

Unearth Your Passion



**Ninth Annual Symposium Sponsored by
The Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Association of South Carolina
Saturday, February 6, 2010
at the Carolina First Center, Greenville**

Optimistic and enterprising, passionate gardeners are always digging for new plants, innovative ideas, and fresh perspectives. This symposium will supply these and more – promising to stoke the fires of creative expression and excite the pursuit for more beautiful and satisfying gardens.

The Greater Greenville Master Gardeners invite you to their ninth annual gardening symposium to be held February 6, 2010, at the Carolina First Center just off N. Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville.

The day is divided into five sessions. Participants will hear three featured speakers and can choose between concurrent speakers for two additional sessions.

For extra brochures call (864) 963-9119. Sorry, no refunds can be offered for this event.

Schedule

8:00 am	Registration, Coffee, Vendor Sales
8:45	Welcome, Introductions, & Information
9:00 - 10:00	First Class Session, Rick Schoellhorn
10:00 - 10:30	Break, Vendor Sales
10:30 - 11:15	Second Class Session, Concurrent Choice
11:15 - 11:30	Break, Vendor Sales
11:30 - 12:30	Third Class Session, Gordon Hayward
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch, Vendor Sales
1:15 - 2:05	Fourth Class Session, Concurrent Choice
2:05 - 2:30	Break, Vendor Sales
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Fifth Class Session, Carol Reese

Speakers and Programs

Dr. Rick Schoellhorn joined Proven Winners in 2005 as Director of New Products. He is responsible for finding new plants and testing them via Proven Winners' exhaustive trial programs and working with plant breeders around the world. Prior to his work with Proven Winners, Rick was a college professor and research specialist at the University of Florida. He has also contributed his talents to many other areas of the horticulture industry, from retail nursery sales to landscape installation. Rick is a well-known speaker and the co-author of *Your Florida Guide to Perennials*.



“Keeping Passion Alive in the Modern Garden Relationship”

Where do plants come from that end up in your garden? How did they get there? Why do they do well sometimes, but not others? Take a jaunt through landscapes around the world, meeting people and plants that continually inspire a passion for gardening—a little bit history, a little bit personal experience, and a little bit, well...weird sometimes. Join Rick to learn about the plants, the people, and the processes that lead to your garden success story.

“10 Killer Mixed Containers for the Southern Gardener” (Concurrent Session)

Take a look at some of the hottest mixed containers and learn what to do and what not to do. Attendees will leave with a list of container recipes, possible substitutions, and the keys to success.

Gordon Hayward is a nationally recognized garden designer, writer, and lecturer based in southern Vermont. He has been writing for *Horticulture* magazine for 25 years, for *Fine Gardening* magazine for 15 years, and is the author of ten books on garden design, two of which have won national awards. Gordon and his wife, Mary, have been developing a 1-1/2 acre garden around their 220-year-old farmhouse in Vermont for the past 25 years; they also have a cottage and garden near Chipping Campden in Gloucestershire, England, where Mary is from. For more information on his work and books, visit Gordon's Web site at www.haywardgardens.com.

“Your House, Your Garden: A Foolproof Approach to Good Garden Design”

The idea that your house is the center of your garden is not just an aesthetic notion but also a practical tool. In this program, 80 pairs of slides show how your house can help you design new gardens or reassess existing ones at the front, side, and back of your house. Your house—with its doors, windows, materials, style, dimensions, and proportions—offers no end of clues to help you develop good gardens around it. This lecture comes out of Gordon's fifth book, *Your House Your Garden*, published by WW Norton, spring 2003, and named one of the top five garden books for 2004 by The American Horticultural Society.

Carol Reese is a garden writer, photographer, and lecturer whose engagements have taken her all over the nation, camera in hand. As Ornamental Horticulturist for the University of Tennessee and Q & A columnist for *Horticulture* magazine, she has vast practical experience, but it's her enthusiasm and zany humor that make her presentations memorable and compelling.

Humans are often drawn to the new, the shiny, the different—even the strange. Nowhere is this more obvious than the nursery industry, where Mother Nature's mutations become landscape's glittering stars. Carol will showcase some of the aberrant beauties, especially the weeping, columnar, dwarf, or contorted plants that have found their way into the nursery trade. She'll also share tips for optimizing their special traits in the landscape, so you, too, can work with the weird.

Amanda McNulty is a frequent guest and the substitute host of SC-ETV's *Making it Grow*. She is a Clemson Extension Horticulture Agent, as well as the Master Gardener Coordinator in Sumter, SC. Her gardening columns, which appear in *The Item* and *The State*, won the National Association of County Agricultural Agents top award in 2007.

