



State Botanical Garden of Georgia

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State Botanical Garden of Georgia 2018 Native Plant Symposium Plant and Pollinators: What's the Buzz?

Agenda

8:45 Welcome and Announcements

Jenny Cruse-Sanders, Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia
Virginia Pennington, The Garden Club of Georgia

9:00 The Buzz About Native Bees: How to Enhance Your Bee-Friendly Garden for Diversity

Heather Holm, Horticulturist, Biologist, and Author of *Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide* (2017) and *Pollinators of Native Plants* (2014),
Learn about the diversity and types of native bees that visit our gardens and the ways we can enhance our gardens to make them more bee-friendly. Heather will cover basic bee biology, nesting habitat, and the pollination of native plants highlighting the mutualism between native plants and native bees.

10:00 What's for Sale?

Heather Alley, Conservation Horticulturist, Mimsie Center for Native Plant Studies, SBG
Gareth Crosby, Curator of the Heritage Garden and Flower Garden, SBG

10:30 Break, Plant Sale and Book Signing. Copies of Heather's books will be for sale and Heather will be available for signing.

11:00 Not Just Butterflies and Bees

Cliff Brock, Curator of the Rose Garden and Walkway, SBG

There are many other native pollinators out there that require a totally different palette of plants for nectar and pollen. Cliff will focus on some of our less photogenic pollinators such as flies, moths, gnats, wasps, beetles, ants, and slugs. Many of our most treasured woodland plants require these arthropods for both pollination and seed dissemination.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, including the Certificate in Native Plants Program Graduation, will be held in the Garden's Visitor Center.

1:15 – 2:00 Plant Hike

What do your pollinator plants look like in the winter? Local botanical experts will guide symposium participants from the Visitor Center back to the Garden Club HQ, identifying native plants in both the natural and planted landscape.



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2:00 Local pollinators and UGA Connections to Outreach and Research Conservation Efforts

Marianne Shockley, Academic Professor, UGA Department of Entomology

UGA has numerous statewide outreach and research projects related to local pollinators, conservation, and sustainability. This presentation will detail the life history of some of Georgia's insect pollinators and highlight conservation and sustainability projects such as roof top gardens and rain gardens.

2:45 Landscaping with Native Plants

Joey Allen, Curator of Shade and Native Garden, SBG

Choices we make while creating and maintaining our gardens have an impact on soil, water, and wildlife. Design choices can also reduce the time, effort, and chemicals needed to maintain an attractive and sustainable landscape. Joey will make recommendations for plant selection, management practices, and design techniques for home gardens. Emphasis will be placed on mimicking natural systems to work with—not against—nature.

3:30 Adjourn