



2010
MID-SOUTH
NATIVE PLANT
CONFERENCE

MEMPHIS, TN

NATIVES & BEYOND:
SUSTAINABLE PLANTS,
GARDENS & COMMUNITIES

OCTOBER 8 - 10, 2010



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Friday, October 8, 2010

- 5 - 7 p.m. **Early Registration, Casual Wine and Beer Reception & Tours of the Dixon Gardens**
7 - 8 p.m. **How to Get Away with Growing Wildflowers in Town – Felder Rushing**

Saturday, October 9, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
8:30 a.m. **Welcome – Dale Skaggs**, Director of Horticulture, Dixon Gallery and Gardens
8:45 a.m. **Botanic Gardens of the World as Developing Centers for Plant Conservation & Sustainability – Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson**
Is planting native plants enough? Botanic gardens are taking the lead on plant conservation and sustainability issues. Learn how the plant selection and practices being used can translate into positive changes in garden practices.
10:00 a.m. **Great Natives for Tough Places – C. Colston Burrell**
Every garden has a challenging site where conventional solutions are more work than reward. This lecture helps gardeners choose the best native plants to thrive in tough site conditions, from wet to compacted soil to hot dry sites and dense shade. Using nature as a model, we explore the adaptations that allow native plants to cope with the toughest conditions Mother Nature can dish out and combine site appropriate plants to fashion beautiful gardens with reduced maintenance.
11:00 a.m. **Break**
11:30 a.m. **Stormwater Landscapes: Rain Gardens & Other Strategies for Improving Water Quality – Ann English**
As recent droughts have taught, water is a precious commodity which should not be wasted. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems use Low Impact Development (LID) tools such as bioretention, bioswales, rain gardens, green roofs and permeable pavements to solve the technical water management problems. Landscape architects are working to create aesthetically pleasing environments that mimic natural processes and are valued as much for quality of design as for the ability to reduce runoff. This talk will highlight examples of creative and beautiful storm water applications for a range of land uses, including residential landscapes.
12:30 p.m. **Box Lunch, Socializing & Shopping**
1:30 p.m. **Nurturing Gardens Inspired by Nature – Rick Lewandowski**
Discover how nature-inspired gardens can be developed with richly layered and diverse plant elements. Rick looks at natural processes and natural habitats to interpret and create gardens designed with harmonious elements, as well as how design principles can be achieved with careful plant selection and placement. Rick also looks at key design principles for naturalistic gardening, drawing on inspiration from the gardens at Mt. Cuba Center along with some of the plants that make the garden so successful.
2:45 p.m. **New and Useful Native Plants for Mid-South Gardens and Landscapes – Don Shadow**
Don has a penchant for finding, evaluating, propagating and marketing native plants with outstanding features: mildew and anthracnose-resistant, columnar growth, leaf variegations or weeping forms of our native trees and shrubs. He will certainly share stories about his rare and wild "collection" of 700 animals representing 60 species he cares for on his property near Winchester, TN.
3:45 p.m. **Program Ends**

Sunday, October 10, 2010 - Optional Tours

Tour the Old Growth Forest in Memphis' Overton Park with Naturalist Don Richardson

Spend Sunday morning strolling this treasure. Learn about its natural history, the canopy, its understory, and view the seasonal wildflowers. Having saved the park from the encroaching expressway system in the 70's, Friends of Overton Park are now introducing legislation to preserve and defend this unique natural resource. See first hand why that is so important. (1.5 hour tour begins at 9:00 a.m.)

Visit Gardens OyVey Nursery - A Nursery Inside a Garden

Possibly the premier native plant garden in the mid-south. Meet Diane Meucci and Wolfgang Marquardt and see how they live with a light footprint on their 5-acre property. Listed as one of the top 30 mail order nurseries by gardenwatchdog.com. Guided tours and nursery open for your shopping pleasure.

Visit the Gardens of Toot Fineberg-Buchner, Bickie McDonnell and Ann Frogge

Visit with each of these enthusiastic gardeners. Both have varied selections of native plants set amongst choice towering trees creating a shady woodland. Though each garden has "exotics", each demonstrates how natives can effectively enhance the home landscape. Take home tips on combinations of woodies, ferns, groundcovers, and other gems to add to your garden.

