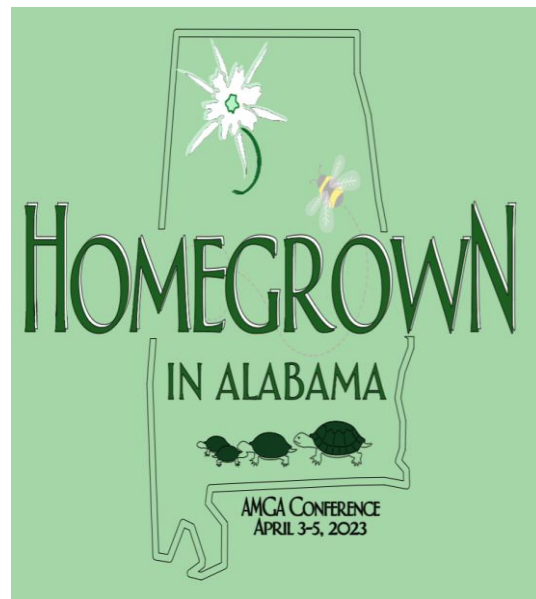


2023 AMGA State Conference

“Homegrown in Alabama”

April 3-5, 2023

Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, Alabama



PROGRAM

Monday, April 3, 2023

- 8 am – 6 pm Registration
- 11 am – 6 pm Silent Auction open
- 3 pm – 6 pm Vendors open

No charge for tours but you must register.

10 am **Nancy Cobb**
Wildflowers Galore

10 am **Cheryl Rolf**
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2:30 pm **Civil Right Trail** Meet in Registration lobby at Bryant Conf Center
Must pre-register, Bus transportation provided

* You are on your own for lunch today. Please check your welcome bag for restaurants.

3:30 pm Native Azalea Workshop by **John Torbert** – Sellers Lobby, Bryant Conf Center
Alabama Chapter of Azalea Society

6 pm Dinner in Sellers Auditorium, Bryant Conference Center

Welcome – **Myra Lassere**, AMGA President

Welcome – **Hays Webb**, Tusc Co District Attorney

Speaker: **Colonel Duane Lamb**,
Creating a World Class University Campus

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

7:30 am – 9 am	Breakfast Snacks, Coffee and Soft Drinks
8 am – 11 am	Registration Vendors & Silent Auction open
8:30 am	Welcome – Kerry Smith , State MG Program Coordinator Session 1: Dr Doug Phillips , Keynote Speaker Discovering Alabama's Natural Diversity
10 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Session 2: R. Scot Duncan How Ala Gardeners Can Help Stem the Biodiversity and Climate Crises
11:30 am	Lunch AMGA Annual Business Meeting Awards
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Session 3: Dr Andrew Coleman Turtles in the City: Documenting Urban Turtles
2:30 pm – 3 pm	Break
3 pm – 4 pm	Session 4: Vince Wallace Bees and Gardening: It's So Much More Than Honey Bees
4 pm – 5 pm	Session 5: Dr Lawrence Davenport Romancing the Lily: The Natural History of Hymenocallis Coronaria
7 pm	Close Vendors and Silent Auction
7 pm	Dinner Awards Session 6: Felder Rushing , Keynote Speaker Slow Growing: All Senses, All Seasons

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

7:30 am – 9 am	Breakfast Snacks, Coffee and Soft Drinks
8 am – 12 pm	Vendors open
9 am – 10 am	Session 7: Felder Rushing , Grow Anything IN Anything
10 am – 10:30 am	Closing and Wrap up
10:30 am – 12 pm	Pay/Pick Up Silent Auction Winnings

Hotels for 2023 AMGA Conference

1. Hotel Capstone

TO BOOK BY PHONE: 205-752-3200, reference—2023 Ala Master Gardener State Convention
320 Paul Bryant Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
\$129.00 plus tax and fees, two queen beds or one king bed
Next door to Bryant Conference Center
Free parking
Fridge in room
No pets allowed
No complimentary breakfast

2. Hampton Inn by Hilton-University

TO BOOK BY PHONE: 205-553-9800, reference—2023 Ala Master Gardener State Convention
600 Harper Lee Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
\$129.00 plus tax and fees, two queen beds or one king bed
1.7 miles from Bryant Conference Center
Free parking
Fridge in room
Pet friendly with \$175 non-refundable fee
Complimentary breakfast

3. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, an ING Hotel

TO BOOK BY PHONE: 205-646-4000, reference—2023 Ala Master Gardener State Convention
1120 Veterans Memorial Pkway
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
\$109.00 plus tax and fees, two queen beds or one king bed
1.7 miles from Bryant Conference Center
Free parking
Fridge in room
No pets allowed
Complimentary breakfast

4. Towneplace Suites by Marriott

TO BOOK BY PHONE: 205-462-8800, reference—2023 Ala Master Gardener State Convention

2816 McFarland Blvd East

Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

\$119.00 plus tax and fees, two queen beds or one king bed

2.9 miles from Bryant Conference Center

Free parking

Fridge in room, full kitchen

Pet friendly with \$175 non-refundable fee

Complimentary breakfast

5. Comfort Inn and Suites

TO BOOK BY PHONE: 205-614-9600, reference—2023 Ala Master Gardener State Convention

2285 Jack Warner Pkway

Group # PN85C7

Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

\$109.00 plus tax and fees, two queen beds or one king bed

2.1 miles from Bryant Conference Center

Free parking

Fridge in room

No pets allowed

Complimentary breakfast

6. AC Hotel by Marriott

TO BOOK BY PHONE: 205-374-8080, reference—2023 Ala Master Gardener State Convention

2585-6th Street

Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

\$135.00 plus tax and fees, two queen beds or one king bed

2.7 miles from Bryant Conference Center

Free parking

Fridge in room

No pets allowed

Complimentary breakfast

Speakers for

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Felder Rushing is an 11th-generation Southern gardener who travels worldwide in his quest for practical and inspirational gardening ideas to share. Widely promoting his belief that too many garden-variety gardeners are put off by strict rules (“We are daunted, not dumb” he says), Felder was named by Southern Living as one of 25 people “most likely to change the South.” The retired colors-outside-the-lines Extension Horticulturist, who started the MG program in his state, continues to write his syndicated newspaper columns of 43 years and counting, and for 21 years remains the host of the live, weekly *Gestalt Gardener* program, one National Public Radio’s most popular gardening programs, broadcast live from his travels around the country and world. He has written or contributed substantially to 33 gardening books, including national award winners such as *Pass-along Plants*, *Slow Gardening*, and *Better Homes and Gardens’s* children’s gardening book. He is HGTV’s original online Q&A person and has been featured in three full-length articles about his exploits and philosophy in the *New York Times*. The contributing editor at *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture*, and

Garden Design magazines has had his articles and photographs published in dozens of other publications including *Organic Gardening*, *Landscape Architecture*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and the *Geographic*; his garden has been featured in many. Felder served as a distinctly non-stuffy board member of the American Horticulture Society, member of the Horticulture Society, British Cottage Garden Society, national director of the Garden Writers’ Association, and president of several garden organizations including his state’s native plant society. For the past 14 years he has spent six months a year traveling, lecturing, and reporting from both his celebrated Mississippi cottage garden and a Victorian terrace herb and succulent garden in Lancashire, England.



Dr. Doug Phillips the creator, producer, and host of the Emmy-winning TV series *Discovering Alabama*, has been bringing viewers the diverse natural wonders of Alabama for more than 30 years. As a champion for nature, he has pioneered many initiatives for environmental education and environmental protection for our state, including Alabama’s nationally recognized Forever Wild land conservation program. Dr. Phillips comes to us from his office at the Alabama Museum of Natural History. And, he says, anything else you want to know, he’ll be happy to share during his presentation. Dr. Doug earned his Ph.D. in Educational Research from The University of Alabama. Today he holds the title of Coordinator for Environmental Information and Education: The Alabama Museum of Natural History, as well as Executive Producer and Host of *Discovering Alabama*. Dr. Doug continues to teach, holding in-service workshops for K-12 teachers throughout the year and across the state. At the college level, Dr. Doug is Creator and

Principal Instructor of *Discovering Alabama Ecology*, an environmental science course at The University of Alabama. Dr. Doug is author of the award-winning books, *Discovering Alabama Wetlands* and *Discovering Alabama Forests*.



Dr. Andy Coleman has been studying various turtle species for over 15 years. His work has taken him from the salt marshes of the Gulf of Mexico coast to the beaches of Mexico and back to the rivers and streams of Alabama. He is the founder of the Urban Turtle Project and an Assistant Professor of Biology at Talladega College. He resides in Trussville, AL, with his wife and two young children.

