

# 2024 AMGA State Conference Agenda

## *"Paradise Found"*

April 22-24 Daphne Civic Center

Daphne, Alabama

Monday, April 22

**10:30 am-5:00 pm** Registration

**11:00 am-7:00 pm** Silent Auction and Vendors

**Pre-Conference Tours** Attendees must be pre-registered for all tours.  
**Tour times vary.** Directions will be available at registration.

### **Guided Tours**

#### **Morning Birding at Village Point Park in Daphne**

Two sessions: 7:00 am and 9:00 am

#### **The Barn at Hope Farms "Farm to Table"**

Three sessions: 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

#### **The Pavilion at The Nest**

Three sessions: 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

#### **Weeks Bay Boat Tour**

Two sessions: 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

#### **Graham Creek Pitcher Plant Bog**

Two sessions: 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm

### **Home Garden Tours**-tour at your leisure between 12:30 and 4:30 pm

Branch Home Garden Tour-The Giving Garden

Turner Home Garden Tour-Historic Home and Gardens

### **12:00 pm-Preconference Workshops---Session start times vary.**

All workshops will be held at the Daphne Civic Center Complex. You must be pre-registered and pre-paid to attend.

#### **Kokedama by Devonne Ellis and Judy Gobble**

Literally means "moss ball" in English, you will discover and learn the Japanese art of Kokedama and create your very own arrangement.

Two sessions: 12:00 noon and 1:30 pm \$30

### **Build a Greenhouse Before Your Eyes**

Our own BCMG team will show you how easy it is to build a small backyard greenhouse.

Two sessions: 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm      \$25

### **DIY Drip Irrigation by Jack LeCroy**

Jack is the Mobile County extension agent and he will lead us through a hands-on activity to assemble drip irrigation for our own gardens.

Two sessions: 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm      \$25

### **Build a Bee Box by Becky Estes**

Attract non-aggressive solitary bees to your garden with this simple-build habitat.

Two sessions: 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm      \$25

### **Native Alabama Milkweed Monarch Project and Migratory Gardens**

by Baldwin County extension agent Carmen Flammini who leads on this research project and will discuss the project, milkweed propagation and culture as well as building a butterfly garden.

One session: 3:30 pm      No charge

### **Monday Evening**

**5:30-7:00 pm**

**Welcome Social “Sunset in Paradise”**

Cash Bar and Hors d’oeuvres

### **Tuesday, April 23**

**Breakfast**

On your own

**7:30 am-5:00 pm**

Vendors and Silent Auction

**8:00 am-5:00 pm**

Registration and Concierge  
*“How may we help you?”*

**8:30 am**

Welcome and Opening Remarks

**9:00 am-10:00 am**

**Session 1** John Bowen *“The Lifelong Gardener”*

**10:00 am-10:15 am**

Break

**10:15 am-11:15 am**

**Session 2** Breakout Sessions Concurrent:

A. Jeremy Pickens-*Greenhouse Basics for Profitability*

B. Yvette Gautreaux Cutrer-*Soil Polymers*

C. Peggy Snipes-*Forest Finds to Floral Devine*

D. Ann Luther & Terry Henry *Vertical Gardening*

E. Dr. John Bowen -*Adaptive Tools*

- 11:30 am-1:15 pm** Lunch and Business Meeting
- 1:30 pm-2:30 pm** **Session 3** Breakout Sessions Concurrent:  
 A. Chris Francis-*Gardening Under Trees*  
 B. Catherine Arensburg-*The Outdoor Room*  
 C. Peggy Snipes-Repeat-*Forest Finds to Floral Devine*  
 D. Jenny Resmondo-*Oh! My Aching Back*  
 E. Dr. John Bowen-Repeat- *Adaptive Tools*
- 2:30 pm-3:00 pm** Break
- 3:00 pm-4:00 pm** **Session 4** Breakout Sessions Concurrent:  
 A. Catherine Arensburg – Repeat-*The Outdoor Room*  
 B. Jenny Resmondo-Repeat- *Oh! My Aching Back*  
 C. Yvette Gautreaux Cutrer-Repeat-*Soil Polymers*  
 D. Chris Francis- Repeat- *Gardening Under Trees*  
 E. Ann Luther & Terry Henry-Repeat-*Vertical Gardening*
- 5:30 pm** Vendors close and **bidding ends for Silent Auction**
- 5:30 pm** ***“Paradise Found”*** Social and cash bar
- 6:00 pm** Dinner/Awards  
**Session 5** Steven Chamblee  
*“Peace, Love and Milagros: Lessons from the Road”*

### **Wednesday, April 24**

- Breakfast** On your own
- 9:00 am-10:00 am** **Session 6** Dr. David Williams  
*“The Power of Plants: The Effect on Human Health and Well Being”*
- 10:00 am-11:00 am** BCMG Skit  
 Wrap up and closing remarks
- 11:00 am -12:00 pm** **Pay/Pick up Silent Auction**  
**Pick up door prizes**