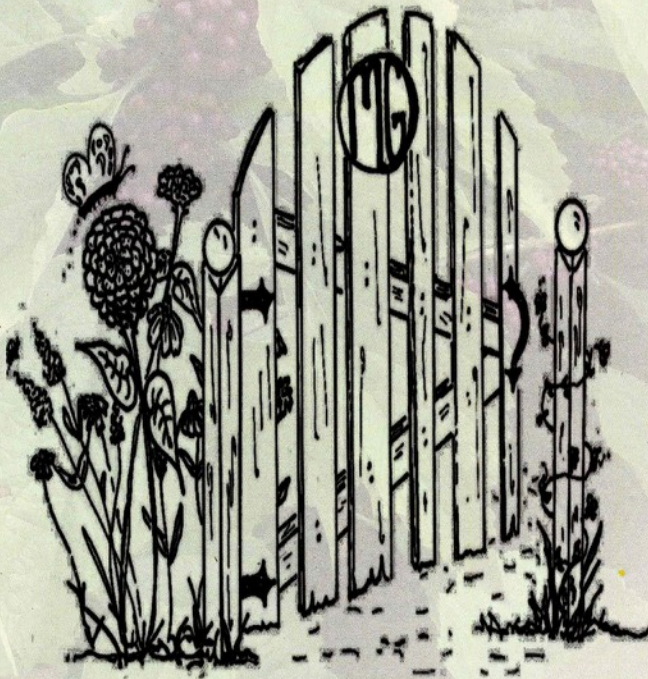


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**Monday, May 2, 2022**

**Registration**  
**Vendors**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Tours**  
**Workshops**

**"Air Layering Camellias from Plants to Pots"**



**Jane Mobley (L)** became a Central Al. Master Gardener in 2006 after retiring from teaching high school science courses. She has received her Advanced Master Gardener Certifications in pruning, outdoor classrooms, southern heirloom gardening, butterfly gardening, and herbs.



**Rhona Watson (R)** has been a Master Gardener since 2005. She is passionate about making more plants, and all the methods of propagation. She loves to share her knowledge of propagation, Japanese Gardens, Bonsai, and container gardens, including miniature gardens.

**"Herbal Beverages to Beat the Heat"**



**Debbie Boutelier**

A life-long lover of all aspects of gardening and nature, Debbie Boutelier's interest in herbs and other edibles began in the early 80's when she planted her first edible garden with vegetables and culinary herbs. After moving to Alabama her involvement with the Master Gardener program led her into a new career as a County Extension Agent in Autauga County for 8 years. Debbie now teaches nationally and presents seminars and workshops on herbs, organic gardening, nutrition, and other garden related topics. Debbie's herb passion has led to the creation of her small cottage herb business, Rooted in Thyme Apothecary.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

**"Cultivating a Sense of Place"**



**Erica Glasener Goldstein**

Erica Glasener is a plant lover, horticulturist, writer, author and speaker.

She is passionate about all things green and is currently the

Community Involvement/Events Manager for Piedmont Park Conservancy, the nonprofit that supports Piedmont Park (over 200 acres) in Atlanta, GA.

She is fortunate to have traveled throughout the US and to have discovered wonderful gardens and gardeners as the host for "A Gardener's Diary" for 13 years on HGTV and more recently as the Senior Producer for "Growing a Greener World" which airs on PBS stations across the country. She loves to share her knowledge about plants and gardening.

**"Vertical Beauty with Flowering Vines"**



**Beth Bolles**

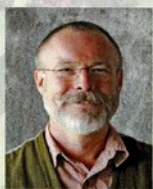
Beth has served as a horticulture educator with the University of Florida for 25 years in Escambia County. She assists both homeowners and professionals with evidence-

based information to improve their gardening and landscaping practices. Beth earned degrees from the University of Tennessee in both Horticulture and Entomology that complement each other well, enabling her to find solutions to a broad range of horticulture issues faced by the community.

The best part of the Beth's Extension work is the variety of activities and topics that are involved in the job. She especially enjoys learning about the local environment and determining the 'whys' behind a particular gardening practice or recommendation.



**"The Trees You Didn't Think of,  
Uncommon Yet Wonderful"**



**Jack Rowe**

"Jack Rowe is the Extension Beekeeping Specialist and Consulting Urban Forester for fifteen rural towns with the RC&D

council in the Tombigbee River Region. His past work experience includes horticultural urban forestry with emphasis on tree preservation, landscape maintenance, and regulatory pest control on aircraft. He also has been Horticulturist for the Louisville Metro Parks System, Tree Preservation Specialist for The Care of Trees Inc., and Horticultural Therapy Group Leader in Ohio's Buckeye Ranch Family and Children's Mental Healthcare facility.

He is a native of the Eastern Kentucky Mountains and has a bachelor's degree in agriculture and horticulture and a master of science in entomology from the University of Kentucky.

**Lunch & Business Meeting  
Tuesday Afternoon Sessions**

**"Designing a Garden for Four Seasons"  
Erica Glasener Goldstein**

**"The Trees You Didn't Think of,  
Uncommon Yet Wonderful"**

**Jack Rowe**

**"A Peek Through the Garden Gate"**



**David Brown**

David Brown has been the Greenhouse Manager/In House Floral Designer at Hills and Dales Estate in Georgia since 2014. This is his dream job made possible by the edu-

cation and work experience he has enjoyed throughout his life. His degree is in Horticulture and Agriculture Education from Purdue University in Indiana. He was Co-owner/Designer for David Brown Ltd. Florist for fifteen years. He has been a horticulture instructor at both high school and technical college levels.

David is married with two children. He has enjoyed every moment working in the beautifully preserved garden and home that is Hills and Dales.

**"Ten Things You Didn't Know  
About Entomology"**



**Dr. Michelle Samuel-Foo**

Michelle Samuel-Foo is the Director of Specialty Crop Research and is currently charged with leading the Alabama State University's research initiative surrounding Industrial Hemp entomology. Dr. Foo

attended the University of Georgia for graduate school where she completed her PhD in Entomology after earning an MS degree in Agronomy. She also holds a B.A. in Biology (*Summa Cum Laude*) from Brewton Parker College in Mt Vernon, GA.

Dr. Samuel-Foo is the current branch president of the South Eastern Branch (SEB) of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). She is also a two term former president of the International Association of Black Entomologists (IABE). She currently serves as the SEB branch representative to the Diversity and Inclusion National Committee of ESA and in 2020 Michelle was the recipient of the Entomological Society of America's Founders' Memorial Award.

**Silent Auction Closes  
Banquet  
Installation of Officers  
Keynote Speaker**

**"Horticulture CSI: Search for the  
Long Beach Radish"**



**Dr. Gary Bachman, CPH**

Dr. Bachman is the Extension/Research Professor of Horticulture at the Coastal Research and Extension Center at Mississippi State University. He hosts the

award winning MSU Extension Service's Southern Gardening TV, radio, newspaper columns, and social media outlets. Dr. Bachman is a Fellow, American Society for Horticultural Science, is a Great American Gardener, and is a member of The American Horticultural Society.

Gary and his wife live in Ocean Springs, MS, where they are urban homesteaders and operate the Heritage Cottage Urban Nano Farm. This farm was designed to be an urban demonstration farm to grow and preserve an abundance of locally grown specialty vegetables and produce year round. Dr. Bachman has BS and MS degrees from Clemson University and a PhD from Ohio State University.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

**Silent Auction Winners Pick Up**

**"Growing Potential of Small Gardens"  
Dr. Gary Bachman**

**Conference Closing Remarks**

