



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION!

20th Anniversary Symposium
**Crowd Pleasers:
People, Places, & Plants**
February 12, 2022

**Greenville Convention Center
Greenville, SC**



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Join us in celebrating the Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Association's 20th Anniversary Symposium on February 12, 2022, when our program brings back many crowd-pleasing speaker favorites from past years! The day, divided into five sessions, will offer presentations from three featured speakers and your choice of presentations during two concurrent sessions. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. An array of practical and decorative items for your home and garden will be available for purchase from vendors.

7:45-8:45 **Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Sales**

8:45-9:00 **Welcome, Introductions, and General Information**

9:00-10:00 **Featured Speaker: Carol Reese ☀️ Light in the Garden**

Carol Reese, Horticulturist for University of Tennessee Extension, attributes her affinity for gardening to her rural roots where she was raised on a farm by generations of plant lovers. Her daily rambles with her rescue dogs provide connections to the natural world that are often topics for her prolific contributions to newspapers and magazines. Her presentation will show us how breaking a few "rules" of plant placement can create intriguing compositions of light and shadows that produce garden moments that spangle, sparkle, shimmer, and glow as the sun moves across the sky.

10:00-10:30 **Break, Vendor Sales**

10:30-11:30 **Featured Speaker: David Culp ☀️ A Bountiful Year: Six Seasons of Beauty from Brandywine Cottage**

David Culp, creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, has lectured nationwide, and his articles have appeared in a variety of publications. His acclaimed book, *The Layered Garden*, is a best-seller now in its eighth printing. He developed the Brandywine Hybrid strain of hellebores and was recently cited in the *Wall Street Journal* for his expertise on snowdrops. He has received numerous awards for his work in the field. His presentation, based on his new book by the same name, digs deeper into his garden at Brandywine Cottage and offers a focus for each month that includes recipes, a garden to-do list, flower arrangements, practical tips, and other valuable gardening information.

11:30-11:45 **Break, Vendor Sales**

11:45-12:30 **Concurrent Session 1 (choose one program)**

Barbara Pleasant ☀️ The Human to Houseplant Connection

Barbara Pleasant, an award-winning garden writer and speaker, cultivates an intensive organic food garden in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. In addition to numerous books, including *The Complete Houseplant Survival Manual* and *Homegrown Pantry*, Barbara provides a wealth of gardening information on her website at barbarapleasant.com. Her presentation explores the obvious and subtle ways houseplants enhance our lives, and she will share her top tips for keeping houseplants happy.

Cory Tanner 🌻 **Fruits for the Home Garden**

Cory Tanner, the Horticulture Program Team Director for Clemson Extension, leads a team of 30 horticulture extension agents and associates working in horticultural food crops and urban horticulture. A life-long gardener and a prolific writer, he authored a monthly column, "SC Gardener," for *SC Living* magazine and frequently appears on SCETV's award winning program, *Making It Grow*. With proper variety selection and a little care, fruits make excellent additions to your landscape. He will discuss fruit types and varieties that have few pest problems and can be managed organically. Learn what crops you simply must grow to supplement your garden.

Kristen Beigay 🌻 **Getting Dirty with Worms: Castings for Growing Happy, Healthy Plants**

Kristen Beigay and her husband, Anthony, own and operate Earthen Organics in Upstate South Carolina, producing quality worm castings and living soils. Beginning as a hobbyist, Kristen's interest grew into a full-fledged business in 2014. Nature got it right the first time! Worm castings are a natural, nutrient-rich food for plants. Her presentation explains what worm castings are and how they work to benefit both plants and the soil. Examining the science behind custom soil blends, she will provide photo comparisons of plants grown with and without worm castings.

12:30-1:45 Lunch, Vendor Sales

1:45 - 2:45 Featured Speaker: Gary Smith 🌻 **Beauty and Decay: Embracing Imperfection**

Gary Smith, an award-winning landscape architect and environmental artist, has designed many public gardens, including the Southern Highlands Reserve in North Carolina and Enchanted Woods at Winterthur in Delaware. His book, *From Art to Landscape: Unleashing Creativity in Garden Design*, received a Book Award from the American Horticultural Society. The most artful gardens include elements of imperfection, imbalance, transience, and asymmetry. In the natural world, nothing lasts and nothing is perfect. Striving for perfection is difficult and ultimately leads to failure. His presentation explores aesthetic values that can release us from the tyranny of perfection and welcome a special kind of beauty and serenity that comes from enjoying the processes of nature and change over time.

