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Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia for the 68th Annual Conference & Expo for GWA: The Association of Garden Communicators. I am excited you are here for what promises to be our best and most memorable event yet!

We encourage you to take part in all the different networking and educational opportunities that are available over the next four days. Each of our education sessions and roundtables were

selected by the Educational Program Committee for its educational value and real-world application, and we are confident you will leave Atlanta with new ideas and renewed passion for your work.

Between garden tours and receptions, there is plenty of time to connect with old friends and to grow new relationships. I encourage you to speak to at least one new person during each break, and to not sit by the same person on the buses. You never know who you will meet that may spark a new idea for you or open a door to a new opportunity! Don't forget your business cards. It's a perfect way to easily be remembered by a new acquaintance.

I'd like to close by thanking our sponsors, exhibitors, the Conference Committee, and especially the staff for all of the time and dedication they've put into making the Annual Conference the experience you have come to expect from GWA.

Enjoy the Annual Conference & Expo. Enjoy Atlanta.

BECKY HEATH

GWA Vice President Brent and Becky's Bulbs

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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| 7:30AM - 5:00PM | Registration1st Floor - in front of Capitol Ballroom | |
| 7:00AM - 8:00AM | Early Morning Photo Shoot @ Atlanta Botanical Garden | |
| Buses will be staged | outside business center on 1st floor and will leave promptly at 7AM. | |
| 8:00AM - 10:00AM Story Tour @ Atlanta Botanical Garden Buses will be staged outside business center on 1st floor and will leave promptly at 8AM. | | |
| 10:00AM - 12:00PM Story Tour @ The Carter Center & Presidential Library | | |
| 11:30AM - 12:15PM | Lunch Box lunches will be provided as you leave The Carter Center. | |
| 1:30PM - 2:15PM | Opening Keynote Presentation: A Conversation with The Weather Channel's Maria LaRosa. Facilitated by Maria Zampini | |
| 2:15PM - 3:15PM | GWA Annual Business Meeting Capitol Ballroom | |
| 3:15PM - 3:30PM | Break Capitol Pre-Function Area | |
| 3:30PM - 4:30PM | ROUNDTABLE TOPICS Capitol Ballroom | |
| Putting the Garden in Their Pockets: The Evolution & Usefulness of a Garden App | | |
| The Art of Gardening: A Roundtable Discussion | | |
| Green Roofs: A Sustainable Strategy | | |
| Seven of the Earliest Gardens: Gardens of the Bible to Inspire Your Gardening | | |
| Social Media: Beyond the Basics | | |
| Understanding Terms like Permaculture, Biodynamics, Companion Planting & Polycultures | | |
| Put Garden Art & | Photos to Work for You | |
| Ultimate Lawns to | o Compliment Gardens | |
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| 7:00PM - 8:00PM | President's Reception for New Members & LeadershipSkyline Terrace | |
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

| 8:00AM - 1:00PM | Registration 1st Floor - in front of | Capitol Ballroom |
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| 8:30AM - 9:30AM | LEARNING SESSIONS | |
| Creating World-C | Class Designs for Your Garden | Capitol North |
| Collaboration: From Co-Authoring to Ghost Writing | | |
| Who Are You Influencing As You Create Your Social Media Presence Capitol South | | |
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| | andscape Practice that Embraces Beauty and | Capitol North |
| 25 Ways to Write | Communicate About a Tree | Capitol Center |
| Live Streaming St | trategies in the Age of Video | Capitol South |
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4:00PM - 7:00PM Reception @ Gibbs Gardens





