



**IN SYNC: THE ART AND
CULTURE OF THE GARDEN**

21ST ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE
GREATER GREENVILLE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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Season in and season out, the beauty, productivity, ecological value, and emotional power of the garden depend on many variables. Among the most important are the skills we possess as gardeners. Our landscapes speak volumes, demonstrating our grasp of artistic and scientific principles as well as expressing our individual experiences and preferences. To grow as gardeners, let's explore the interplay of *The Art and Culture of the Garden*.

7:30–8:45 **Registration, Continental Breakfast, Vendor Sales**

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

9:00–10:00 **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; 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 of horticulture. 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, seasonal flower arrangements, practical tips, and other valuable gardening information.

10:00–10:30 **Break and Vendor Sales**

Book Signings

Books by David Culp and Eric Groft will be offered for purchase at the Fiction Addiction booth in the Vendor Hall, and the authors will be available to sign them.

10:30–11:30 **Featured Speaker: Eric Groft**

Beyond Bold: Learning the Design Principles of OvS Through Three Generations

Eric Groft is the CEO and Director of Oehme van Sweden (OvS) in Washington, DC. He is renowned for his diversity in residential, commercial and institutional work. He prides himself in his sense of regionalism, attention to the vernacular, and work with cultural landscapes. His presentation will provide insight into OvS's approach to placemaking through a series of residential and commercial garden case studies, which illustrate the proper treatment of cultural landscapes, balancing horticulture and architecture, and establishing an artistic yet ecological composition. Eric will demonstrate that no matter the size or application, the same design principles apply—effective use of positive and negative space, form and scale, light and shadow, and texture.

11:30–11:45 **Break and Vendor Sales**

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

Concurrent Speaker: Mignon Durham

Why I Garden and Why It Matters

Mignon Durham is a self-taught gardener, native North Carolinian, and western North Carolina resident for the past 25 years. In 2013, she began a multi-year process of creating her sensational and site-customized garden, *Devotion*, in Asheville, NC. This presentation shows how she transformed three steep hillside acres, crowded with invasive species, into a collection of formal gardens and restored native woodlands. She will trace her progress and share her three keys to success—preparation, daily attention, and constant curiosity—to show us that gardeners can overcome tremendous obstacles. Along the way, Mignon will also share extensive plant lists, photographs, and meditations on the importance of gardening in the fight against climate change.

Concurrent Speaker: Scott Beuerlein

Planting for Pollinators

Scott Beuerlein is the Manager of Botanical Garden Outreach at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. He is also a garden writer and horticultural speaker. As all astute gardeners know, pollinators are under pressure. Fortunately, our urban and suburban gardens and landscapes can be easily (and beautifully) tailored to provide much of the plant diversity that pollinators depend upon. In his presentation, Scott sets the context and then provides the tools necessary for any homeowner or landowner to dig in, embrace the natural world, and advance conservation in their own backyards.

Concurrent Speaker: 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. From 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 and old “dependables,” showing how they are best used in the home landscape.

12:30–1:45 **Lunch and Vendor Sales**

1:45–2:45 **Featured Speaker: Scott Beuerlein**

Making Landscapes That Matter

Scott Beuerlein, in addition to working as the Manager of Botanical Garden Outreach at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, also runs the Zoo’s Botanical Garden educational programs, including three symposia, various plant trialing programs, the Zoo’s Best Plants for Pollinators brand, and the Plant for Pollinators Challenge. Scott is also a garden writer and horticultural speaker. In his talk, Scott delves into the genetic, historical, and other factors behind certain garden and landscape components that increase their value for the health and well-being of individuals and communities and the larger ecosystem.

2:45–3:00 **Concluding Remarks and Raffle Drawings**

3:00–3:15 **Break and Vendor Sales**

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

Concurrent Speaker: Karen Galloway

Maria Martin Bachman, South Carolina Artist and Audubon's Assistant Painter

Karen Galloway, the West Sandhills District Director for the Garden Club of South Carolina, began looking for an interesting avenue to engage her time after retiring. Joining a garden club took her in new directions, and her time spent in gardening has resulted in many fulfilling experiences. In her presentation, Karen will introduce you to a little-known native South Carolina artist, Maria Martin Bachman, who was John James Audubon's assistant painter. She will share Maria's fascinating story of working with Audubon on his *Birds of America* series and the friendship that bloomed during the mid-1800's in Charleston, SC.

Concurrent Speaker: Bill Bradshaw

Water Gardens and Water Features

Bill Bradshaw is retired from forty-two years in the science museum profession during which he was director for four institutions—the last one being Roper Mountain Science Center. Water is essential to life on Earth, and in his presentation, Bill shows many examples of how people have incorporated water into their gardens. This visual ode to water will inspire you to celebrate water in your own garden and suggest new ways to experience and enjoy gardens.

Concurrent Speaker: Mary Vargo

Growing Cut Flowers and Using Them in Arrangements

Mary Vargo is the Clemson Extension Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator for Greenville County, SC. She has a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Horticulture from Clemson University. Mary's home garden is not only her favorite canvas for expressing her creativity, it is also where she learns new things about herself and the natural world around her. In her presentation, Mary will share her knowledge and enthusiasm for growing cut flowers, and she will teach us how to create lush, nature-inspired designs that are balanced in color and form.

Symposium Venue:

Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607

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

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Symposium Painting, *Garden Gnome*, by Greenville, SC Artist, Carey Lee Hudson



Greenville artist, Carey Lee Hudson, earned her BA in Art with a teaching certificate for K-12 Art from Columbia College. She practices several mediums including painting in oils, acrylics, murals, encaustic, calligraphy. She currently paints at Studio 201 Art Crossing. The Symposium painting is entitled. *Garden Gnome*.

The bold use of color and the intrigue of texture are what excite me in a painting, no matter the subject. Whether painting in oils or encaustics, I seek to appeal to the emotion of the viewer with these two elements above all else. CLH

Registration Form

Registration Deadline: January 17, 2023

To register online and pay with a credit card, scan the qr-code to the right to go to www.ggmga.org/symposium and select the **Register Now!** button. You will receive a confirmation email when your registration is received. Online registration is \$84 due to a transaction fee.



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Gary Cutter, 4539 Locust Hill Road, Taylors, SC 29687.

Upon receipt of your registration, **a confirmation will be sent within 5 days via email from symposiumregistration@ggmga.org.** Please make sure your email address is legible. If you don't see your confirmation email, please look in your promotions or spam folders. If you have questions, please contact symposiumregistration@ggmga.org.

Enclosed is my registration check for \$ 80.00. **We regret that no refunds will be issued.**

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