

## Agenda

- 8:00** Registration  
**8:30** Opening remarks  
**8:45** Kentucky Natives for the Landscape  
*Winston Dunwell*  
**9:30** Yellow Flowering Magnolias for Every Garden  
*Donna Fare*  
**10:00** Selections from the University of Arkansas Plant Evaluation Program  
*Jim Robbins and Jon Lindstrom*  
**10:30** Snacks and door prizes  
**10:45** All-America Selections: Top Performers for Southeastern Gardens  
*Gene Blythe*  
**11:30** Louisiana Super Plants  
*Allen Owings*  
**12:15** Lunch, door prizes, book sales  
**1:00** Something to Bark About  
*Alex X. Niemiera*  
**1:30** Developing Coastal Natives for Xeric and Saline Landscapes  
*Mike Arnold*  
**2:00** Snacks and door prizes  
**2:15** Taking the Tropics to the Mountains  
*Gary Knox*  
**3:00** Conifers for the Southeast  
*John Ruter*  
**4:00** Plant giveaway; book sales and signings

Our speakers are members of a plant evaluation working group of research and extension faculty in landscape and commercial nursery disciplines at 14 southeastern land-grant universities and the US National Arboretum. The group tests new plant introductions across a wide array of USDA plant hardiness zones. The group also works to rediscover older cultivars that may have been forgotten among recent patent and trademark trends.

## Speakers

### Dr. Michael Arnold, Texas A&M

Dr. Arnold breeds salt- and drought-tolerant coastal shrubs and groundcovers for xeric and saline landscapes, dune restoration, and provision of native alternatives to potentially invasive exotic species near sensitive coastal and riparian ecosystems.

### Dr. Gene Blythe, Mississippi State University

Dr. Blythe will present some of the newest award-winning varieties from All-America Selections—along with some older, time-tested varieties—that perform well in Southeastern gardens.

### Dr. Win Dunwell, University of Kentucky

North Carolina's mountains and Kentucky have similar terrains: rocky outcroppings, lime shelves, rich alluvial soils, and shallow clay hardpans. Dr. Dunwell will discuss plants suited to these conditions.

### Dr. Donna Fare, US National Arboretum

Dr. Fare has studied yellow flowering magnolias in central Tennessee to determine which varieties are truly yellow and to identify selections that are susceptible to late frosts and powdery mildew.

### Dr. Gary Knox, University of Florida

Many northerners who travel to Florida to avoid the winter only make it halfway home in the summer, beguiled by western North Carolina's mildness. Dr. Knox will introduce Florida Panhandle plants that can make the same trip and thrive here.

### Dr. Alex X. Niemiera, Virginia Tech

Dr. Niemiera will highlight tree species with bark that provides year-round interest in your garden.

### Dr. Allen Owings, Louisiana State University

The LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Super Plant program evaluates and selects plants based on superior performance. Dr. Owings will discuss plants that perform well both in the bayou and points north.

### Dr. Jim Robbins, University of Arkansas

The University of Arkansas Plant Evaluation Program, co-founded by Dr. Robbins, is unique among university-based plant evaluation programs because it spans USDA plant hardiness zones 6 to 8.

### Dr. John Ruter, University of Georgia

The University Press of Florida published Dr. Ruter's most recent book, *Landscaping with Conifers and Ginkgo for the Southeast*, coauthored with Tom Cox. Books will be available at the symposium.

## Registration

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Vegetarian lunch

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Send check and registration form to:

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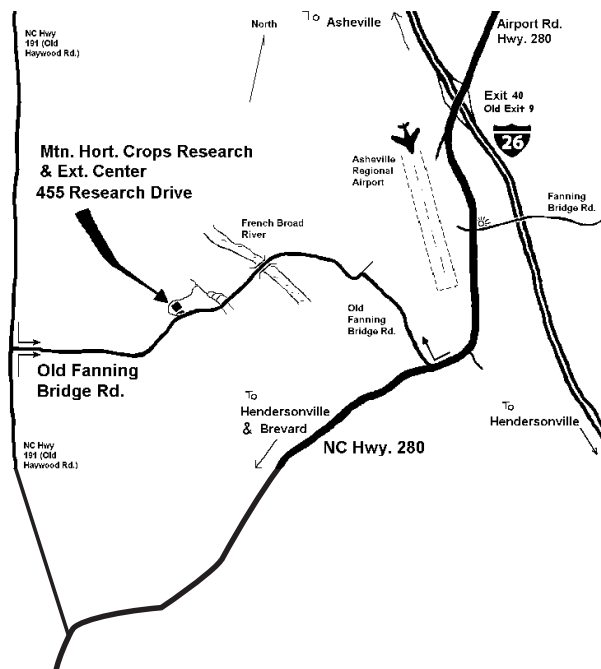
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From Interstate 26, take exit #40 (Asheville Regional Airport exit). At the end of the exit ramp, turn toward the airport onto NC highway 280. When you get to Old Fanning Bridge Road, do not turn right; the road is closed for construction between 280 and the MHCREC. Instead, continue west on 280 for 2.2 more miles until you reach a traffic signal at the intersection of 280 and NC highway 191. Turn right at the light and travel north on 191 for 1.4 miles. Turn right on Old Fanning Bridge Road and go 0.9 miles to Research Drive, where you will turn left to arrive at the MHCREC.

If you're traveling from Brevard or points west on 280, turn left at the light onto 191 and continue following the directions from there. If you have questions or get lost, call us at 828-684-3562.

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## Sustainable Beauty: Landscape Plants That Thrive in the Southeast

Thursday, June 6, 2013  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy a full day of ornamental plants selected for their unique flowers, foliage, fall color, bark, drought tolerance, and adaptability to changing climate conditions. Researchers, plantmen, and extension faculty from across the South will highlight native and non-native woody and herbaceous plants that will enrich and extend your garden's seasonal interest.

### Location:

Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center (MHCREC)  
455 Research Drive  
Mills River, NC 28759  
(828) 684-3562

Registration fee of \$55 includes lunch, snacks, reference materials, and plant giveaways. For more information, contact **Anthony LeBude** at (828) 684-3562 ext. 135, or email him at [avlebude@ncsu.edu](mailto:avlebude@ncsu.edu).

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