

Southern Region Master Gardener Conference 2016

Breakout Sessions

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

1:30pm-2:30pm

Please note: Registration required for all sessions

Community Gardening: It takes a Village; and a Good Plan

Bob Byers, Director of Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Managing a community garden takes vision, planning, and great leadership. This session looks at some successful examples in a large city (Fort Worth), a public setting (Fort Worth Botanic Garden) and a small city (Hot Springs, AR). Learn about important issues you'll have to address and strategies that work in a variety of community garden settings.

Empress of the Garden

Mike Shoup, Owner of Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham, TX

Mr. Shoup will discuss the wonderful garden attributes of Old Garden roses, their diversity, their companions, their culture and most importantly their personalities as profiled in his book "Empress of the Garden". Mike will introduce us to Rose Rustling as the way of early acquisition of wonderful roses which will tie in to Dr. Welch's "Rose Rustlers" presentation on Thursday afternoon in the second breakout session. Mike Shoup wrote the introduction to Dr. Welch's new book on roses.

The Art of Diagnosis

Dr. Kevin Ong, Associate Professor/Director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory

Plant disease diagnostic is an art that utilizes the sciences of plant pathology and horticulture. It is a skill that incorporates logic, common sense and a dose of curiosity. This art employs skillsets that through practice, allow one to become more proficient.

Landscape Renovations

Janet Carson, Horticulture Specialist, Arkansas State University Extension Services

Most of us are not starting with a blank palette but we want to make some changes to our landscape. How can we take a tired landscape and give it a facelift?