



The Rutherford County Extension
Master Gardener Volunteer Association Presents:

Spring Garden School Symposium

Carolina Grown



Saturday April 4th, 2020
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

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Rutherford County Extension Center
193 Callahan-Koon Rd.
Spindale, NC 28160

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Early Bird Registration Deadline March 6: \$40
Registration Closes March 25: \$45

Schedule of Events

8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration, Refreshments, and Vendor Sales
8:30 am	Welcome & Announcements
8:45 - 9:30 am	Session I <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carolina Bred, Exciting New Ornamental Plants from NC State: John Vining- Planting for Success in WNC: Maryann Brown- How To Create Your Own Daylily: Nancy and Kirk Milleman
9:30 - 9:45 am	Break and Vendor Sales
9:45 - 10:30 am	Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ask the Experts: Craig Mauney and Maryann Brown- Carolina Bred, Exciting New Ornamental Plants from NC State University: John Vining- Native and Exotic Conifers for Rutherford's Present & Future Landscape Gardens: Bruce Appeldoorn
10:30 - 11:00 am	Break with Door Prizes and Vendor Sales
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Keynote with Chris Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unusual Crops for North Carolina
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 - 1:30 pm	Session III <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hickory Nut Gorge: Nature's Treasure Chest: Clint Calhoun- Top Ten Tips for Growing Healthy Herbs: Charlotte Gardner- Successful Fruit & Vegetables to Grow in the 2020 Season: Craig Mauney
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Session IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Landscaping with Native Plants: Clint Calhoun- Know Your Soil: Hannah Bundy- Plant A Salad Bowl: Led by Master Gardeners

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting 828.287.6010, hannah_bundy@ncsu.edu, or in person at Rutherford County Cooperative Extension at least 7 days prior to the event.



Classes

<p>Carolina Bred: Exciting New Ornamental Plants from NC State University with John Vining <small>Former Extension Agent; ICC Professor</small></p>	<p>Scarlet Storm Flowering Quince and Invincibelle Spirit Smooth Hydrangea are just two of the exciting new ornamental hybrids developed at the NC State Research Center. Just 46 miles from Spindale sits one of the premier plant breeding programs in the country. This talk will cover many of Dr Tom Ranney's new plant introductions and why gardeners from the foothills should consider planting them.</p>
<p>Planting for Success in WNC with Maryann Brown <small>Local Gardening Expert</small></p>	<p>Helpful tips and tricks for new and experienced gardeners in Western North Carolina. What factors should you consider when planting your garden? What climate do we have? Maryann will cover all of these factors and more!</p>
<p>How To Create Your Own Daylily with Nancy and Kirk Milleman <small>Renowned Daylily Hybridizers</small></p>	<p>Topics covered will include: basic daylily sexual reproduction and cross pollination, seed saving basics, seed starting, daylily cultivation, plant selection, and record keeping procedures.</p>
<p>Ask the Experts with Craig Mauney and Maryann Brown <small>Extension Area Specialized Agent //</small> <small>Local Gardening Expert</small></p>	<p>Craig and Maryann bring their expertise and advice to answer any questions that you have. We will have an opportunity for you to ask them for advice about fruit, vegetable gardening, growing in North Carolina and more!</p>
<p>Native and Exotic Conifers for Rutherford's Present and Future Landscape Gardens with Bruce Appeldoorn <small>Owner of Appeldoorn Landscape Nursery</small></p>	<p>Two part presentation on top picks for successful growing in your area and development of new dwarf selections from witches' brooms collected on evergreen trees in our immediate area.</p>
<p>Hickory Nut Gorge: Nature's Treasure Chest with Clint Calhoun <small>Former Environmental Officer;</small> <small>Science Educator</small></p>	<p>Have you ever wondered why Hickory Nut Gorge is so special and why there has been so much focus on protecting it? This presentation will discuss the unique ecology, plants and animals of Hickory Nut Gorge and what makes this little corner of Rutherford County a treasure worth protecting.</p>
<p>Top Ten Tips for Growing Healthy Herbs with Charlotte Gardner <small>Herb Expert and Active *EMGV</small></p>	<p>This presentation will focus on the most important aspects of successful herb gardening with an emphasis on gardening within limited space conditions.</p>
<p>Successful Fruit and Vegetables to Grow in the 2020 Season with Craig Mauney <small>Extension Area Specialized Agent</small></p>	<p>Tried and true vegetable crops that folks can use at home will be discussed. Craig will also review some exciting new varieties of both fruits and vegetables.</p>
<p>Landscaping with Native Plants with Clint Calhoun <small>Former Environmental Officer;</small> <small>Science Educator</small></p>	<p>Have you ever considered what gives the place you live its identity? If you guessed plants, you would be correct. This presentation will focus on the issues of non-native species, the ones that pose the greatest ecological impacts, and the importance of using native species in the landscape.</p>
<p>Know Your Soil with Hannah Bundy <small>Rutherford County Extension Agent,</small> <small>Horticulture</small></p>	<p>In this class we will talk about properties of soil, soil testing, and reading a soil test report. Start this growing season off on the right foot by knowing what's going on under your feet. This class will be hands-on with activities, so be prepared to get a little dirty.</p>
<p>Plant A Salad Bowl with Charlotte Gardner & Eleanor Bails <small>Herb Expert and Active *EMGV //</small> <small>Former Educator and Active *EMGV</small></p>	<p>Don't let limited space stop you from growing edible plants on a sunny deck, porch, or balcony. In this make it-take-it class, master gardeners will assist participants in planting a variety of lettuces in a container. Bring garden gloves.</p>

