

# 6TH ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

## *Planting for All Seasons*

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
LONGLEAF EVENT CENTER

In Alabama, gardening is year round. Join us for the 6th annual Spring Garden Symposium to learn how every season contributes to the essence of the garden. This year's keynote speaker is Jason Reeves, a research horticulturalist and curator with the West Tennessee Research and Education Center. Come prepared to leave with fresh ideas of how to enhance every season, whether it's camellias and conifers in the winter, hostas of spring, summer edibles, or adding garden whimsy. Between presentations, explore the Sensory Garden and shop plant vendors and talented craftspeople.

**8:30 AM** Doors Open, Registrant Check-in

**9:00 AM** Welcome

**9:15 AM** Dr. Charles C. Mitchell, Men's Camellia Club of Auburn University –  
*Camellias in the Winter Garden*

**10:00 AM** Bionca Lindsey, Owner, BCL Consulting LLC, Advanced Master Gardener -  
*Let's Learn About Hostas*

**10:45 AM** Garden Stretches with Betsy Smith

**11:00 AM** Keynote Speaker – Jason Reeves, Horticulturalist from West TN AgResearch  
& Education Center – *One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure*

**12:00 PM** Lunch Break & Vendor Shopping

**1:00 PM** Bethany O'Rear, ACES Agent – *Creating a Landscape that is Beautiful  
(and Tasty Too): Adding Edibles to your Garden Design!*

**1:45 PM** Garden Stretches with Betsy Smith

**2:00 PM** Hayes Jackson, ACES Urban Extension Agent & LBG Liaison –  
*Cool Conifers for Hot Climates*

**3:00 PM** Panel Discussion

*The 6th annual Spring Garden Symposium is sponsored by the  
Bidikov Foundation and Calhoun County Master Gardeners.*



To reserve your spot, call (256) 237-6766 or register online at [www.ExploreAMAG.org](http://www.ExploreAMAG.org). Complimentary coffee available until 11:00 am. Lunch included for all registrants. Payment due at registration. All registration fees support the growth of the Longleaf Botanical Gardens.

**Early Bird Registration (Feb.): \$40 with Code 321**  
**Registration (March): \$45**  
**AM&G Members receive a \$5 discount**

