



2026 AMGA State Conference Agenda

Westin at Bridge Street Town Centre

Gardening to the Moon and Back

May 6 – 8, 2026

Huntsville, Alabama

Wednesday Workshops and Demonstrations, May 6, 2026

9:00 AM Registration Check-in Opens at the Westin Hotel

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM *Free Access to Huntsville Botanical Garden (HBG), register at Murray Hall

Wednesday Workshops:

Workshop space is limited. There is a charge for workshops #1 & #2. The workshops are held at Huntsville Botanical Garden, Murray Hall

9:00 AM-10:30 AM: *WS#1, Hydroponics, Murray Hall, \$35, 35 people

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: *WS#2, Floral Arrangement, Murray Hall, \$35, 30 people

2:00 PM-2:45 PM: *WS#3, Social Media Guidelines for MG, Free, 45 people

Wednesday Demonstrations:

Demonstrations are no-charge, at HBG, and are all 30 minutes in length and limited to 30 people each. Start times for each are 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 12:30 PM.

*Demonstration #1: Vegetable Garden, check-in Murray Hall

*Demonstration #2: Fern Glade, check-in Murray Hall

*Demonstration #3: Herb Garden, check-in Murray Hall

*Demonstration #4: Daylily Garden, check-in Murray Hall

*Demonstration #5: Grubbers, check-in Murray Hall

Wednesday Tours, May 6, 2026:

Tours are at various locations and times. Please note that some tours have a cost associated with the activity.

*Tour#1: Walk HBG with Harvey Cotten, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, check-in Murray Hall, limited to 35 people. 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue Huntsville, 35805

*Tour#2: Hudson Alpha Greenhouse, 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM, check-in at Hudson Alpha GH, limited to 25 people for each tour session. 601 Genome Way Huntsville, 35806

*Tour#3: US Space & Rocket Center, 1:00 PM-3:30 PM, \$20, check-in at USSRC, limited to 45 people. 1 Tranquility Base Huntsville, 35805

*Tour#4: Bonnie Plants, 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM, check-in at Bonnie Plants, limited to 25 people for each tour session. 1601 South Monroe Street Athens 35611

*Tour#5: Harvest Square Nature Preserve, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, \$50, limited to 15 people. 111 Allyson Sadie Boulevard Harvest 35749

*Tour#6: Herb & Terry Lewis' Garden, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, check-in at their address, limited to 25 people. 1709 Montdale Road Huntsville 35801

*Tour#7: Tram tour of HBG for AMGA Board of Directors, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, limited to 24 people.

Wednesday Program, May 6, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Vendors and Silent Auction Open
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	*Reception and Harvey Cotten Book Signing
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	*Welcome and Speaker Introduction
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	*Session 1: Speaker, Harvey Cotten

Thursday Program, May 7, 2026

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast on your own
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Vendors and Silent Auction Open
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	*Welcome, Speaker TBD
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	*Session 2: Speaker, Edward Pate
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break and Door Prizes
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	*Session 3: Speaker, Patrick Thompson
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	*Lunch – BBQ or Vegetarian
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	*AMGA Business Meeting
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	*Session 4: Speaker, Jessie Akozbek
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break and Door Prizes
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	*Session 5: Speaker Darryl Patton
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	*Awards
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Vendors and Silent Auction Open
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	*Book Signing: Doug Tallamy
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	*Dinner – Italian or Vegetarian
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	*Session 6: Doug Tallamy

Friday, May 8, 2026

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast on your own
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	*Session 7: Cindy Upton
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Closing Remarks, Adjournment
10:30 AM – 12:00 N	Pay and Pickup Silent Auction Items