

# SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Middle Georgia State University Macon Campus,  
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## MORNING

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| <b>8:00</b> Registration and GNPS Market opens  | <b>10:00</b> Q&A / Break<br>GNPS Market opens   |
| <b>8:45</b> Good Morning<br>Welcome Messages  | <b>10:45</b> "Secret Understandings of<br>Trees: Careful Beginnings,<br>Riotous Living and<br>Catastrophic Endings,"<br>Kim Coder |
| <b>9:00</b> "Gardening with the Best<br>Native Plants of the SE,"<br>Larry Mellichamp |   |

## LUNCH

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| <b>11:45</b> GNPS Market opens | <b>12:45</b> Good Afternoon<br>Welcome Messages |
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## AFTERNOON

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| <b>1:00</b> "Trees & Designed<br>Plant Communities,"<br>Scott Stewart  | <b>3:00</b> "Champion Trees & You:<br>Empowering GA Citizens to<br>Discover New Champions,"<br>Eli Dickerson |
| <b>2:00</b> Break<br>GNPS Market re-opens  | <b>3:45</b> Closing Comments<br>Prize Drawings   |
| <b>2:15</b> "What's in Your Yard?<br>Old Growth & Original<br>Forests in the City &<br>Beyond," Kathryn Kolb | <b>4:00</b> Symposium Ends   |



OUR SYMPOSIUM is a  
once-a-year opportunity to:

- Listen and learn from our five diverse speakers
- Take advantage of planting advice from skilled botanists and Master Gardeners
- Purchase native plants from nurseries for all of Georgia's diverse regions
- Get to know other chapters and their members
- Meet with wildlife and environmental organizations
- Learn about our Native Plant Habitat Certification Program
- Check out crafts and gifts from local artists
- Purchase a 2018 Plant of the Year T-shirt, patented Kombi shovels or GNPS merchandise
- Buy signed books authored by our speakers and distinguished members



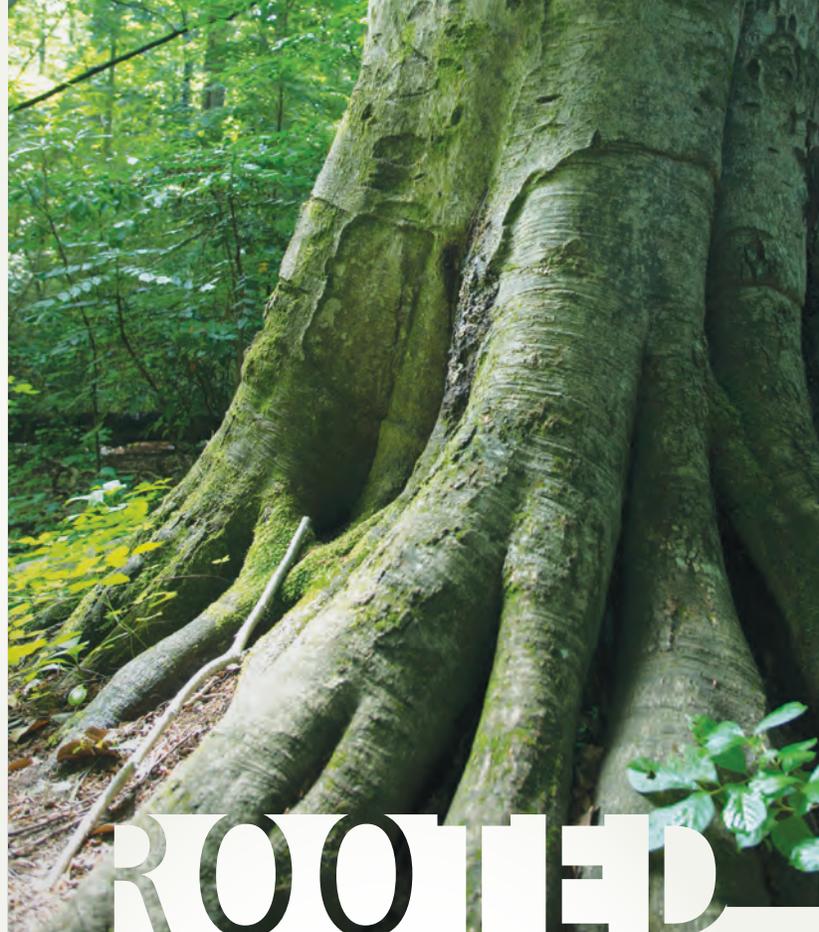
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# ROOTED IN TREES