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| 8:00AM - 12:00PM | Registration 1st Floor - in front of Capitol Ballroom | |
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| Enticing Future G | ardenersCapitol South | |
| The New Plant Ro | oundup | |
| 9:30AM - 9:45AM | BreakCapitol Pre-function Area | |
| 9:45AM - 10:45AM | LEARNING SESSIONS | |
| Beyond the Plant | Tag: Design Ideas for Writers | |
| | hing: From Plan to Manuscript to Digital | |
| Designing Stunni | ng Plant Communities that Stand the Test of Time Capitol South | |
| 10:45AM - 11:00AM | Break | |
| 11:00AM - 11:45AM | Closing Keynote Presentation: Michael A. Dirr, PhD | |
| 11:45AM - 12:30PM | Closing Keynote Presentation: Coach Vince Dooley Capitol Ballroom | |
| 1:00PM - 5:00PM STORY TOURS: Buses will be staged outside business center on 1st floor and will leave promptly at 1PM. Pick up box lunches in Capitol Pre-function area before you board the bus. | | |
| Atlanta History Center | | |
| | Private Garden of Home Depot co-founder, Arthur Blank | |
| | Private Knot Garden Mary Wayne Dixon | |
| | Private Garden of Rosie Davidson | |
| 6:15PM - 7:00PM | Awards & Honors Reception (Cash Bar) Capitol Pre-function Area | |
| 7:00PM - 9:00PM | 2016 GWA Awards & Honors Dinner Capitol North and Center | |
| | Sponsored by Proven Winners® PROVEN WINNERS | |
| 9:00PM - 11:00PM | #GWA2016 AfterpartyCapitol South | |
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15AM - 5:15PM Story Tour @ Athens, GA (SOLD OUT!)

Buses will be staged outside business center on 1st floor and will leave promptly at 8:15AM.

- State Botanical Garden of Georgia
- Private Garden of Barbara & Vince Dooley
- Private Garden of Bonnie & Mike Dirr
- Private Garden of Ann & Joe Frierson



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

COACH VINCE DOOLEY

Horticulturist, Author of Vince Dooley's Garden and former UGA Football Head Coach



The name Vince Dooley is synonymous with college football both as a coach and Athletic Director in the nation and especially in the South. More recently, the retired University of Georgia head football coach has gained renowned recognition as one of the region's finest gardeners. Following the lead of his mentors, respected horticulturalists at the University of Georgia, Dooley has created a spectacular garden around the home that he and wife Barbara have lived in since 1964. The University of

Georgia funded and endowed a professorship in the Horticulture Department in Dooley's name. He joins both Dr. Michael Dirr and Dr. Allan Armitage who were previously honored with endowed professorships in the department. There are two plants, a hydrangea, and a camellia that have also been named in Dooley's honor. In 2010, Dooley worked with painter Steve Penley to produce the book *Vince Dooley's Garden*, which tells of the former coach's horticultural journey paired with numerous paintings and photographs of Dooley's garden.

MICHAEL DIRR, PHD

Woody Plants Expert, Author of Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees and Shrubs and UGA Emeritus Professor of Horticulture



An emeritus professor of horticulture at the University of Georgia, Michael A. Dirr is a legend in the horticultural world and has tremendous energy for teaching about plants, writing about plants, and especially for growing plants.

Michael worked at a nursery and garden center to pay his way through university while earning his bachelor and Master of Science degrees at Ohio State. He went on to earn a doctorate in plant physiology at the University of

Massachusetts and began his teaching career in 1972 as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois.

Michael has published more than 300 scientific and popular papers and articles. His teaching, lectures, seminars, garden study tours, and plant introduction programs have contributed enormously to greater horticultural awareness, and his book *Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs* is one of Timber Press's bestselling titles.

He has received numerous awards and honors during his career, most recently the Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal from the American Horticulture Society. Today, he travels widely to lecture, teach, and form new opinions of plants.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MARIA LAROSA

The Weather Channel Meteorologist and Co-Host of "Weekend Recharge"



Maria LaRosa is an on-camera meteorologist and cohost of "Weekend Recharge" that airs weekends on The Weather Channel. She has more than 12 years of broadcast meteorology experience, most recently providing the weekday morning forecast for Philadelphia on CBS 3 and The CW Philly's Eyewitness News This Morning. Prior to her time in Philadelphia that began in 2004, LaRosa was the weekend meteorologist at WXIX-TV, the Fox station in Cincinnati, Ohio. Previously, she was a meteorologist

and anchor for WTVM-TV, the ABC station in Columbus, Georgia. LaRosa holds a bachelor's degree in meteorology from Penn State University. She was also a teaching assistant for the University's introductory meteorology course before graduating in 1998. LaRosa holds the new CBM (Certified Broadcast Meteorologist) Seal from the AMS, considered the gold standard of accreditation in her field. Born in New York State, LaRosa grew up in New Jersey and still considers the Garden State her home. She and her husband live in Atlanta with their three sons.

