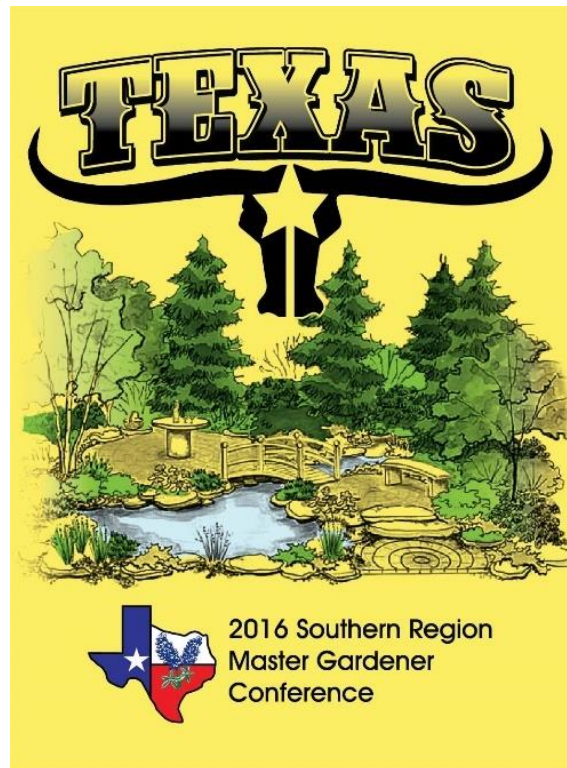


# Southern Region Master Gardener Conference November 1-4, 2016



Welcome to Arlington, Texas! We would like to extend a warm Texas greeting to all of our attendees! We hope you enjoy the conference.

~ The Tarrant County Master Gardeners ~

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

12:00pm-5:00pm

Registration

12:00pm-5:00pm

Southern Garden Marketplace Open

6:00pm-8:00pm

Master Gardener Reception with Local Food Trucks such as [Hook and Ladder Pizza Co.](#)

7:00am-9:00am	Continental Breakfast Buffet
7:00am-3:00pm	Registration
10:00am-6:00pm	Southern Garden Marketplace Open
9:00am-9:15am	Welcome – Dr. Douglas Steele, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services
9:15am-10:30am	Keynote Session #1 <a href="#"><u>That Tree</u></a> Mark Hirsch, Photojournalist, Artist and Naturalist
10:30am-11:00am	Break
11:00am-12:00pm	Keynote Session #2 <a href="#"><u>State Coordinator Panel</u></a> Lelia Kelly-Mississippi, Natalie Bumgarner- Tennessee, Sheri Dorn- Georgia and Janet Carson- Arkansas
12:00pm-1:30pm	Luncheon Buffet
1:00pm-5:00pm	Tours (Registration required)
1:30pm-2:30pm	<a href="#"><u>Breakout Session Group 1 (Registration required)</u></a> <b>Community Gardening: It takes a Village; and a Good Plan</b> Bob Byers, Director of Fort Worth Botanic Garden <b>The Art of Diagnosis</b> Dr. Kevin Ong, Associate Professor and Director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory <b>Landscape Renovations</b> Janet Carson, Horticulture Specialist, Arkansas State University Extension Services <b>Empress of the Garden</b> Mike Shoup, Owner of Antique Rose Emporium
2:30pm-3:00pm	Break
3:00pm-4:00pm	<a href="#"><u>Breakout Session Group 2 (Registration required)</u></a> <b>The Art of a Great Garden</b> Bob Byers, Director of Fort Worth Botanic Garden <b>Join the Herbin' League</b> Lelia Kelly, Horticulture Specialist, Mississippi State University Extension Services
6:30pm-9:00pm	<a href="#"><u>The Cowboy Experience (Registration required)</u></a> Alternately, you may opt for dinner on your own (see About the Area menu on website for options near the Sheraton Arlington)

Thursday, November 3, 2016

- 7:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast Buffet  
8:00am-12:00pm Registration  
10:00am-6:00pm Southern Garden Marketplace Open  
9:00am-10:15am Keynote Session #3  
[\*\*Kids in the Garden – It IS a Good Thing!\*\*](#)  
Lisa Whittlesey, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M  
AgriLife Extension Service and International Junior Master  
Gardener Director
- 10:15am-10:45am Break  
10:45am-12:00pm Keynote Session #4  
[\*\*Gardening: Facts, Fun and Fabulous!\*\*](#)  
Neil Sperry, Author and Broadcaster
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Luncheon Buffet  
1:00pm-5:00pm Tours (Registration required)  
1:30pm-2:30pm [\*\*Breakout Session Group 3 \(Registration required\)\*\*](#)  
**Genetically Modified Organisms/Genetic Engineering**  
Justin Scheiner, Assistant Professor and Extension  
Viticulture Specialist and Department of Horticultural  
Sciences at Texas A&M University  
**Dynamic Soils**  
Dr. Sam Feagley, Professor and State Soil Environment  
Specialist, Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences, Texas  
A&M University  
**Creating Your Perfect Garden Room**  
Steven Chamblee, Horticulturalist at Chandor Gardens  
**Landscaping with Limited Time**  
Janet Carson, Horticulture Specialist, Arkansas State  
University Extension Services
- 2:30pm-3:00pm Break  
3:00pm-4:00pm [\*\*Breakout Session Group 4 \(Registration required\)\*\*](#)  
**Texas Rose Rustlers**  
Bill Welch, Professor and Texas AgriLife Extension  
Service Horticulturist  
**Foodscaping - Edible Ornamentals**  
Laura Miller, Texas AgriLife Commercial Horticulture  
Extension Agent, Tarrant County, Texas  
**Great Garden Ideas – Transcend the Everyday Garden**  
Steven Chamblee, Horticulturalist at Chandor Gardens
- 6:30pm-9:00pm Banquet

Friday, November 4, 2016

7:00am-8:30am	Continental Breakfast Buffet
8:00am-12:00pm	Southern Garden Marketplace Open
8:30am-10:00am	Capstone Speaker <a href="#"><u>Growing up in Texas</u></a>
	Barry Corbin, Actor and Personality
10:30am-4:00pm	Tours (Registration required)