The Georgia Botanical Garden Workshop is an opportunity for botanical gardens across the state to share experiences and ideas on current topics in public garden operations. This event is meant to promote awareness and fellowship within the Georgia public garden community through a collaborative forum that encourages communication across the state. The primary objective of this event is to identify the opportunities and challenges that Georgia’s gardens face and how they can work together to accomplish common goals. Proceeds from the event will expand opportunities for more gardens to join Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), an independent organization well-known for its commitment to the conservation of the world's threatened plants. This event takes place the day before the State Botanical Garden's annual Native Plant Symposium, which will also highlight on-going work with plant communities across Georgia. Discounts will be available to individuals interested in attending both of these events.

**Agenda for Georgia Botanical Gardens Workshop 2019**

10-10:30 a.m. Welcome and Announcements

*Jenny Cruse-Sanders, Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia*

10:30-11:30 a.m. Keynote Address:

*Seeking Eden: A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens*

*Staci L. Catron, Cherokee Garden Library Director, Atlanta History Center*

*Mary Ann Eaddy, Historic Preservationist*

Interest in gardening and garden design was strong in early-twentieth-century Georgia and resulted in some of the state's most noteworthy designed landscapes, a number of which are still in existence. Seeking Eden: A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens (UGA Press, 2018) chronicles the evolution of several of these properties, all originally identified in the 1933 volume Garden History of Georgia, 1733–1933. Both publicly and privately-owned, these gardens reflect the geographic diversity of the state, a variety of garden types and designs, the significant role of women in their formation and preservation, and the impact of professional designers. They are also vital to the state's history, essential not only for understanding Georgia's past but also for contributing to the health and beauty of their twenty-first-century communities.

11:30–noon Garden Networking Activity

12-1 p.m. Lunch & BGCI Presentation: Integrated Collections Development

*Abby Meyer, Executive Director of Botanic Gardens Conservation International (US)*

1-1:30 p.m. Breakout Session #1

1:45-2:15 p.m. Breakout Session #2

2:30-3 p.m. Breakout Session #3

3:15-4 p.m. Closing Remarks & Announcements

4-5 p.m. Guided Tours of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia

4:30-6 p.m. Reception

**Breakout Session Topics/Tracks:**

- Conservation
- Horticulture
- Visitor Services
- Education and Programming
- Tree Health on Public Lands
- Business and Finance

*All sessions will be facilitated by professionals in that field*