About The Keynote Speaker

Chris Smith will be presenting his keynote titled *Unusual Crops for North Carolina*.

Through his presentation you can learn about a whole host of tropical perennials grown as temperate annuals and other interesting or unusual crops with great food potential!

Chris Smith is executive director of The Utopian Seed Project, a crop-trialing non-profit celebrating food and farming.

He serves on the boards of The People's Seed and Sow True Seed. His book, *The Whole Okra*, was published in June 2019.

He is passionate about sustainable food systems, heritage seed saving, and surviving the apocalypse.

Chris has a 1 acre homestead where he grows many things, including two young daughters! Learn more at blueandyellowmakes.com



Rutherford County Master Gardeners

The Rutherford County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are a group of volunteers within Rutherford County who provide unbiased, research-based information for community citizens on gardens, lawns and landscapes. All members must undergo horticultural training via the Horticulture Extension Agent and complete an internship to become a fully certified member of the program. The Master Gardeners help with 4-H programs, maintain office gardens, and answer questions from local citizens through phone and email.

The annual Spring Garden School is planned and implemented by the Rutherford Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and the 2016 school received the Search for Excellence Award for the Statewide Association. Our Master Gardener class is offered every two years, and applications for the program are available at the Extension Office for anyone interested in joining our wonderful group of volunteers.



Spring Garden School Symposium Registration

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☐ Early Bird Deadline is March 6, 2020 Cost: \$40

☐ Final Registration Deadline is on March 25, 2020 Cost: \$45

Registration cost includes: 4 sessions, keynote speaker, and lunch. You may register in one of two ways:

- Online via Eventbrite by going to: tiny.cc/sgseventbrite **OR**,
- By completing this form and mailing it or dropping it off with payment to the address noted below

Name : _____
(please print clearly)

Address : _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone : _____ Email : _____

Have you attended Spring Garden School before? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like to receive our email newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

Sessions

The table below shows the classes that will be available in each session time. Please rank your interest for each class using a 1, 2, or 3 (with 1 being the class you are most interested in) on the line provided for the four session times. Because seating is limited, if your 1st choice topic is filled when we receive this form, we will place you into your 2nd choice topic. If both your 1st and 2nd choice classes are filled, we will place you into your 3rd choice class.

Session	Time	Classes:		
Session I	8:45 am	___ Carolina Bred: Exciting New Ornamental Plants from NC State Univ.	___ Planting for Success in WNC	___ How To Create Your Own Daylily
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Lunch

Lunch will be provided by the Rural Seed Restaurant. Please select your lunch preference below.

___ Turkey and cheese on whole wheat bread, cucumber salad (olive oil based), chips and cookie

___ Chicken salad on whole wheat bread, cucumber salad (olive oil based), chips and cookie

___ Vegetable wrap, cucumber salad (olive oil based), chips and cookie

For a Gluten Free version of your lunch selection please check this box ☐

Payment

Please make checks payable to **Rutherford County EMGV Association** and mail to the address noted below along with this Registration form.

Attn: EMGV SGS

Rutherford County Extension Office

193 Callahan Koon Rd.

Spindale, NC 28043

Seating is limited, please register early

Questions? Please call 828-287-6010