington Monument, the Chickamauga Battlefield, and the National Zoo.

11-11:50 am:

“Invasive Plants: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”

Dr. Johnny Randall, Director of Conservation Programs, North Carolina Botanical Garden, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Since 1999, invasive plant awareness has increased among the public and industry. Advances have been made in risk assessment, early detection, and rapid response. However, there are many who continue to ignore the negative ecological consequences of invasive plants. In this presentation, Dr. Randall will show what progress has been made in invasive plant awareness and control, how various organizations are working toward common goals, and how home gardeners can help control invasive plant species.

Dr. Randall holds degrees in botany with over 35 years of plant ecology experience. After 10 years of teaching at UNC-Greensboro and the University of North Florida, he joined the North Carolina Botanical Garden in 1998 as Director of Conservation Programs. He oversees the conservation and management of the Garden’s thousand plus acres of nature preserve. Dr. Randall is also adjunct faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Noon-1:30 pm:

Lunch, art sales, & exhibits in Chattanooga conference room and plant sales in lobby. Door prizes in auditorium at 1:20 pm.

1:30-2:20 pm:

“The Soil Food Web is the Web of Life”

Duane Marcus, Organic Farmer and Teacher, The Funny Farm

In examining the components of the soil food web to understand their roles, Mr. Marcus will show how to create and maintain a healthy soil. The interaction among plants and organisms in the soil web makes it possible for plants to utilize solar energy to extract organic and mineral nutrients from the soil. We will explore possible ways we can use the web to benefit native plants and animals.

Mr. Marcus is an organic farmer, herbalist, teacher and activist. He and his wife Robin run their suburban permaculture demonstration, The Funny Farm, in the Atlanta area. He teaches workshops on organic gardening, permaculture techniques and herbal medicine. He has a Masters degree in Landscape Architecture and a B.S. in horticulture.

2:30-3 pm:

Q & A session involving all speakers.

3-4 pm:

Concluding remarks, door prizes, and survey. Plant sales in lobby. Art sales & exhibits in Chattanooga conference room.

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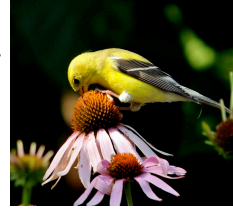
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Practical Natural Landscaping

*If nothing moves in
your landscape except
a lawnmower,
perhaps it's time to
think about designing
a natural garden.*



The Third Annual Native Plant Symposium was created with *both* casual and experienced gardeners in mind. You will leave with practical tips and suggestions on landscape design and plant selection.

The symposium features practical information and advice on how to improve your home landscape and gardens through sustainable landscaping practices. Learn about the many benefits of using native plants in a natural landscape. Find out how to attract butterflies and other desirable wildlife to your garden and to promote a healthy environment.

The program also provides plenty of time to meet speakers and ask questions. A question and answer panel is set for end of day.

The University Center is a spacious, uncrowded venue (handicapped accessible, ample close-by parking). Browse the various Symposium topics-related exhibits. Nurseries will have **native plants** and artists will have **artwork** available **for sale**. Note some vendors only take cash or check. Ample time provided at midday and end of day so you will not miss the speakers.

After this symposium, you will know how to put what you've learned into practice. We hope that you will be inspired to create your own natural landscape and take home a door prize.

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities.

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Saturday, March 8, 2014
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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