2:45 - 3:00 Concluding Remarks, Raffle Drawing

3:00 - 3:15 Break, Vendor Sales

3:15 - 4:00 Concurrent Session 2 (choose one program)

Barbara Pleasant 🌻 **Eat from Your Garden Year-Round**

Wouldn't it be great to eat from your garden every day of the year? Learn proven strategies for stocking your own homegrown pantry from the ground up. Start by choosing easy-to-grow crops that store themselves, and then learn simple ways to preserve vegetables and fruits so they are welcome in the winter kitchen. Barbara will share dozens of tips for enjoying your garden's bounty in every season. Refer to Concurrent Session 1 for additional information.

Ted Stephens 🌻 **Dwarf Shrubs - A Special Place in the Garden**

Ted Stephens is the founder and owner of Nurseries Caroliniana in North Augusta, South Carolina. His retail garden center nursery focuses on offering rare and unusual plant material to the gardening public. Through his travels abroad, Ted has introduced many new plant selections to the public, and he has developed a number of cultivars himself. His presentation examines newer dwarf shrub selections as well as old "dependables" and how they can be used in the home landscape.

Marian St. Clair 🌻 **Garden Romp**

Marian St. Clair is a South Carolina Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, and an international garden tour guide, who nurtures an earth-friendly garden on a shady slope above the Reedy River. As garden writer for the *Greenville News* from 2002 to 2018, Marian wrote garden profiles featuring Upstate gardeners and their landscapes, as well as columns on plants and garden design. Take a virtual garden tour with Marian to explore some of the world's best gardens and open your mind to the many possibilities for creating your own enchanting landscape.

Books by David Culp, Barbara Pleasant and Gary Smith will be offered for purchase during the symposium, and the authors will be available to sign them at specified times during the day.

Symposium Venue: Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, South Carolina

Directions: <https://meetgcc.com/directions/>

*****During the symposium, we will follow all CDC COVID guidelines concerning masks and other requirements.*****

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Cover Artist Jennifer Mills

Greenville, South Carolina, native and award-winning artist, Jennifer Mills is a storyteller—formerly on camera and now on canvas. Her vibrant oil paintings showcase the same joy and energy with which she graced the airwaves for over three decades with the Travel Channel, Golf Channel, and NBC Sports. *"Sharing color is exciting, whatever the medium. In television, I told stories with words and video. Now, I do it with paint, canvas, and a brush."*

The '84 Wake Forest alumnus began painting in 2015. She received the prestigious Betty Taylor Award for Emerging Artists in 2018 and used the grant to study under some of the country's finest artists. Jennifer calls "life" her favorite subject matter. Vibrant mountain scenes, lush flower-filled landscapes, and local landmarks all come alive through her palette.

Registration Form

Registration deadline: January 17, 2022

Please send completed form and registration fee of \$80.00 to Gary Cutter, 4539 Locust Hill Road, Taylors, SC 29687. Upon receipt of your registration, a **confirmation will be sent to you via email from this email address, gmgmsymposium.confirmation@gmail.com, within 5 days. Please make sure your email address is legible.**

Make check payable to GGMGA. Only checks are accepted as payment, and we regret that no refunds will be issued. If registering more than one person, copy and submit a separate form for each registrant; additional registration forms can be found at www.gmgga.org. Fees of \$80.00 per person may be combined in the same check.

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BOX LUNCH (Check one): Carolina Cobb Salad w/Grilled Chicken Roasted Veggie Wrap
 Smoked Turkey with Bacon and Pimento Cheese Sandwich
 Special Dietary Requests (Please list)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Check one for each):

Concurrent Session 1:

- Barbara Pleasant, *The Human to Houseplant Connection*
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