



**2024 AMGA STATE CONFERENCE
and ANNUAL MEETING**
"Paradise Found"
April 22-24
Daphne Civic Center
2603 US Hwy 98
Daphne, Alabama

REGISTRATION OPENS 1/15/2024

- Please complete a separate form for each person attending or register online
- Guests of attendee, who will not be attending the conference but will attend the meal events, are to be included on this form.

1. Registrant Information

Last Name _____ First Name: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell () _____ Local MGA Assoc. _____

Please check one: MG _____ MG Intern _____ ACES _____ Speaker _____ Vendor _____ Other _____

Preferred name on badge (please print) _____

- **Registration fee includes welcome reception, Tuesday lunch, dinner and break refreshments. Breakfast is NOT included. (See hotel information)**
- **Preconference workshops, T-shirts and guest meals are additional pay items.**

_____ **Early Bird Registration** January 15-31 \$175 \$ _____

_____ **Regular Registration** February 1-Mar. 22 \$180 \$ _____

_____ **Late Registration** March 23-April 5
(Guest meals and tee shirts not available.) \$185 \$ _____

2. Registrant Meal Information and Selection

Monday Welcome Social: Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres

Please check one: I will _____ I will not _____ be attending the Monday Welcome Social

Tuesday boxed lunch (select one). Includes chips, cookie and beverage.

_____ Chicken Salad Croissant _____ BBQ Sandwich _____ Veggie Sandwich

Tuesday Dinner Buffet: Farm salad, beef tenderloin, Gulf shrimp and grits, vegetables, dessert and tea.

3. Guest Meals and Fees. Please check each meal requested. Not available with late registration.

Monday Welcome Social \$20 \$ _____
 Tuesday Boxed Lunch (select one) \$25 \$ _____
 Chicken Salad Croissant BBQ Sandwich Veggie Sandwich
 Tuesday Reception and Dinner \$40 \$ _____

Name of Guest (please print)

First Name: _____ Last name: _____

Total Guest Meal Fees \$ _____

4. Conference Logo T-shirts. Must be pre-paid with registration. Not available with late registration.

Please indicate the size and number of each:

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$20 each \$ _____

2XL _____ 3XL _____ \$25 each \$ _____

Total Tee Shirt Fees \$ _____

5. Preconference Tours-Monday, April 22. Note that start times vary. A complete description of each tour follows the registration information. There is no charge for any tour, but all attendees must be pre-registered. Directions and additional tour information will be available when you sign-in for the conference. **CHECK the time of the tour session you wish to attend.**

Monday Morning Birding at Village Point Park. Meet in parking lot at 27710 Main St., in Daphne.

_____ 7:00 am _____ 9:00 am

Weeks Bay Boat Tour

Allow 30- minute drive time from Daphne Civic Center to tour site. You must arrive 15 minutes early for this tour. Limit 25 per tour.

_____ 1:30 pm _____ 3:00 pm

Pitcher Plant Bog at Graham Creek Nature Preserve

Allow 50- minute drive time from Daphne Civic Center to tour site.

_____ 12:00 pm _____ 2:30 pm

The Barn at Hope Farms "Farm to Table"

_____ 12:00 pm _____ 1:30 pm _____ 3:00 pm

Pavilion at the Nest (Fairhope)

_____ 12:00 pm

_____ 1:30 pm

_____ 3:00 pm

Self- Guided Tours. Tour at your leisure anytime between 12:30 and 4:30 pm.

Branch Home Garden-Giving Garden

Turner Home Garden-Historical Home and Gardens

Check if attending _____

6. Preconference Workshops. Note that start times vary.

All workshops will be held at the Daphne Civic Center Complex. You must be pre-registered and pre-paid to attend. Sessions are limited to 25 attendees per session on a first come basis. **Please CHECK the time of the session you wish to attend.**

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

Literally meaning “moss ball” in English, you will discover and learn the Japanese art of *Kokedama* and create your very own arrangement.