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2016 GVVA AWARDS & HONORS DINNER

Join us for an evening of networking, friendship and celebration on Monday evening as we congratulate and honor our colleagues.

During the Awards & Honors Dinner the 2016 Honors recipients will be recognized for their excellence and service in the green communications industry.

GWA HONORS

Hall of Fame
Debra Prinzing

Honorary Member
Will Raap

Fellow Renee Shepherd **Emergent Communicator** *Katie Dubow*

Wilfred J. Jung Distinguished Service Medal Dramm Corporation

GWA MEDIA AWARDS



2016 Media Awards Gold Medals will be announced at the 2016 Awards & Honors Dinner! Congratulations to this year's Silver Medal winners.

WRITING

Magazine Column (Circulation < 30K)
Ask the Expert, Denise Schreiber

Magazine Column (Circulation > 30K)
Insect ID, Bill Johnson

Magazine Article (Circulation < 30K)
"Jennie Loves Dahlias", Nicole Juday

"Charlie's Garden: Gem of the Idaho Mountains", Mary Ann Newcomer

Magazine Article (Circulation > 30K)
"Honey Harvest", Teresa Woodard
"Up on the Roof", Regina Cole

"The Art of the Garden", Sharon Lovejoy

Newspaper Column (Circulation <30K)
"Gardening in the Wild", Belinda Gallagher

Newspaper Column (Circulation > 30K)
"Jessica Walliser's Column", Jessica Walliser

Newspaper Article (Circulation <30K)
"Dismissed and ridiculed, Virginia Tech
Researchers Fought to Prove Flint's Water
was Unsafe", Lauren Farrar

Newspaper Article (Circulation > 30K)
"Immortality and Grandpa Al's Daylilies
+ Midwinter Dreams of Giant Vegetables
+ In the Unending War with Dandelions, a
Détente", Jeff Lowenfels

Book (General Readership, <120 pg)
Gardening for the Homebrewer: Grow and
Process Plants for Making Beer, Wine, Fruit,
Cider, Perry, and More, Wendy Tweten &
Debbie Teashon

Book (General Readership, >120pg)
The New Shade Garden: Creating a
Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change,
Ken Druse

The Authentic Garden: Naturalistic and Contemporary Landscape Design, Richard Hartlage, Sandy Fischer & Land Morphology

WRITING cont'd.

Book (Technical/Reference, >120pg)
The Hop Grower's Handbook,
Laura Ten Eyck & Dietrich Gehring
Newsletter, Bulletin, or Brochure
Thistle & Fig Tales, "History of Fertilizer",
Alice Marcus Krieg & Carmen Devito
"La Florida - Land of Flowers: Ornamental
Horticulture with Florida Native Plants",
Sue Bedry, Jodi Pushkin, & Stacy Rector

PHOTOGRAPHY

Magazine (Circulation <30K)
"Breeding a Better Apple", Rob Cardillo

Magazine (Circulation > 30K)
"Honey Harvest", Bob Stefko

Newspaper (Circulation > 30K)
"The Garden Next Door", David Calle

Book (General Readership, <120pg)
Heirloom Harvest: Modern Daguerreotypes
of Historic Garden Treasures, Jerry Spagnoli

Book (General Readership, >120 pg)
On Walnut Hill, Roger Foley

Calendar

Simply Raw Vegetable Portraits, Lynn Karlin

Cover Photo

"Viburnum Trilobum 'Redwing'", Bill Johnson

Portfolio

On Walnut Hill Portfolio, Roger Foley

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA

Blog - Writing

GardeninginaDrought.com, Teresa Odle Eat Local Blog, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Sarah Owens

