

Eleventh Annual
Gardening Gala and Seminar

*Offering Regional Enrichment for Extension Master Gardeners
And Education for the Public*

Thursday
September 20, 2012

Sponsored by:
Guilford County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer



THE SPEAKERS

Will Hooker Would you like to ease some of the labor involved with your gardening activities? Mr. Hooker, a professor of landscape design at the NC State Department of Horticultural Science, will explore efficient steps to individualize your own landscape design. His keynote address is geared to create less work for the gardener eventually. Will's breakout session is all about eye candy for the garden.

Lisa Mason Ziegler Do you have a passion for cut flowers? Ms. Ziegler, a commercial cut-flower farmer and well known speaker and author, will offer her expertise on cut flower gardening. Her sustainable and organic experiences have been gathered from everyday life on her flower farm in Newport News, Virginia. Lisa knows all the secrets about hardy annual seeds and transplants that can be planted in the fall for spring and summer blooms.

Dave Close and Frank Reilly Is your landscape protected and wildlife friendly? Mr. Close, Coordinator of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program and Mr. Reilly, an advanced Master Gardener and Environmental Scientist will share their combined knowledge with us. Mr. Reilly's interests are in wetlands and land use issues. He is author of **Smart Yard Care: Big Rewards from Small Investments in Stewardship** which was funded by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. This dynamic duo will discuss how to invest a small amount of time and effort to create a landscape resistant to wildfire damage. The breakout session will cover principles of attracting wildlife and habitat enhancement.

Sandra McDougale Are your perennials fussy and sometimes difficult to grow? Sandra, owner of Sandy's Plants, Inc. helps gardeners determine the right plants for the right place. Her garden hobby evolved into a wholesale/retail nursery business in 1979 after a chance encounter with a nurseryman who spied her colorful garden. Today, Ms. McDougale provides 2000 varieties of garden ready perennials, grasses, herbs, and ground covers to garden centers and landscapers throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

Gardening Gala and Seminar Program

- 8:30 am Registration, Refreshments, Shopping, Garden tour sign up
- 9:00 am Welcome, Important Information and Door Prizes
- 9:15 am Will Hooker_ Demystifying the Design Process
- 10:15 am. Break, Refreshments, Shopping
- 10:45 am Lisa Mason Ziegler_ Growing your own Bouquet with Fall Planted Seeds
- 11:45 am Lunch, Garden Tours, Shopping
- 1:15 pm Breakout Seminars
- A. Will Hooker__ Ephemeral Bamboo Structures
 - B. Dave Close and Frank Reilly__ Attracting Wildlife to your Backyard
 - C. Sandra McDougle__ Perennial Plants for Challenging Situations
- 2:15 pm Break, Refreshments, Shopping
- 2:40 pm Dave Close and Frank Reilly-Using Smart Yard Care to Become a Fire Wise® Gardener
- 3:40 pm Gala and Seminar Conclude._ Door Prizes and Evaluation

Optional Garden Tour Friday, September 21, 2012

9:30-11:30 AM

The garden tour features an organic garden composed of perennials, annuals, fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Ninety percent of the plants are functional and “companion” to the others in multiple ways. While very productive and beautiful, it is surprisingly low maintenance and low cost. Special features include: four season vegetables, heirloom apple espalier, three bee hives, twelve kinds of fruit, carpet ponds without mechanical pumps or filters, bamboo gutters to capture rain, Integrated Pest Management, and self maintaining orchards called Forest Gardens. The garden, often referred to as an urban farm, belongs to Charlie Headington and is just minutes away from the UNCG Campus. Dr. Headington teaches at UNCG and in the Greensboro community. At UNCG, his graduate courses range from *Livable and Sustainable Cities to Simple Living in a complex Age to Slow Food in a Fast Food Nation*. This tour will provide an opportunity to observe permaculture principles in action. The cost is \$10 per person. The garden tour is limited to 30 people. Sign up and more details will be available the day of the gala.

REGISTRATION FORM

The nonrefundable \$35.00 fee for registration includes lunch. Seating is limited; register early. Registration will be confirmed by email; we do not mail tickets. For additional information, please contact Rose Chamblee at (336) -275 6562 or email to chambleer@bellsouth.net

Only one participant per registration form; photocopy form if necessary.

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Address

City

Zip Code

Make check payable to **NC Extension MGV** and mail this form with your check to Gardening Gala and Seminar,

C/o Steve Fogarty, 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Indicate lunch choice: _____ regular _____ vegetarian _____ gluten free

Indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for Breakout Seminar: Hooker _____ Close _____
McDougle _____