_____ 12:00 pm

_____ 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.

_____ 1:00 pm

_____ 2:30 pm

\$25

\$_____

Hands-on DIY Drip Irrigation by Jack LeCroy

Jack is the Mobile County extension agent and he will lead you through a hands-on activity to assemble drip irrigation in your own garden.

_____ 1:00 pm

_____ 2:30 pm

\$25

\$_____

Build a Bee Box by Becky Estes

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

_____ 3:00 pm

_____ 4:30 pm

\$25

\$_____

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

_____ 3:30 pm

No charge

\$ NC

Total Workshop Fees

\$_____

7. Total Conference Fees

Registration

\$_____

Tee-shirt

\$_____

Guest meals

\$_____

Workshop fees

\$_____

Total Fees Due

\$_____

8. To Register On-line registration is preferred. To register and pay on-line by credit card, click on link: <http://c.planetreg.com/AMGA2024CONF>

NOTE: A personal PayPal account is NOT required to register on-line. PayPal is the credit card processing service and will accept VISA and MasterCard.

To register and pay by check, please make checks payable to AMGA and mail along with this completed form to:

**AMGA
c/o Z. Bauer
465 W 23rd. Avenue
Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542**

Please allow two weeks to receive an email confirmation of your registration. It is your responsibility to confirm receipt of your registration. Please email AMGA2024@baldwinmastergardeners.com or phone/text 251.752.7755 if you feel you have been overlooked.

9. Cancellation and Refund Policy

This cancellation and refund policy applies to all 2024 AMGA State Conference registrations. By registering for the conference, attendees agree to comply with this policy.

1. Cancellation Periods:

- On or before March 22: all conference fees will be refunded with the exception of any PlanetReg and PayPal processing fees incurred at the time of registration.
- After March 22: All refund requests received after March 22 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The BCMG Steering Committee reserves the right to assess each cancellation request individually and make refund decisions accordingly.

2. No-Refund Scenarios:

- No-shows will not be considered for refund.
- Due to our vendor commitments, we are unable to refund registrant or guest meal costs, Tee-shirt orders, workshop fees and PlanetReg and PayPal processing fees after March 22.

4. Process for Cancellation:

- Registrants must formally submit a letter of cancellation and request for a refund by contacting AMGA2024@baldwinmastergardeners.com.
- Please include "Cancellation 2024 AMGA State Conference," in the subject line.
- Include a short explanation of the situation necessitating your need to cancel.
- Cancellation requests will be reviewed within 14 days of reception and you will receive notification via email regarding a decision and the amount of refund due back to you.

5. Refund Disbursement:

Once approved all refunds will be issued by the state AMGA treasurer in the form of a check. We are unable to directly refund your credit card.

10. Hotel Accommodations

The following hotels have reserved blocks of rooms for conference attendees. All hotels are conveniently located 1 mile from the Daphne Civic Center. Conference rate is available until **March 23, 2024**. The reservation code is **AMG** and you may make a reservation by calling the number provided or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/amgaconferencedaphne2024/>

Hampton Inn 251.626.2220

Complimentary hot breakfast; all rooms equipped with a microwave and mini fridge.

1 King/2 Queen city view \$135

1 King/2 Queen bay view \$145

Hilton Garden Inn 251.625.0020

Full on site restaurant. All rooms equipped with a microwave and mini fridge.

1 King \$139/2 Queen \$149

Homewood Suite 251.621.0100

Complimentary hot breakfast, full kitchen in all suites.

1 King Studio Suite (sleeps 4) \$144

1 King 1 Bedroom Suite (sleeps 4) \$144

Room rates subject to all applicable state and local taxes and fees. Hotel check-in time is 3 pm and checkout is 12 noon. Parking is FREE at the above hotels and at the Daphne Civic Center.

11. RV Accommodations

There is no over-night parking in the Daphne Civic Center parking lot. Reservations may be made at the following local RV parks: Meaher State Park, Fairhope Landing Resort, and Fairhope Motor Coach Resort.