Blog - Overall Site

The Good Garden: Garden history, design inspiration, David Calle

The Art of Outdoor Living-The Blog of Grace Design Associates, Margie Grace

E-Newsletter Article

"Gardening with Mark - June Issue", Mark Cullen

ONLINE MEDIA

E-Zine Article

"7 Ways To Use Drifts and Masses in Your Garden", Benjamin Vogt

Website Overall

Richard Jackson's Garden, Richard Jackson Costa Farms, Justin Hancock

Video (YouTube, Vimeo) "In the Garden with Doug Oster",

Doug Oster **Podcast Series Overall**

What Makes a Flower Blue, Alice Marcus Krieg & Carmen Devito

BROADCAST MEDIA

TV Program - Talent

A Growing Passion, Nan Sterman

TV Program - Overall

Central Texas Gardener, Linda Lehmusvirta

Radio Program - Talent

4 Centuries of Botanical Traditions. Alice Marcus Krieg & Carmen Devito

Radio Program – Overall

A Way to Garden, with Margaret Roach, Margaret Roach

Radio Feature - Talent

"A Way to Garden, with Margaret Roach", Margaret Roach

Radio Feature – Overall

"A Way to Garden, with Margaret Roach", Margaret Roach

Electronic Special Project

Slow Flowers: The Online Directory to Florists, Shops, and Studios Who Design with American-Grown Flowers, Debra Prinzing

PUBLISHING

Magazine (<100K Circulation)

Garden Making, Issue No. 24: Garden Essentials, Inspiring Media Inc., Beckie Fox & Michael Fox

Newspaper Garden Feature Page or Section

Thistle & Fig Tales, "History of Fertilizer", Pith & Vigor, Alice Marcus Krieg & Carmen DeVito

Book (General Readership)

Epic Tomatoes, Storey Publishing Blue Ribbon Vegetable Gardening, Storey Publishing

Book (Technical/Reference)

The Seed Garden: The Art and Practice of Seed Saving, John Torgrimson

Newsletter/Bulletin/Brochure

Growing Together, Fall 2015 Issue, The Davey Tree Expert Company

Calendar

2015 National Big Tree Program Calendar, The Davey Tree Expert Company

E-Zine Overall

Dallying in the Dirt, Kenneth Brown

E-Book Overall

Think Like A Gardener, Saxon Holt & PhotoBotanic.com

E-Newsletter Overall

Buffalo-NiagaraGardening.com, Connie Stofko

TRADE

Newsletter, Bulletin, or Brochure

"Coreopsis for the Mid-Atlantic Region", George Coombs

Catalog

Sakata Home Grown Vegetable Catalog, Sakata Seed America, Inc.

Press Release, Press Kit, or Promo

"Perfect Blooms that Beg to Be Brought Indoors", Ferguson Caras LLC for David Austin Roses

Magazine

Bloom, December 2015, Look Book Edition, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

Special Projects

2016 Winter Coloring Book, Botanical Interests

ROUNDTABLES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Held simultaneously in the Capitol Ballroom

Putting the Garden in Their Pockets: The Evolution & Usefulness of a Garden App

Allan Armitage, University of Georgia



The printed page will never die, but digital information is the new standard. Blogs and tweets are fine, but limiting. There are very few Apps for smartphones for people who touch plants – gardeners, designers, landscapers & garden centers – even fewer not selling something or full of ads. Developing an App has not been easy, but the Armitage App has evolved exponentially to include other authors and partners. If we are going to help gardeners, the information must be timely, visual and most important, convenient.

The Art of Gardening: A Roundtable Discussion

Dan Benarcik, Chanticleer



In this short format, I will discuss the process behind the book. The how and the why. From the collaborating authors and editor, to the garden that inspired it. The careful eye that captured it to the production of it. Really all of the behind the scenes components that came together to bring you the book we have today.

Green Roofs: A Sustainable Strategy

Louise Clark, The Morris Arboretum



Green roofs are increasingly being employed as components of sustainable stormwater management strategies. Trace green roof history from ancient cultures to contemporary use. Explore the many benefits of green roofs, from energy conservation to habitat creation to employee wellness. Examples of The Morris Arboretum's green roof experience from inception to maturity will be highlighted.