“Flower Arrangements for Those Who Got Switches for Christmas”

Amanda's favorite arrangements use deciduous twigs and branches for interest and drama. Learn how to bring the outside indoors to brighten your home and your spirits during the gray days of the cool season. Winter arrangements featuring materials from your yard, the roadside, and woods are among the easiest and most long lasting of all.

Speakers and Programs

Chip Hope, with his family, is building a sustainable family farm and business in Burnsville, NC. Appalachian Seeds Farm and Nursery specializes in growing and selling heritage livestock and heirloom crops, especially tomatoes. Chip is also head of the Sustainable Agriculture program at Western Piedmont Community College.

“Organic?...Heirloom?...Sustainable!!!”

Join Chip to learn about becoming more self-sufficient. He'll be talking heirloom crops, seed saving, organic farming and gardening practices, and lots more. Hear his story and get lots of information and inspiration to help you in your journey in sustainable living.

Dia Steiger is Executive Director of Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary located in Charlotte, NC. She spends free time digging in her own backyard habitat.

“Bringing Your Garden to Life: Attracting Birds to Your Backyard”

Songbirds bring color, movement and song to the garden. Join Dia for a look at the various ways to bring your garden to life by making it a destination for songbirds. Drawing from lessons learned from Elizabeth and Eddie Clarkson, creators of Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary, Dia will examine bird-friendly gardening techniques, plants, and environmental enrichment with feeders.

Cory Tanner is the Horticulture Extension Agent for Greenville, Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson counties, as well as Master Gardener Coordinator for Greenville County. He assists nursery growers and landscapers, manages the Master Gardener training program, provides home gardening advice, and writes horticultural columns and fact sheets. Prior to employment with Clemson Extension, Cory worked with Ray Bracken Nursery, Inc. A life-long gardener, Cory digs in the dirt in Easley, where he lives with his wife, Stephanie.

“Get a Rise Out of Your Vegetables”

Join Cory for a look at innovative and new, as well as tried and true, ways to solve gardening problems with raised beds. He'll not only examine various building arrangements but also give the tips and techniques to perfect this exciting method of gardening.

Dr. Janice Haldeman taught biology at Erskine College from 1967 until her retirement in May 2002. As Professor Emerita of Biology, she continues to teach botany part-time at Erskine. For the past five years she has especially enjoyed working to establish Erskine's Pressly Heritage Garden. A member of the South Carolina Native Plant Society, Dr. Haldeman has a special interest in invasive plants and how they are affecting biological diversity in the Southeast. She is a long-time member of the National Association of Biology Teachers and has published papers in the *American Biology Teacher*. Dr. Haldeman is married to Richard Haldeman, retired Director of Public Relations at Erskine College, and they have three adult children and two grandsons.

“The Secret Life of ‘Lily’”

What actually happens when a flower is pollinated? Many of us take this process pretty much for granted, don't we? We design gardens based on factors like size, color, and the great beauty of flowers. Then we let our plants go on about their business of growing and blooming without realizing the intricacies of the process. This program will attempt to explain how a knowledge of pollination may enhance our understanding and appreciation of our gardens. It will include history of the role of flowers in science and culture, as well as information about how floral structure assures a plant's reproduction and survival. Advances in microscopic and biochemical techniques are now also revealing some fascinating stories about “lives of flowers”! Lilies, in particular, continue to be a standard model for study of reproduction in flowering plants.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send completed form and \$55 registration fee by **January 27** to Pat Tuleibitz, 212 Quail Ridge Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29680. Make checks payable to GGMG. Fee includes lunch. No refunds available. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the registration form.

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BOX LUNCH: Mediterranean Chicken Wrap _____ Roasted Vegetable Wrap _____

CONCURRENT CHOICE, SESSION TWO (check one)

_____ Amanda McNulty, “Flower Arrangements”

_____ Chip Hope, “Organics”

_____ Dia Stigler, “Attracting Birds to Your Back Yard”

SESSION FOUR (check one)

_____ Rick Schoellhorn, “10 Killer Mixed Containers for SC”

_____ Cory Tanner, “Get a Rise Out of Your Vegetables”

_____ Dr. Jan Holderman “The Secret Life of ‘Lily’”

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Cover Artist

Grace Scherer uses oil or watercolor for her portraits and area landscapes. She enjoys expressing the wonders of God's creation and the deteriorating evidence of time on man-made structures. After many years of teaching, she is now a full time painter with a studio in her home. Her work can be seen at www.artingreenville.com or at Hargis Art Services at 475 Haywood Road.

Vendors

We are pleased to present a variety of vendors offering information and an array of practical as well as decorative items for your home and garden. Included are plants, books, wildlife feeders, garden art, and much more.