

## Become an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer!

Are you interested in becoming an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer? Applications are taken throughout the year for classes starting each January.

Volunteers receive more than 45 hours of intensive gardening education in exchange for 50 hours of volunteer time during the first year of the program. Ten hours of continuing education and 30 hours of volunteer service are program requirements during subsequent years.

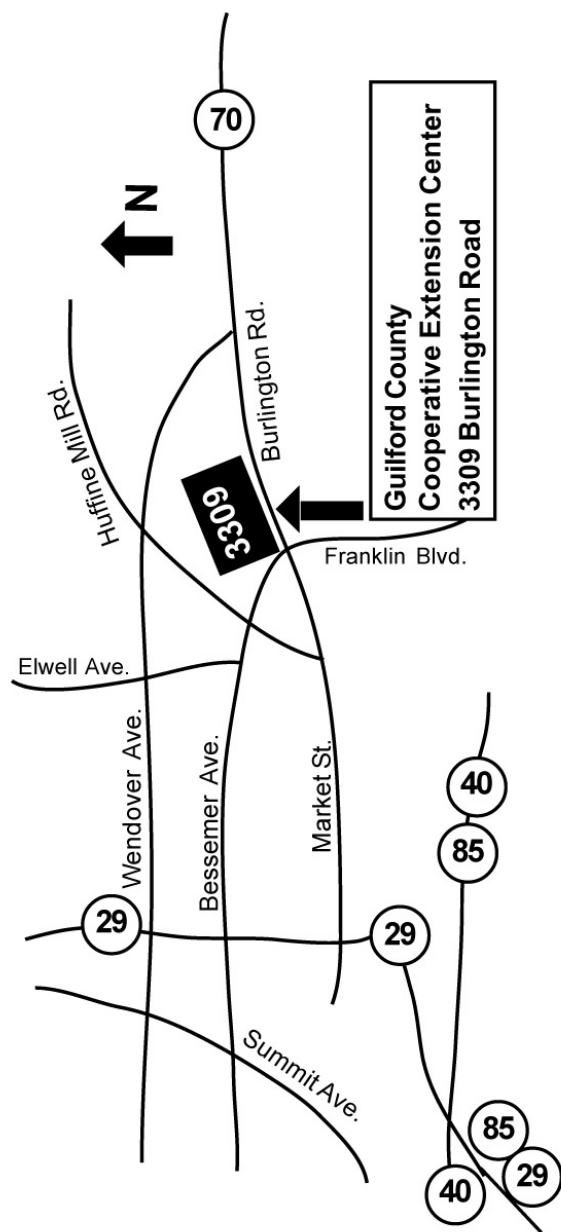
The Master Gardener curriculum provides the volunteer with information and training on subjects such as botany, soil management, integrated pest management, and more. Upon completion of the course, Master Gardeners volunteer their time as Volunteer Educators, in coordination with plans developed by Extension Faculty. Extension Master Gardeners are involved in various community-centered activities such as staffing a phone-in hotline for home gardeners, offering public education workshops, serving as mentors to both school and community gardens, and maintaining a demonstration garden at the Guilford County Agricultural Center.

Contact Linda Brandon at the Guilford County Cooperative Extension Office at (336) 375-5876 for more information or to request an application or stop by the office at 3309 Burlington Road in Greensboro.



## Location of the Gardening Gala

The Gardening Gala and Seminar will take place at the Guilford County Cooperative Extension Center located at 3309 Burlington Road in Greensboro.



## About the 12th Annual Gardening Gala and Seminar

This special day is devoted to exploring gardening practices that are helpful to Piedmont gardeners. Our focus today is on “Trends in Landscape Design—What’s New? What Works?”

This seminar offers educational enrichment and continuing education for Extension Master Gardeners from several counties, and education for the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Please join us for this unique opportunity on September 26 to focus on tried and true landscape design principles and gardening practices, provided by professionals with experience and enthusiasm who want to help you. Public registration begins July 1.

