

Topics, Presenters, and Tours

September 10—Native Plants —J. Scott Smith
and Steve Willard

— Tour Sandy Run Nature Trail at Fort Gordon

October 8—Bulbs, Annuals Perennials —Ginny
Allen ; and Perennials for Dry Shade—Karen Oli-
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—Tour woodland garden of Karen Oliver

January 14— Trees and Shrubs—Cathy Black,
Suzanne Thomas, Laura Sheets

—Tour Augusta State University

February 11 — Seasonal Gardening from the
Ground Up: 4 seasons of interest in the landscape;
building our landscape with mixed borders of annu-
als & perennials; edible landscaping with vegetables;
adding drama with the bones of the garden using
trees and shrubs; all to provide seasonal awareness
and attention no matter the time of the year. —
Jacquelyn Rees

—Tour—Summerville Wellness —Kay Pittman will
speak on vegetables and companion planting.

March 10 —Indoor Gardening and Container Gar-
dening —Judy Sanderlin

Bromeliads and Begonias —Peggy Glover

Indoor and Jewel Box Gardening—Jacquelyn Rees

Tour Sanderlin Greenhouses

May 12—Herbs —Mary Louise Hagler

Tour Golden Living Center Augusta greenhouse

June 9—New Cultivars —Mike Sikes

—Tour Research Center for Applied Nursery Re-
search

To register contact Ginny Allen, 706-
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The course is open to any interested
person.

Registration is limited to approximate-
ly 35 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](http://www.augustacouncilgc.com) for
registration form and speaker's bios.

We meet in the new section on the left
rear: foyer outside gym.
8:30 (registration and refreshments)
9:00 to 12:00 class; 12:00 lunch
1:00 Tour

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Clubs, Inc.

Judy Kirkland, President



Basic Horticulture Sessions



Aldersgate Methodist Church

3185 Wheeler Road

Augusta, Georgia

Basic Horticulture Sessions

No tests!
No volunteer hours required.
No overnight stays.
No commitment to multiple sessions.
Improve your garden skills and meet others interested in gardening.
Tour private gardens and public nurseries.
Saturdays from 8:30 until 4:00 (includes lunch and morning refreshments)
Refreshments and Registration at 8:30
Morning class session 9:00-12:00
Afternoon tour of garden or nursery 1:00-4:00
Earn a certificate if you complete six of the seven sessions offered.

Presenters

September 10— **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. **Steve Willard** is Chief of Environmental, Natural, and Cultural Resources for the Fort Gordon Garrison. He advises on what plants go where in the landscape master plans and tries to use as many native species as possible.

October 8—**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*. **Karen Oliver**, the own-

er of Bayou Spice Catering , is an active member of garden clubs in both Georgia and South Carolina and an accredited Flower Show judge. Her beautiful 1.5 woodland garden in North Augusta is a National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat complete with koi pond, two waterfalls, and plants that are contorted, variegated, and native.

January 14 —**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 is 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 management forester for Burke, Richmond, Columbia, and McDuffie Counties.

February 11 **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. Jacque has earned certifications in Plant Pathology from Ohio State, Integrated Pest Management, WaterSmart Gardening and Landscape Design. Jacque consults with homeowners who have questions / concerns with their gardens, helping them find solutions to improve their landscape. She delivers talks to numerous organizations and private groups in the CSRA and neighboring states. **Kay Pittman** has been gardening using organic methods for 30 years growing vegetables along with herbs and fruits year round. Her farm was the first in the area to promote Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). This is her eighth year of delivering what is in season weekly to homes and businesses. She is a Master Gardener and teaches the organic portion of the Master Gardener class for Sid Mullis. She has opened a wellness center where she can have a indoor market and growing classes. Kay loves sharing anything that has to do with gardening and always encourages people to get their hands dirty.

March 10 —**Judy Sanderlin** is owner of Sanderlin Greenhouses in Appling and has more than 40 years of experience with gardening. Her family-owned business has 38 greenhouses, a gift shop, garden barn, and patio house. **Peggy Glover** has given many programs on bromeliads and begonias as an active member two garden clubs in the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs. Seeing Bromeliad plants growing outdoors in a friends garden in Florida convinced her she could grow them in pots at home. That was about 8 years ago and she still has plants from the first ones she started. Peg says that geraniums are very similar, easy to root and grow. She feels that with so many species to choose from every one should try his or her hand with this plant. **Jacquelyn Rees** — See Feb.11.

May 12 —**Mary Louise Hagler** is a lifelong gardener and Master Gardener who is evolving into a free-lance garden writer. She has contributed to *Augusta Magazine*, *Columbia County News Times*, and writes for *Georgia Gardening Magazine*. She is currently developing a practical guide to gardening in Augusta and is president of Pine Needle Garden Club. Mary Louise hosts numerous hands-on workshops throughout the year teaching creative floral design and gardening techniques equipping participants with the confidence for do-it-yourself projects. Visit her website www.mlchgarden.com and subscribe to her free monthly newsletter with healthy recipes and gardening tips.

June 9 —**Mike Sikes** is a the horticulturist for the Gardener’s Confidence Collection and a Horticulturist & Marketing Coordinator for McCorkle Nurseries, Inc. A graduate of UGA’s School of Horticulture, he has served as president of the Georgia Nursery Association and Friends of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. He has also been recognized as the Georgia Green Industry Association’s Distinguished Professional of the Year. Sikes has over 25 years in the horticulture industry and is often on the road in search of new plants to bring to the market. He is an admitted “plantaholic” whose passion for plants is contagious and readily shares his expertise with other gardeners who strive to have the utmost confidence in their own garden whether that includes acres of plants or patio containers.