

Topics, Presenters, and Tours

June 19—Soil Preparation & Composting, Vegetable Gardening & Companion Planting

—Jacquelyn Rees

— Tour Garden of Larry and Judy Kirkland

July 24—Herbs: Floral and Culinary

— Mary Louise Hagler

— Tour Garden of Mary Louise Hagler

August 21— Perennials, Bulbs, Annuals

—Ginny Allen

—Tour Garden of Ginny Allen

September 25—New Cultivars

— Jenny Addie and Ted Stephens

—Guided tour by Ted Stephens at Nurseries Caroliniana

October 16 — Native Plants

—Scott Smith

—Tour Garden of Sharyn Altman

November 13—Indoor Plants —Sharyn Altman

(orchids); Sharon Miles (African violets); Milledge or Joanne Peterson (other indoor plants)

—Tour Bedford Greenhouses.

January 15—Trees and Shrubs—Cathy Black, Suzanne Thomas, Laura Sheets

—Tour Pendleton King Park with plant guides

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The course is open to any interested person.

Registration is limited to approximately 30 persons.

Deadline for registration is 10 days prior to each session so lunch can be arranged.

Cost is \$25 per session; Lunch and snacks are included. Go to <http://www.augustacouncilgc.com> for registration form and speaker's bios.

We meet in the new section on the left rear: foyer outside gym.

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Augusta, Georgia

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No tests!

No volunteer hours required.

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Tour private gardens and public nurseries.

Saturdays from 8:30 until 4:00

Morning class session

Afternoon tour of garden or nursery

Get a certificate if you complete six of the seven

Presenters

June 19—**Jacquelyn Rees** is a Master Gardener in both Georgia and South Carolina. She began her love for gardening when she was five years old, working alongside both her grandmothers: one loved violets and potato vines; the other had a passion for begonias. She has expanded her list of must-have plants. Jacque has earned certifications in Plant Pathology from Ohio State, and in WaterSmart Gardening and Landscape Design. She gives talks to numerous organizations and private groups in the Aiken and Augusta areas. She also gives quarterly talks at a local book store and conducts classes in Landscape Design, Gardening 101, Propagation, Wicked Plants, Jewel Box and Container Gardening.

July 24—**Mary Louise Hagler** is a life-long gardener and Master Gardener who has contributed to Augusta Magazine, Columbia County News Times, and is currently developing a no-nonsense guide to gardening in Augusta. She is 1st VP of Pine Needle Garden Club in Augusta and speaks frequently about herbs, veggies, and floral design. At her website (www.mlchgarden.com) she communicates monthly tips and practical garden ideas to her readers. Her garden was featured in the Sacred Heart Garden Festival tour.

August 21—**Virginia Allen** is a Master Gardener, 2nd VP of Cherokee Rose Garden Club, and Garden Therapy Chairman of the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs. She began gardening when she was three, worked in a florist shop when in high school, and has attended many garden workshops. She has won awards for horticulture and flower arrangements in both Cleveland, Ohio, and Augusta, Georgia, presented garden programs at the Augusta Home and Garden Show and for area garden clubs, and contributes to garden articles for the Columbia County News Times.

September 25—**Jenny Addie** has been immersed in horticulture all of her life. Her father, a horticulturalist, ran a Bonsai nursery in her native country of Australia. Jenny's grandmother was a pioneer in hybridization. Jenny majored in horticulture at Burnley College in Melbourne, and she has been employed at the Green Thumb Garden Centers for the last 30 years. —**Ted Stephens** is the founder of Nurseries Caroliniana, a retail garden center focusing on offering rare and unusual plant material to the gardening public. He travels to Japan and other countries regularly to collect new plant selections for introduction into the American market. He has served as past president of the South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association and currently serves on the advisory board of the South Carolina Botanical Garden.

October 16— **J. Scott Smith** earned a BS in Horticulture and a Masters from UGA. He is a GGIA Certified Professional who has worked at Groves Nursery and taught at Aiken High as Agriculture Instructor, and he is now teaching Environmental Horticulture at Augusta Tech where he has been for 28 years. He has been a frequent guest with demonstrations and programs for the Master Gardener Program, Sacred Heart Garden Festival, Augusta Home and Garden Show, and many others. In the last 20 years he has especially shown interest in native species that could serve in practical landscape applications.

November 13 —**Sharyn Altman** has been surrounded by plants her whole life. She was raised on an ornamental, evergreen nursery south of Atlanta. Her dad was the horticulturist at Emory University, and one of her uncles owned a

commercial orchid greenhouse and florist shop where she frequently visited. She enjoys sharing her garden on tours which emphasize native plants and wildlife. Sharyn maintains her registered Wildlife Habitat garden and grows orchids on the side. She is a lifetime Master Gardener, president of GA Master Gardener Association, a member of the Greenbrier Garden Club as well as a member of the Rose, Hydrangea, and Orchid Societies. She is also a consultant for the Georgia Garden Club in both Landscape and Garden Design and an accredited Flower Show Judge—**Sharon Miles** has been growing African violets since childhood. She is a "self-taught, trial and error, fire and mis-fire, experimenting gardener" whose knowledge is "very down to earth and simple to guarantee success with a plant that has the reputation of being difficult." She is a member of the African Violet Society of America, an African violet judge and have grown many prize winning exhibition violets —**Milledge and Joanne Peterson** took over Bedford Greenhouses eight years ago and began the transformation of Augusta's oldest nursery. Both come from backgrounds outside of the horticultural industry, but have had gardening in their blood from the time they bought their first home.

January 15 —**Suzanne Thomas** is a Master Gardener whose major interest are trees and organic gardening. She is a life long gardener and writes a monthly article, Gardening in Montclair, for her neighborhood newsletter. She was project leader at the Martinez Post Office planning and planting trees for shade and beauty.. —**Laura Sheets** has been gardening in Aiken County for over 20 years. Her education in horticulture was informal—a combination of advice from Nurseries Caroliniana, information from Southern Living, and a lot of trial and error. In addition to working in her own yards, she has led a landscape club at her church. She enjoys all kinds of plants, but trees are her favorite.—**Cathy Black** is a Senior Forester with the Georgia Forestry Commission for the last 24 years. She is currently the educator and manager of Spirit Creek Educational Forest and has served on the PKP Foundation Board for more than 15 years.