Seven of the Earliest Gardens: Gardens of the Bible to Inspire Your Gardening Shelley Cramm, Garden In Delight

Don't leave Atlanta and the Bible belt without seeing Scripture from a gardener's point of view! Enjoy a fast-paced panorama of seven prominent gardens, filled with story drama, literary layering, and landscaping know-how. Their timelessness is a welcome solace to our time-stretched lives. Let insight from these ancient settings refresh and inspire creativity in your own garden writing.















ROUNDTABLES

Social Media: Beyond the Basics



Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener

So you are tuned into social media and are having fun pinning, posting, sharing pics, and tweeting away, but how can you expand your brand, presence, and audience as a garden communicator and take it to the next level? This talk is for those already involved in social media and looking to increase their reach and income! We will look at tips for audience engagement, what makes one post "viral" while another just sits there, and how to make your online voice rise above the virtual crowds. Finally, we will talk about actually making money via social media.

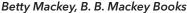
Understanding Terms like Permaculture, Biodynamics, Companion Planting & Polycultures

Debra Knapke, The Garden Sage LLC



How we talk about gardens and gardening is changing. We are deluged with terms such as sustainability, ecological gardening, permaculture, biodynamics, companion planting, polycultures and more: new terms, but often integrating traditional concepts and techniques. As garden communicators, how do we make these ideas and concepts meaningful? Attend this roundtable and find out.

Put Garden Art & Photos to Work for You





Got images? Taking photos at GWA? Put them into action by signing up with online art sites such as Zazzle, Cafe Press, Society6, and RedBubble. From there they can be made into consumer products and prints. Get a commission, or keep it for private orders. When we comment on each others' work it helps us all. Betty will go into the pluses and minuses of this kind of work, answer questions about the process, and show off items that were made this way.

Ultimate Lawns to Compliment Gardens

Jackson Madnick, Pearl's Premium



Ultimate, dark green, barefoot soft grass to compliment gardens, with latest research & secrets in best management practices to save time. money & water along with native, sustainable grasses, that do not travel sideways, so there is no weeding, seldom or never needs water, helps lessen climate change & compliments flowers.

Foodscaping: Creating a Beautiful Edible Landscape in Your Yard Charlie Nardozzi, gardeningwithcharlie.com



Many gardeners want to grow more of their own veggies, fruits and herbs but don't want to sacrifice the beauty of their yard. Foodscaping is edible landscaping, a way to have both beauty and edibility. I'll cover some basic garden design techniques, surprising places to plant edibles in your yard, some good edible substitutes for common landscape plants and some of my favorite Foodscape plants.

Speaker biographies may be found on the conference website: http://gardenwriters.org/Annual-Conference-Expo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 8:30AM - 9:30AM

Dan Benarcik, Chanticleer



This thought provoking discussion not only probes what we do to raise the level of Horticulture and display at Chanticleer, but what we as communicators in our own gardens, images and messages. To attempt to tell the industry what to do would not only be arrogant, but inappropriate as well. I will show how we approach issues related to the garden and its displays, questions that we ask and insight into how we make it happen. Using this approach the question then goes broader to all of us as Garden communicators, in all aspects of what we do, and how we approach creating, refining and finally producing our display, our image or our message. The talk will be richly illustrated with images from our new book The Art Of Gardening.

Collaboration: From Co-Authoring to Ghost Writing Capitol Center

Tom Christopher, Author & Ruth Rogers Clausen, Clausen Associates



Have you ever wished you had someone to share the work of authorship? Literary collaboration can be a rewarding experience both creatively and financially. We'll explore different types of collaboration, from co-authorship to ghostwriting and discuss the challenges and rewards of each. Learn from coauthors Tom Christopher and Ruth Rogers Clausen how to avoid the pitfalls of collaboration, while maximizing the advantages, do that the sum of your efforts become greater than the parts.

Who Are You Influencing as You Create a Presence on Social Media......Capitol South

Seth Reed, Growlt! & Mason Day, Growlt!



