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# Georgia Native Plant Society

## 24<sup>TH</sup> GEORGIA NATIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM

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**HOW AND WHY WE MUST CARE FOR THE MANY LAYERS IN OUR LANDSCAPE FROM BELOW THE GROUND UP TO THE TOP OF THE GEORGIA CANOPY**



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 all over Georgia
- 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 the 2019 Plant of the Year t-shirt
- Buy signed books authored by our speakers and distinguished members

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.GNPS.ORG](http://WWW.GNPS.ORG)



CARE, like stewardship and unlike maintenance, implies a genuinely engaged, empathetic relationship. JOIN us in our mission to promote the stewardship and conservation of Georgia's native plants and their habitats through education and with the involvement of individuals and organizations.

[www.GNPS.org](http://www.GNPS.org) [Facebook.com/GeorgiaNativePlants](https://Facebook.com/GeorgiaNativePlants) #GoNative





## SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Middle Georgia State University, Macon Campus  
100 University Parkway, Macon GA 31206  
For more information, contact: [symposium@gnps.org](mailto:symposium@gnps.org)

### MORNING

<b>8:00</b> Registration and GNPS Market opens	<b>10:00</b> Q&A / Break GNPS Market opens
<b>8:45</b> Good Morning Welcome Messages	<b>10:30</b> "Connect to Protect for Biodiversity: Layering Georgia Natives into home gardens, potted displays and pocket prairies," Jennifer Ceska
<b>9:00</b> "Making Insects: A guide to restoring the little things that run the world," Doug Tallamy	

### LUNCH

<b>11:30</b> GNPS Market opens	<b>12:30</b> Good Afternoon Welcome Messages
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### AFTERNOON

<b>12:30</b> "Dynamic Design and the Stewardship of Living Landscapes," Rick Darke	<b>3:00</b> "Honey, I Shrunk the Lawn: Design and maintenance tips for an orderly AND ecological front yard," Andrea Greco
<b>1:30</b> Break GNPS Market re-opens	<b>3:45</b> Closing Comments Prize Drawings
<b>2:15</b> "The Layer Below," Kevin Burke	<b>4:00</b> Symposium Ends



### ANDREA GRECO

**HONEY, I SHRUNK THE LAWN** *Design & maintenance tips for an orderly AND ecological front yard*

A UGA Grad, Andrea is now a professional landscape architect and ISA Certified Arborist in metro Atlanta. She found her way to native plants after having some interesting experiences in entomology and ecology research. Her experiences in both her work and

private realms have given Andrea opportunities to gain insight on the cultural perceptions and expectations of both our designed and 'natural' landscapes.

Scientific research has unequivocally shown the need for ecological function in our created landscapes yet the expansive front lawn remains a required feature of the single-family home in America. Andrea will discuss beginner steps, practical methods and design techniques for evaluating your front yard landscape. Yes, you can enhance your soil and plant health, boost your yard's capacity for supporting biodiversity and still meet both your functional needs and sync with your desired level of required maintenance.

### GNPS MEMBERS GET SPECIAL RATES

### RICK DARKE

**DYNAMIC DESIGN AND THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIVING LANDSCAPES**

Landscape ethicist, design consultant and photographer Rick Darke will use a wide array of regional habitats and designed spaces to illustrate strategies for observing, creating, and caring for diverse, beautifully functional living landscapes.

Design needn't always begin with destruction. The first rule of truly conservation-based work is to begin with assessment to make the preservation of living and non-living elements a primary goal. The multiplicity of things and living processes that comprise any landscape is constantly in flux, and ethical design and stewardship acknowledges, accommodates, and celebrates this dynamic nature. Rick's presentation will include biological, cultural and temporal layers and their care in urban and suburban landscapes and in private and public gardens.

### JENNIFER CESKA

**CONNECT TO PROTECT FOR BIODIVERSITY: LAYERING GEORGIA NATIVES INTO HOME GARDENS, POTTED DISPLAYS, AND POCKET PRAIRIES**

Conservation Coordinator for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, since 1995, Jennifer's

specialty is creating project driven professional networks, including the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance, a network of 49 conservation organizations actively working together on the recovery of rare plant populations in Georgia.

Georgia gardeners have tremendous opportunity to help support wildlife by layering native plants into their displays, and Ceska will share designs, techniques for getting natives on the ground, species recommendations, and sources for native plants, all with an eye on conservation ethics. Displays can be both small like potted plants on a patio or cheerful mailbox gardens and larger like grand formal displays, looser cottage style compositions, and even pocket prairies along roadsides, driveways, and rights-of way. We all can connect to protect.



## OUR SPEAKERS

### DOUG TALLAMY

**MAKING INSECTS: A GUIDE TO RESTORING THE LITTLE THINGS THAT RUN THE WORLD**

Chief among Doug Tallamy's research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. Doug is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 92 research publications and has taught insect related courses for 37 years.

How do we build beautiful landscapes that support the pollinators, herbivores, detritivores, predators and parasitoids that run the ecosystems we depend on? Asking because if we were to lose our insects, we would also lose 90% of all flowering plants. As food webs collapsed we would lose birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. And yes, humans would not last long without insects to run the ecosystems that support us. Tallamy will remind us of the many essential roles insects play and describe the simple changes we must make in our landscapes and our attitudes to keep our most important insects on the ground, in the air and yes, on our plants.

### KEVIN BURKE

**THE LAYER BELOW**

Principal Landscape Architect for AtlantaBeltLine Inc., Kevin has 36 years of experience in design and construction on a plethora of institutional, roadway, college and university, residential and park projects. He is passionate about organic land care and the sustainable maintenance of our public spaces.

Let's talk about what goes on below the ground and how we can all improve the microbiology of our soils with some simple and practical steps. The Layer Below is based on several decades of learnings from dealing with soils in a variety of zones including lessons from the design and construction of over 30 acres of new parks, many miles of multi-use trails and the Linear Arboretum that is an integral component of the Atlanta BeltLine Corridor.

## SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Register online at [www.gnps.org](http://www.gnps.org)

To register by mail, complete this registration panel and mail with your check to the address below. Paper mailed registrations must be postmarked no later than February 11, 2019

### BEFORE 2.24.19

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### AFTER 2.24.19

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### PRICE INCLUDES LUNCH

- Vegetarian lunch
- Gluten-free lunch

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