



# State Botanical Garden of Georgia UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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## Native Plant Symposium

Wednesday, February 6

8:45 am - 3:30 pm

The Garden Club of Georgia, Terrace Room

Growing and protecting native plants are important for many reasons: they celebrate our state and region, they are well suited to our region's growing conditions, and they are the foundation of the complex ecosystem that supports insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Native plants can be tough, beautiful garden plants for your home landscape as well as delicate harbingers of the changing seasons. Join us this year as we explore the lightly forested landscapes called woodlands where sunlight is relatively plentiful, soil moisture is low, and plant diversity is high. Learn about the plants that thrive in woodlands (and woodland gardens) and the efforts to protect and restore Georgia's disappearing habitats.

### Agenda for Native Plant Symposium 2019

#### 8:45-9 a.m. Welcome and Announcements

*Jenny Cruse-Sanders, Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
Representative from The Garden Club of Georgia*

#### 9-10 a.m. The Coming Hurricanes – Maritime Woodlands at Risk: Wind, Surge, Salt, & Flood!

*Dr. Kim Coder, Professor of Tree Biology & Health Care & Hill Fellow for Distinguished Public Service and Outreach, University of Georgia*  
Native woodlands cannot escape extreme weather events. Maritime woodlands are especially vulnerable to many vulgarities of erosion, sea, and storms. Within the next 30 years, sea level rise and ocean front erosion is predicted to magnify damage from more powerful hurricanes, leading to significant woodland retreat and loss.

#### 10-10:30 a.m. What's for Sale at the Plant Sale?

*Horticulture & Conservation Departments, State Botanical Garden of Georgia*

#### 10:30-11 a.m. Break & Plant Sale

#### 11-11:50 a.m. A Horticulturist's Perspective on Three Southeastern genera: Trillium, Asarum, and Rhododendron

*Cliff Brock, Horticulture Department, State Botanical Garden of Georgia*  
Cliff will be taking a closer look at three diverse genera found throughout the southeastern United States. This part of the world possesses an incredible array of native azalea, evergreen ginger, and trillium species. This talk will discuss the ecology, biogeography, and ethnobotany of these plant genera from a gardener's perspective.

#### 12-1:15 p.m. Lunch & Certificate in Native Plants Graduation Ceremony

#### 1:30 p.m. Managing Invasive Plants for a Healthier Woodland Understory

*Lauren Muller, Invasive Plant Management Coordinator, Athens Land Trust*  
Lauren will discuss the state of invasive plants in the Georgia Piedmont, tried and true management strategies, and how the Northeast Georgia Invasive Plant Cooperative aims to reduce the impact of invasive plants in Athens and the surrounding counties.

#### 2:15 p.m. Woodland Restoration in the Foothills Landscape

*Jimmy Rickard, Forest Ecologist & Botanist, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest*  
Jimmy will discuss the ongoing work of the US Forest Service to restore and protect one of Georgia's most unique woodland landscapes located in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. Through the efforts of the Forest Service and their community partners on this project, this work aims to maintain or restore biologic integrity, connectivity, resilience, and soil and water quality on the 143,419 acres of the Foothills Landscape.

#### 2:50 p.m. Growing the Awesomest Wildflowers and Appreciating Their Live Entourage

*Dr. Bodie Pennisi, Professor and Statewide Extension Landscape Specialist, University of Georgia*  
Dr. Pennisi will share tips on how to increase your success rate when growing wildflowers from seed as well as clonally. She will also talk about her research on species selection and best cultural practices which affect establishment of native wildflowers. With native flowers come their winged entourage and not just the pretty butterflies and busy bees. Dr. Pennisi also will talk about biological enemies and their prey, and how to make the most out of the wonderful world of arthropods.

#### 3:30 Closing Remarks & Adjourn