**Please register by September 21!**

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## 12th Annual Gardening Gala and Seminar

*Trends in Landscape Design—What Works? What’s New?*

**Thursday, September 26, 2013  
8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**



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## Gardening Gala and Seminar Program

September 26, 2013

- 8:30 A.M. Registration, Refreshments, and Shopping—Get there early!
- 9:00 A.M. Welcome & Important Information
- 9:15 A.M. **Dr. Holly Scoggins**—“Logical Landscapes and Lessons Learned: Mistakes Were Made...What to Do?”
- 10:15 A.M. Break and Shopping
- 10:45 A.M. **Dr. Richard T. Olsen**—“From Germplasm to Cultivar: What’s New? Plant Breeding at the US National Arboretum”
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch and Shopping
- 1:15 P.M. Breakout Seminars
- A. **Dr. Scoggins**—“Give Me Plants, Lots of Plants: Both the Irresistibly New and Underappreciated Not-So-New but All Marvelous!”
- B. **Dr. Olsen**—“Plants of Questionable Merit”
- C. **Sheilah Lombardo**—“Native Plants for Piedmont Gardens: They Work So You Don’t Have To!”
- D. **Nancy Seay, Ken Bastion, and Shirley Keel**—“Does Your Garden Need a Face-Lift? Our Demonstration Garden as a Case Study”
- 2:15 P.M. Break and Shopping
- 2:40 P.M. **Jan Little**—“An invitation to the Garden: The Role of Color and Geometry!”
- 3:40 P.M. Gala and Seminar Conclude. Door Prizes and Evaluation

## About the Speakers

**Dr. Holly Scoggins**—Dr. Scoggins is an Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture and Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech. A PhD from NC State, she teaches about herbaceous landscape plants and ornamental plant production, and researches perennial propagation. She recently earned the 2012 Professional of the Year by the Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association. Check out her blog at [www.gardenprofessors.com](http://www.gardenprofessors.com). No wallflowers allowed, as she presents a lively lineup of plants for the adventurous gardener.

**Dr. Richard T. Olsen**—Have you been to the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC? Ever wonder what they do? Dr. Olsen is a research geneticist and leader of the urban tree breeding program at the USNA, working on the next generation plant material to assure better success in your garden and around the world. With a PhD from NC State, he is an international speaker, and is returning to visit us and share a peek at the future of plant breeding and give us some hints of what truly works and what’s coming!

**Jan Little**—Director of Education and Public Programs for the Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University, Jan is in the “know” on what is working and enticing in a beautiful garden. Started in 1939, Duke Gardens is a 55-acre public botanic garden of 4 specially landscaped areas featuring over 5 miles of walks and pathways surrounded by beautiful plantings. There is a wealth of knowledge to share about landscape design, using the beautiful Duke gardens as the perfect “study material.”

**Sheilah Lombardo**—A perennial and native plant enthusiast for 20 years, Sheilah is a Forsyth County EMG, and uses her knowledge from successes in native plants to trumpet their advantages. Why work so hard when nature provides the key to success? A frequent speaker in the Southeast, she will make you run to your nearest nursery to stock up on natives!

**Nancy Seay (RLA, ASLA), Ken Bastion and Shirley Keel**—These Guilford County EMGs, who have taken on the huge task of redesigning the Demonstration Garden, say a face-lift is a tactful description of what is needed! Meet with Nancy, Ken and Shirley to learn landscape design principles in making decisions about hardscapes and plant material, which can be applied to your very own “challenges” at home or in the community! Weather permitting, meet outside and enjoy a walk through the garden to understand these concepts.

## Garden-Themed Vendors and Artisans

Bring your birthday and holiday money for early gift purchases!

In addition to our featured speakers and breakout seminars, participants can take this opportunity to visit garden-inspired vendors and artisans, located in the Barn Arena. Please patronize these outstanding vendors and artists\* who have made a specific effort to bring their plants and gifts together for your shopping enjoyment!

- ∞ Carolina Heritage Nursery
- ∞ Crystal’s Garden/Moon Creek Farm
- ∞ Frank’s Perennial Borders
- ∞ Judy Meyler, Artist
- ∞ Longnecker Tools
- ∞ Niche Gardens
- ∞ Paul Ciener Botanical Gardens
- ∞ Richard DuFresne Salvia
- ∞ Sacred Gardens Bookstore
- ∞ Sassy Virginia Lady
- ∞ Silver Palate Feeders

\*As of print date.



## Gardening Gala Registration

The nonrefundable \$40.00 fee for registration includes refreshments and 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 [chambleer@bellsouth.net](mailto:chambleer@bellsouth.net).

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

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Current MG?  County \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your lunch choice:

Regular

Vegetarian

Gluten free

Indicate your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices for Breakout Seminar:

\_\_\_ Scoggins

\_\_\_ Olsen

\_\_\_ Lombardo

\_\_\_ Seay/Bastion/Keel

Make check payable to **NC Extension MG**V and mail this form with your check to:

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