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OUR SPEAKERS



Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson, the newly appointed president of the Missouri Botanical Garden, is successor to the internationally-renowned Garden president Dr. Peter Raven. Born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and educated at the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Peter Wyse Jackson has served as the director of the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland since March 2005. During his tenure,

Wyse Jackson placed a new emphasis on organic horticulture and home gardening. He made environmental sustainability a priority of the institution, reducing waste and energy consumption, promoting new programs and research on biodiversity, conservation and sustainable development. In Ireland, he has also been a leader at national levels in environmental policy development, providing advice to government in fields including biodiversity, conservation and climate change. Prior to his position with the National Botanic Gardens, Wyse Jackson served as secretary general for the Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), a worldwide organization promoting plant conservation, environmental education and sustainable development through botanic gardens.

Wyse Jackson is the author of scores of scientific books and papers on plant conservation, gardening and horticulture, and the management and conservation of endangered island floras. He brings an extensive knowledge of botanical institutions, having worked closely with botanic gardens in more than 50 countries. He has served as Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation since 2005, supporting the implementation of the U.N.'s Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.



C. Colston Burrell is a garden designer, award-winning author, photographer, naturalist, and teacher. He grows hellebore species and hybrids alongside natives and other treasures in his garden in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Charlottesville, Virginia. Cole holds master's degrees in horticulture and landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota. He is a lecturer Architecture and

Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia and principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration.

Cole is the author of many garden books and has twice won the American Horticulture Society book award—in 2007 for *Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide* and in 1998 for *A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers*. Cole is a contributing editor for *Horticulture* and frequently writes for *Landscape Architecture* and *American Gardener*. He lectures internationally on design, plants, and ecology.



Ann English, RainScapes Program Planning Specialist with the Montgomery County (MD) Department of Environmental Protection, is also adjunct Faculty in the Sustainable Landscape Design Program at George Washington University. Her research interests span a diverse array of sustainable landscape interests including developing sustainable learning

environments, planting design, site level storm water management, low maintenance strategies and ecological design. RainScapes is an innovative Montgomery County initiative that encourages on-site storm water management funded through the County Water Quality Protection Charge.



Rick Lewandowski is the director of Mt. Cuba Center in Greenville, Delaware, the former estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lamot du Pont Copeland. Rick has been director since 1999 and is responsible for institutional planning and garden development, including conservation, educational and research programs for the 587-acre property. Prior to working at Mt. Cuba Center, Rick was with

the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania for 16 years, the last 8 years as Director of Horticulture and Curator of the Living Collection. Rick participated in several plant exploration trips to China and developed and oversaw horticultural research for the Arboretum. Rick continues to actively explore and study plant habitats throughout the eastern and southeastern U.S. in order to enrich the living collection of Mt. Cuba Center with documented, wild-collected, seed-propagated plants and to conserve plant genetic diversity for future generations. This field work also supports Mt. Cuba Center's mission to promote and develop better native plants for landscape use.



Felder Rushing is a 10th-generation gardener from Jackson, MS. He is a former Extension Service urban horticulture specialist, prolific garden writer, lecturer and radio host. Felder has authored or co-authored 15 gardening books (including several national award winners), written thousands of gardening columns in syndicated newspapers, and has had hundreds of articles and photographs published in regional and national garden

magazines, including *Garden Design*, *Horticulture*, *Landscape Architecture*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Fine Gardening*, *Organic Gardening*, and *National Geographic*. He currently hosts *The Gestalt Gardener*, a call-in garden program on NPR affiliate stations.

Felder has served many years as a board member of the American Horticulture Society and national director of the Garden Writers Association. He has twice been president of the Mississippi state native plant society and once took a TV crew to Europe to show how they use OUR native plants in their gardens, both formal and cottage (e.g., goldenrod planted in masses in the formal borders at Versailles). Felder's down-home approach to horticulture will reintroduce you to the simple joys of gardening.



Don Shadow is a fourth generation nurseryman who received his degree in Horticulture from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he later served nine years on the Board of Trustees for the university. Don is a Past President of the Southern Nursery Association, the International Plant Propagator's Society (Eastern Region), the Tennessee Nurserymen's Association (now TNLA) and a former member of the American Association of Nurs-

erymen Board of Governors. Don served three terms on the Advisory Council of the United States National Arboretum. In 2008, Don was inducted into the Tennessee Nursery & Landscape Association Hall of Fame and has received many more awards and honors too numerous to mention here. In 2005, Don co-authored *Dogwoods: The Genus Cornus* with Paul Cappelletto of Yew Dell Gardens.