Ever wonder who's really checking you out online? Are you reaching your target audiences? Are your core followers actually in your target audience? Now you can find out. Using an array of tools available to almost everyone, you can now figure out not only who's viewing your content, but also how to target others in that same group. We'll explain how to use different social media platforms and digital analytics to figure out who's in your current audience, and what tools to use to acquire more views from the audiences you want. We'll go over how to use data from the sites you're already using to make more informed decisions when it comes to content and promotion.

















SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 9:45AM - 10:45AM

Foodscaping: A Landscape Practice that Embraces Beauty and Utility in its FunctionCapitol North

Brienne Gluvna Arthur, Brie Arthur Consulting

Brie has fine-tuned her signature design technique of Foodscaping, a landscape practice that embraces beauty and utility. Working with public school systems, retirement communities and suburban developments, Brie is the changing the way green spaces are designed and utilized.

Encouraging everyone to "think outside of the box," learn how pairing edibles in a traditional ornamental landscape increases bio-diversity and adds purpose to everyday spaces. She will discuss strategies to create and maintain large scale edible meadows and high impact seasonal foodscape displays. The best edible and ornamental plants are featured to inspire attendees to create purposeful landscapes that engage people of all ages.

Beth Botts, The Morton Arboretum and The Garden Beat



It's pretty easy to talk tomatoes to a gardener. But what about trees? Trees are major players in the garden and have huge environmental and economic benefits. But they may not be as accessible as vegetables or perennials to homeowners who often think of trees as little more than street furniture. This talk will offer 25 quick suggestions for topics and approaches for writers, photographers and video producers to combat "tree blindness" and help gardeners wrap their arms around their trees. I talk up trees in a dozen ways every day in my work at a major botanical garden focused on trees.

Live Streaming Strategies in the Age of VideoCapitol South

Chris Sabbarese, Corona Tools



By 2020, analysts predict that 75 percent of content served on the internet will be video. Live streaming on sites like Periscope, Blab, YouTube Live and Facebook Live are making it easy to connect and engage with your audience in a fun and informative way. This session will cover the why and how to work these free networks into your video content strategy, what works and equipment needed. We'll also do some live streaming, Q&A and provide practical experience to get GWA members up and running on this exciting new technology.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 11:45AM - 1:00PM

Reinventing a Classic vs. New and NovelCapitol North

David Culp, Sunny Border Nurseries

David Culp, noted plantsman, creator of Brandywine Cottage and author of The Layered Garden, believes that when selecting plants we are faced with almost overwhelming choices. In this talk, he will cut through the hype and reduce the confusion with a clear look what is new and what is unusual and what remains steadfast in the world of perennial plants. You will leave with a solid list of foundation plants as well great ideas for tomorrows perennial stars.

The Pollinator Victory Garden:

Winning the War on Pollinator Decline Capitol Center

Kim Eierman, EcoBeneficial!



Seventy years ago one of the greatest gardening movements in history graced American soil - the Victory Garden - a campaign at home to help win the war abroad. A new movement is now in order to meet a different threat to our food supply - the steep decline of pollinators. Learn how every household can create a "Pollinator Victory Garden" to win the war on pollinator decline.

Eavesdropping on EditorsCapitol South



Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener Steve Bender, Southern Living David Ellis, American Horticultural Society Rochelle Greayer, Pith + Vigor Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, Write for You!

Ever wanted to be a fly on the wall and hear what your editors are saying? Here is your chance to hear what editors are discussing amongst their peers. What are their biggest challenges and concerns? Where do they see the future of publishing? What are their biggest writing and submission pet peeves? What tools do they love and recommend? These topics and much more will be discussed in a roundtable panel of garden publication editors. Followed by a short audience Q&A.

















MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 8:30AM - 9:30AM

Contemporary Southern Gardens......Capitol North

Tom Johnson, Magnolia Plantation and Gardens



Most public gardens in America have been plaqued by financial concerns and how to drive tourism in the current economy. Many have developed ways to cut expenses and increase visitation to meet the changing needs of today's quests. Visitors to public gardens today are looking for value and experiences. Gardens that are thriving now are those who are invested in improving the customer's overall personal experience. They have not only survived, but have implemented a plan for future success. I will discuss these gardens and how they have evolved focusing on what today's consumer is looking for. The gardens discussed will be: The Carter Presidential Center and Callaway Gardens in Ga.; Bellingrath Gardens and The Mobile Botanical Gardens in Alabama; LSU experimental stations at Hammond and Burden Center and Brookgreen Gardens and Magnolia Gardens in South Carolina. Even though these gardens are in different states, and even have different purposes, each has found a way to thrive in today's world.

Angela Treadwell-Palmer, Plants Nouveau



Talking about how beautiful a plant is, how pretty the flowers are or how this new plant will make your neighbors jealous won't cut it anymore. Gen C, or today and tomorrow's conscious consumers, want to know more. Website, tag and plant article descriptions will need to change to meet the needs of future consumers. What should we be writing? What will entice them to buy the plants and put them in their gardens?

The New Plant RoundupCapitol South

Kelly Norris, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden Maria Zampini, UpShoot LLC



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 9:45AM - 10:45AM

Beyond the Plant Tag: Design Ideas for Writers......Capitol North

Karen Chapman, Le Jardinet Christina Salwitz, The Personal Garden Coach



Give your readers more than just a plants vital statistics; empower them with unique design ideas. Join two very distinct personalities, Karen Chapman and Christina Salwitz, for an unforgettable adventure as they share some of their favorite foliage treasures and explore plant combinations in a new way. As professional designers and certified horticulturalists, Karen and Christina combine artistry and passion with solid plant knowledge. This energetic talk will give you the tools to understand how each design works, enabling you to tailor the information to your climate and audience, selling more plants one leaf at a time.

DIY Book Publishing: From Plan to Manuscript

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Designing Stunning Plant Communities that Stand the Test of TimeCapitol South

Claudia West, North Creek Nurseries

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00AM to 8:00AM Early Morning Photo Shoot @ Atlanta Botanical Garden Buses will be staged outside business center on 1st floor and will leave promptly at 7:00AM.









10:00AM to 12:00AMThe Carter Center & Presidential Library









SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Private Garden of Candy Johnson







Private Garden of Robin & Marc Pollack







Private Garden of Carole McWilliams







Private Garden of Lee Dunn







4:00PM - 7:00PMReception @ Gibbs Gardens







MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1:00PM - 5:00PMGarden Story Tours

Buses will be staged outside business center on 1st floor and will leave promptly at 1:00PM.

Atlanta History Center







Private Garden of Home Depot co-founder, Arthur Blank







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Private Garden of Rosie Davidson







TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15AM - 5:15PM (SOLD OUT!) Story Tour @ Athens, GA

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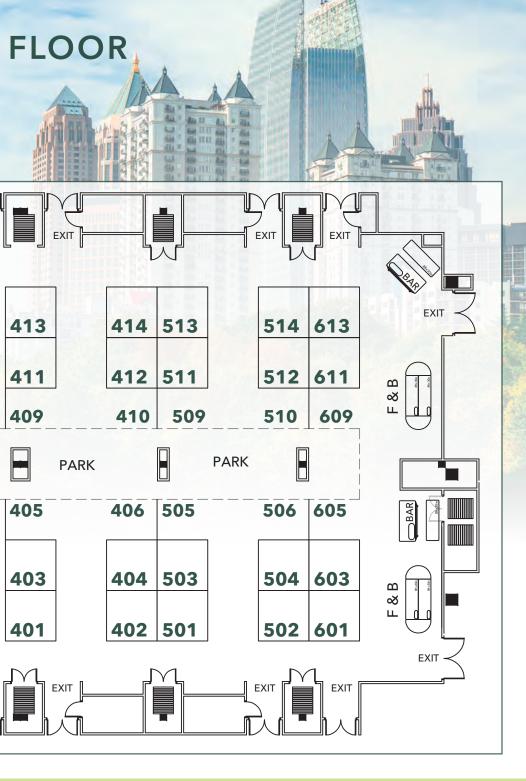
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