



## GARDENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**Middle Georgia State University**  
Professional Sciences Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
*Enter through Jones Bldg.*

### AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome & Announcements – Ed McDowell
- 9:30 a.m. *Gardening in Our Community* – Dr. Kim Pickens, Debra Rollins,  
and Allison Griffin
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Conservations of Eagles in Georgia – Dr. Bob Sargent
- 11:45 a.m. Deli Lunch Buffet
- 12:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- New Introductions* – Dr. John Ruter
- Insect Identification – Pest or Pollinator?* – Willie Chance
- Specialty Pruning* – Dan Bauer
- 1:45 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. *Recent Developments in the Camellia World* – Tom Johnson

## 2019 SPRING GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

\$40.00 registration fee includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

Late registration after Feb. 14 is \$50.00.

Faculty/Student rate is \$20.00.  
(Must present valid ID at check-in)

### VENDORS

Brenda Burkey – Burke Crete  
Greg Lewis – Flat Creek  
Natives  
Rebuilding Macon



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Questions?  
Laura Gay  
478-471-2780

## 2019 Spring Garden Symposium Speakers:

**Daniel Bauer** holds a degree in Urban Tree Management from Paul Smith's College of the Adirondacks. He is one of 600 ISA Board Certified Master Arborists in the world. He is a Certified Tree Care Safety Professional Association and an ISA Tree Risk Assessor Qualified. Dan is past president of the Georgia Urban Forest Council and two-term past president of the Georgia Arborist Association. He is an active member with the Tree Care Industry Association, International Society of Arboriculture and GA Golf Course Superintendent's Association, and a board member for the YMCA. In April 2011 he founded Arbor Equity, based out of Covington, Ga., with a passion for tree preservation.

**Willie Chance** has a master's degree in horticulture from UGA and worked for the UGA College of Agriculture for 30 years. He held numerous positions including extension agent in three counties, extension vegetable specialist, outreach coordinator for the Center for Urban Agriculture and instructor for the UGA-Griffin Office of Continuing Education. Willie owns a private company through which he provides training and recertification credits for pesticide applicators, arborists, certified foresters and others.

**Tom Johnson**, a Perry, Ga., native, has served as the Director of Gardens at Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, located in Charleston, S.C., since 2007. He previously worked as Horticulturist for the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and later as Horticulturist for the American Camellia Society.

**Kim Pickens**, Professor of Biology at MGA, holds degrees in botany and ornamental horticulture from UGA and a Ph.D. in Plant Sciences from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Her specialties involve plant genetics and breeding using biotechnological techniques and in vitro propagation. She has a special interest in the role of in vitro propagation in the preservation of endangered and threatened native species.

**Debra Rollins**, a middle Georgia native, has served as Executive Director of Rebuilding Macon since 1998. She directs the efforts of 2000+ volunteers to repair homes for elderly and disabled low-income homeowners. Debra earned her BBA from UGA and an MBA from Georgia College and State University. She has been a member of the WBBG executive committee since 1999.

**Dr. John Ruter** is the Armitage Endowed Professor of Horticulture at the University of Georgia where he teaches classes and conducts research on plant genetics and cultivar development. He also serves as director of the Trial Gardens at UGA where he oversees trialing of more than 650 annuals and perennials each year from companies around the world. His book "Landscaping with Conifers and Ginkgo for the Southeast" won a literary award from the Georgia Writers Association in 2014.

**Bob Sargent** badgered his major professor into letting him take an ornithology class while doing his master's research (a deer study). That class derailed his career vision, as he has been consumed by things with feathers ever since. He studied the ecology of migratory songbirds for his Ph.D. (UGA), then worked 20 years as the natural resources manager of Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga. Bob was an adjunct teacher at three universities for 11 years and served as president of the Oconee Rivers Audubon Society, Ocmulgee Audubon Society, and the Georgia Ornithological Society. In 2015, he was hired by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as program manager of the Wildlife Conservation Section office in Forsyth. He supervises a team of biologists, participates in songbird and shorebird surveys and research and is the agency's lead for the conservation of raptors, especially bald eagles and peregrine falcons.

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### 2019 SPRING GARDEN SYMPOSIUM CASH OR CHECK REGISTRATION:

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## REGISTRATION

**Credit card registration** must be made online at:  
<https://eventpro.mga.edu/EventProConnect/Registrations/SelectEvent.aspx?BookingNumber=1528>

*(Password is SPRING)*

**Cash/Check registration** form and payment must be mailed to:

Middle Georgia State University  
Conference Services  
100 University Parkway  
Macon, GA 31206

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<http://www.mga.edu/botanical/friends-of-the-gardens.aspx>