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PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE

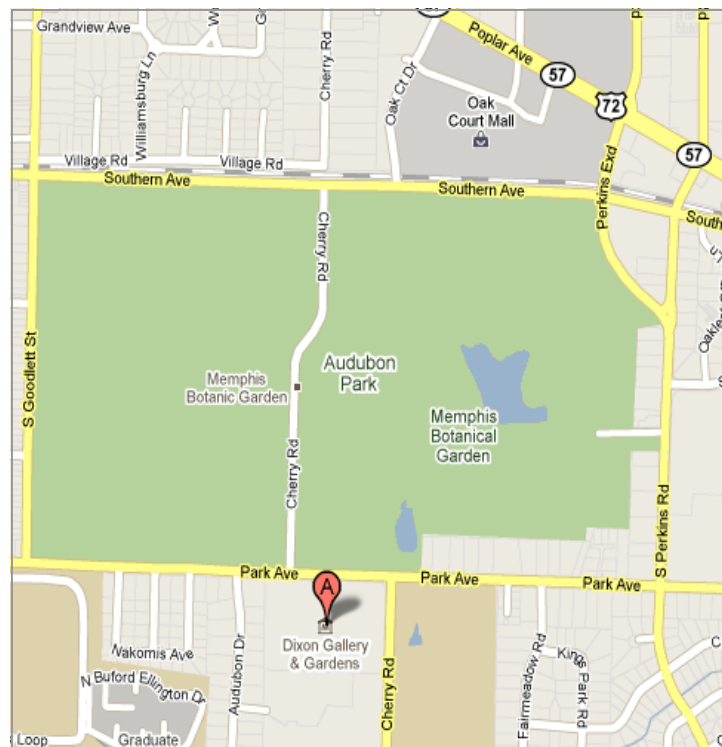
To promote and create awareness of the use of plant choices, horticultural practices, and garden designs that work with nature and have a positive environmental impact.

MISSION STATEMENT

Growing out of the Memphis Horticultural Society's mission of educating the public in gardening to help to preserve the natural environment, the "Natives & Beyond: Sustainable Plants, Gardens & Communities" Conference shall promote plants and horticultural practices that support a land ethic respectful of our ecology and its inherent natural beauty. Our goal is to bring together knowledgeable amateurs and professionals to share the most current sustainable approaches to gardening with an awareness of plant choices, practices, and design philosophies which work with natural communities to sustain the land, water, and air important to all.

Special thanks to the Memphis Horticultural Society for their initial and continued support of the Mid-South Native Plant Conference and to the Memphis Botanic Garden and Lichterman Nature Center for generously opening their gardens to our attendees.

CONFERENCE LOCATION DIXON GALLERY & GARDENS



CONFERENCE VENDORS WILL OFFER NATIVE PLANTS AND PRODUCTS
TO SUPPORT YOUR SUSTAINABLE GARDENING

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REGISTRATION

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Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

- \$100 for registrations postmarked by Sept. 1*
- \$125 for registrations postmarked after Sept. 1*

Registration fee includes reception, box lunch and refreshment breaks.

If paying by check, make check payable to Dixon Gallery & Gardens and mail to:

Mid-South Native Plant Conference
Dixon Gallery & Gardens
4339 Park Ave.
Memphis, TN 38117

If paying by credit card, call the Dixon at (901)761-5250.

Reservations for the conference must be made in advance and will be confirmed by mail.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations after September 1 are subject to a \$25 fee.

**When registering for more than one person, please include names and addresses for each person on a separate sheet.*

Accommodations:

Park Place Hotel: Special rate of \$75 plus taxes. When making reservations, provide the code MS1008 and mention the conference. (5877 Poplar Ave., 901.767.6300).

Hampton Inn: \$79 plus taxes. When making reservations, mention the conference. (5320 Poplar Ave., 901.683.8500).

OPTIONAL SUNDAY TOURS

Please indicate your interest in attending the following:

- Tour the Old Growth Forest in Overton Park***
- Visit Gardens OyVey Nursery - A Nursery Inside a Garden***
- Visit the Gardens of Toot Fineberg-Buchner, Bickie McDonnell and Ann Frogge***

Maps will be available; participants provide own transportation and may visit all destinations.

SEE THE DIXON'S WEBSITE AT WWW.DIXON.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.