12. Breakfast Options

Waffle House Open 24 Hours, locations at 6781 US 90 and 29100 US 98

StarBucks Opens 5 am, 6830 US 90

Dunkin Donuts Opens 5 am, 29160 US 98

East Shore Café Opens 7 am, 1506 Main St. Daphne

Sugar Kettle Café Opens 7 am, 1015 Daphne Ave. (CR 64)

Chick-fil-A Opens 6:30 am, 1682 US 98

Cracker Barrel Opens 7 am, 30227 Eastern Shore Center in Spanish Fort, I-10 Exit 38

Soul Caffeine Opens 6 am 2004 US 98 Daphne 2004 US-98, Daphne

13. Conference Tour Descriptions**Village Point Park and Birding Tour-Monday morning**

This birding hotspot is a beautiful natural wildlife habitat with well-maintained pathways for easy walking. A local Audubon member will lead the tours at 7 and 9 a.m. for best viewing of Mobile Bay shore birds. Bring binoculars and walking shoes. **Meet in parking lot at 27710 Main Street, Daphne, AL**

The Giving Garden

Enjoy this neat and orderly raised community garden created by Beth Branch to provide fresh produce for the Ecumenical Ministries of Fairhope food pantry. A team of neighbors and friends assist in tending this garden built 2 years ago with input from a landscape architect and Master Gardeners. It is a peaceful garden that incorporates a fountain, wooden shed, irrigation system and drainage control.

Historic Register Home

This historic Spanish-style home built in 1923 is a wonderful example of co-mingling the practical with the artistic, incorporating several varieties of citrus, banana, and even an olive tree with all time southern favorites like azaleas, gingers, perennials, and two koi ponds. The owners Camille and Rex Turner have also extended their love of art and antiques into this lovely garden where you will be sure to enjoy them.

Weeks Bay Reserve Pontoon Boat Tour

One of our nation's Estuarine Research Reserves is offering a one-hour pontoon boat tour of the Weeks Bay watershed, comprised of 9,317 acres containing upland and bottomland hardwood forests, salt and freshwater marshes, and submerged aquatic vegetation where osprey, brown pelican, and water fowl abound. The boat features bench seating and a restroom. **Minimum of 10 needed with a maximum of 25 per tour. Allow 50-minute drive time from Daphne Civic Center. Must arrive 15-minutes early.**

Pitcher Plant Bog at Graham Creek Nature Preserve

Situated on over 600 acres owned by the city of Foley, this preserve is dedicated to the preservation of native plants and wildlife. As a naturalist narrates, a wagon tour will take you on the loop trail to the pitcher plant bog. Enjoy the breathtaking beauty of this rare plant and other endangered plants up close. Board wagons at the visitor center. Maximum of 60/tour. **Tour is located 50 minutes from the Civic Center. Plan accordingly as this tour will require approximately 2.5 - 3 hours for travel time and tour.**

The Pavilion at the Nest

The Pavilion is an outdoor classroom created to expand STEAM learning opportunities on the campus of an old elementary school, featuring an Alabama Wildlife Outdoor-certified Garden and an award-winning science lab. The Pavilion was built with sustainable design and features bioswales for water runoff control, cisterns for collection of rainwater, and filtration of “gray water.” The landscape was designed for habitat restoration and the enhancement of this “biodiversity hotspot” by using native and adaptive plants, oyster shells for filtration, and pervious pavers. Located in Fairhope.

Hope Farms

Tour the grounds of a local farm-to-table restaurant in downtown Fairhope. The Hope Farm uses greenhouses, farm, hydroponic containers, raised beds, and an orchard to supply the culinary and bar teams with fresh ingredients. The farm uses sustainable farming techniques in every aspect to maximize output and minimize the negative impact of traditional methods. It is a father and son’s “fair hope” for a sustainable future.

14. Speaker Bios—to be added here.