Turtles in the City: Documenting Urban Turtles of Alabama

Description: Alabama supports the greatest turtle diversity in the nation, and the majority of the 40 species inhabits the many streams and rivers that can be found in this state. Interestingly, a number of populations can be observed within urban areas, and the Urban Turtle Project was started in 2018 to document these populations and study various aspects of their ecology and conservation. The work we have done through this research has provided important insight that can be used to better manage these species. This presentation will introduce you to the methods we employ and to the amazing turtle diversity that we can find in our urban waterways.



Dr. Larry Davenport is a Professor of Biological & Environmental Sciences at Samford University, Birmingham, where he teaches courses in general botany, plant taxonomy, and wetlands. A native of Seattle, Washington, Dr. Davenport received his Ph.D. (Biology) from the University of Alabama. He is considered an expert on Alabama plants, rock outcrop plants, the history of botany in the Southeast, and aquatic and wetland plants, including the Cahaba Lily. The author of nearly 150 scientific and general articles, Dr. Davenport has contributed numerous nature columns to *Alabama Heritage* since 1993. In 2010, twenty-five of these columns were published as *Nature Journal* by the University of Alabama Press. In 2016, he co-authored (with Kenneth M. Wills) *Exploring Wild Alabama* (also UA Press). The Alabama State Legislature declared May 27, 2006, to be Professor Lawrence J. Davenport Day in our state. And in 2007, Dr. Davenport was named Alabama CASE Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



Vince Wallace is a Honey Bee farmer from Tuscaloosa County. He is a Certified Alabama Master Beekeeper and Vice President of the Alabama Beekeepers Association. He finds great enjoyment and challenge being involved with the ABA. Staying on the cutting edge of relevance in beekeeping requires deep involvement, dedication and continued study. He began beekeeping in 2012 and has taught a variety of beekeeping classes throughout the state. He currently tends to approximately 70 colonies. He and his beloved, Karen, reside in Fosters, AL, where they own and operate Wallace Homestead. Beside honey bees and honey bee products, they also raise chickens, quail and rabbits.



Dr. R. Scot Duncan was raised on the shores of Pensacola Bay, FL by the celebrated birders and conservationists, Lucy and Bob Duncan. Both Scot and his brother, Will, have dedicated their lives to science, conservation, and education. Scot holds a BS in Biology from Eckerd College, and a MS and PhD in Zoology from the University of Florida. His research and explorations have taken him to Antarctica, New Zealand, East Africa, Central and South America, the Pacific Northwest, and ecosystems across the southeastern US. For ten years he studied tropical forest restoration in Uganda and Latin America, but now focuses his efforts on endangered species and ecosystems of the Southeast. Scot is the author of award-winning *Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity*. Written for the layperson, the book interweaves the disciplines of ecology, evolution, and geology into an explanation of why Alabama is home to more species than any other state east of the Mississippi River. The book won three awards, including the Phil Reed Environmental Writing Award for non-fiction from the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Scot served on the board of the Cahaba River Society (2006-2012), and now serves on the board of the Alabama Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.



Colonel Duane A. Lamb served as the Associate Vice President (AVP) of Facilities and Grounds at the University of Alabama. He became a member of the University senior leadership in July 2007 when he was assigned as AVP over the Grounds Department. In October 2008, he was promoted and became a dual-hat AVP charged with leading both the Grounds Maintenance Department and the Facilities Operations Department.

Under his leadership, the campus has gone from no national ranking in the Facilities and Grounds arena, to ranking #3 in the nation for most beautiful university/college campuses (Newsweek), ranking #2 in the nation for most beautiful and iconic university quads (Business Insider), and ranking #1 among their university peers (Sightlines) in facilities operations (building maintenance/operations, construction renovation, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, elevator operations, grounds/landscape maintenance, energy conservation, logistics, recycling, garage, and custodial services). Colonel Lamb is a guest lecturer for UA

AFROTC and the undergraduate/graduate classes for the College of Business on Leadership and Organizational Theory; in addition to speaking on Space and Satellite Operations for the College of Engineering and has been the keynote speaker for the Theta Chi National Convention, speaking to young college men on 'Leadership and Being a Resolute Man'.