LANDSCAPING IN HARMONY  
WITH OUR NATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Georgia Native Plant Society

23<sup>RD</sup> GEORGIA NATIVE PLANT  
SYMPOSIUM

February 10, 2018

Middle Georgia State University  
MACON, GEORGIA





## OUR SPEAKERS

**REGISTER** for this informative lecture series to learn about the ecological importance of planned communities in our landscape, particularly those integrating with Georgia's native trees and forests. There is outstanding tree diversity in Georgia with many lessons to be learned from our greatest natural asset: **GEORGIA NATIVE TREES**.

### MORNING



#### LARRY MELLICHAMP GARDENING WITH THE BEST NATIVE PLANTS OF THE SOUTHEAST

*Dr. Larry Mellichamp is Emeritus Professor of Botany & Horticulture at UNCC, where he also served as Director of the University Botanical Gardens. Author of many technical and popular articles, Larry is also the recipient of several horticultural and teaching awards.*

It's time to celebrate our great southeastern US native plants and use them in the home landscape. Many natives are easy to grow and are becoming more widely available. Plus, these plants are better adapted to our warm southern climate, support our native butterflies and birds, and are interesting in their own right. Join us to learn more about some of the best species for a variety of home landscape uses.



#### KIM CODER SECRET UNDERSTANDINGS OF TREES: *Careful Beginnings, Riotous Living & Catastrophic Ending*

*Dr. Kim D. Coder is Professor of Tree Biology & Health Care at UGA.*

Tree life is filled with patient, progressive expansion and shedding. A large tree has relatively few living cells, but must colonize and control large expanses of resource-containing space. The environment conspires to constrain tree life, and trees fight against this ecological friction to grow, thrive and reproduce. Tree understandings include biology and structure – how they survive on harsh sites, stand against storm winds and gravity, and usually outlive us by three generations.



### AFTERNOON



#### SCOTT STEWART TREES & DESIGNED PLANT COMMUNITIES

*Deeply passionate about the value and role of public space, Dr. Scott Stewart serves as Executive Director of the Millennium Park Foundation. He is extensively published on topics ranging from the evolving roles of public gardens and parks to rare plant species propagation.*

Designed plant communities, particularly those integrating tree communities, require bringing together aspects of traditional horticulture with a knowledge of local natural history and ecology, an approach often uncomfortable for the more traditional gardener or landscape designer. In this session, we will discuss the unique characteristics of designed plant communities and best practices for their management and care.



#### KATHRYN KOLB WHAT'S IN YOUR YARD? *Old Growth & Original Forests in the City and Beyond.*

*Master Naturalist Kathryn Kolb shares over 30 years of field experience in forests and wild lands of the Southeast. She is also known for her distinctive work as a fine art photographer of natural forms and landscapes.*

Kathryn shows how the settlement and development history of our eco-region left pockets of high value forest even in urban places, and how to “read” the landscape for clues about older forest remnants. Native plant species are a critical part of the story, and you can learn to recognize, nurture and protect these special places, which might be found in your backyard or on larger properties.



#### ELI DICKERSON CHAMPION TREES & YOU | *Empowering Georgia Citizens to Discover New Champions.*

*Eli Dickerson, ecologist at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, oversees restoration of the 65 acre, old growth Fernbank forest. Through the Atlanta Champion Tree program and certified by*

*the American Forests National Cadre of Big Tree Measurers, Eli also works to locate, identify and measure our largest Georgia trees. Many city and state champion trees have already been discovered, several of which call Fernbank Forest home.*

Champion trees represent the largest of their species to be documented. Georgia's outstanding tree diversity boasts over 250 native species and is home to many champion trees. Some of these champions are tucked away in hidden forest ravines and mountain coves while others are hiding in plain sight in urban environments. With your help countless new champions are bound to be discovered!

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