Xeriscape Garden Renovated

After several months of hard work, renovations to the Van Blaricom Xeriscape Garden, which we also call the Smart Garden, are now complete. We replaced the old steps with new stone steps, installed over 100 feet of new stone walls, put in new sod, irrigation, and signage and planted a wide variety of waterwise and native plants and trees. We’ll continue adding new plants during the fall season as the natives we are growing in our nursery come to size. This project could not have happened without the generous donations of the The Garden Club of South Carolina and their members throughout the state. Through their help, we are proud to offer a place for visitors to learn more about sustainable, drought-resistant gardening in such a lovely setting.

New Woodland Wildflower Trail

Longtime Garden volunteer John Garton led the project to build a new section of trail that follows and crosses the Middle Branch of Hunnicutt Creek in the Woodland Wildflower Garden. He and his fellow volunteers dedicated their work to the memory of two other dear Friends of the Garden, Carol Barten and Mary Birchenough. As part of their efforts, volunteers and staff built a new footbridge and cedar-lined trail. They removed exotic species (English ivy, autumn olive) and planted several species of native ferns, some spring wildflowers and showy native azaleas. In addition to wildflowers, the setting is enhanced by the creek, which is home to green frogs, two-lined salamanders and other wildlife. Towering oaks, hickories, and tulip poplars provide shade and the special feeling of being in deep woodlands. “We plan to add more native plants over the coming months,” said John Bodiford, horticulture volunteer coordinator. “We know the kind of wildflower garden settings that Carol and Mary especially liked, and we hope to make this area into one of them.” Thank you to everyone who contributed to this lovely new trail!
I grew up in Clemson and moved away after getting my undergraduate degree in Horticulture. I was gone for over 20 years before returning to my hometown. When I returned, we were in the midst of the worst drought in the 113 years that records have been kept. Some scientists have said that based on tree-ring research, it was the worst drought in 800 years! This would help explain the loss of so many mature trees—both conifer and hardwood—that we’ve experienced in the Garden during the past two years.

This spring, however, for the first time in years, the Upstate looked the way I remembered it: lush and green. Without doubt, this was a wonderful spring in terms of weather—plenty of rain, a gradual warming (with a few high temperature spikes) and a wonderful showing of color. It was a gardener’s dream.

In fact, our county received enough rain to be removed from “official drought” status. This is good news. But we here at the Garden are not lulled into thinking our watering worries are over. The truth is—drought or no drought—water conservation is something we take seriously, and we maintain constant awareness of how to best manage that resource.

I wasn’t the only one who noticed the impact the rain has had on our Garden. Though I hear it often, more than any time since I’ve been with the SCBG, people have been commenting on just how good everything looks. My first response when I hear that is “Thank you.” That is followed by, “We’ve got a great team of people.” And we do.

With the Garden looking its best, we were pleased to host Clemson Flower Day in June, which was put on by The Garden Club of South Carolina and featured floral arrangements and classes open free to the public. It also marked the official opening of our Smart Garden, which is the “new and improved” Xeriscape Garden. The Flower Show has become an annual event and gets better every year. It’s one of the many examples of how the garden clubs in the area and around the state support our state garden.

On another note, we were so proud and grateful to have been the only museum outside of Chicago and Philadelphia to be able to display Tiktaalik. This 375 million-year-old fossil is significant in that it helps support the idea of the evolution of fish to four-legged animals. I hope you were able to stop by to check it out.

With 295 acres, an art gallery, gift shops and a museum, there is always something new to see here.

Onward and upward –
Garden Update

Butterfly Garden Begins Construction
After a great deal of planning and coordination from staff and dedicated volunteers, as well as support from the Lake & Hills Garden Club, a grant from the Carolina Butterfly Society and gifts from John and Carolyn Turner, construction is now underway for the new Butterfly Garden. The garden will be located near the Sprouting Wings greenhouse as part of the design for the Children’s Garden (in development). We broke ground in late July and are now in the early stages of leveling and grading the area. Check your email for progress reports and scheduled volunteer planting days.

Updates to Meditation Garden
In July, we renovated the Meditation Garden, located just below the Heritage Amphitheater. We removed the aging gazebo, dredged the pool, installed flat stones and set up a seating area. Stop by to enjoy this peaceful, lovely area.

Heirloom Vegetable Garden Flourishes
The Heirloom Garden is in full swing, producing a bountiful crop. Managed by Greg Leveen, this garden produces seed from the Heirloom Seed program as well as for the Student Organic Farmers Market (open Wednesdays in summer and early fall from 3:30–6:30pm at the farm off Perimeter Road). A portion of the proceeds from both the market and seed sales help support the SCBG. If you are interested in volunteering in the Vegetable Garden, join us Wednesdays from 8:00–11:00am. We’ll provide everything you need.

Burton House Grounds Renovation
The Burton House, the property located at the entrance to the arboretum near the Discovery Center parking lot, was given to Clemson University years ago, and the SCBG has used it as office space, a meeting space, and for storage. While the SCBG and Clemson explore the best way to use this “gift,” we decided we needed to address the empty pool. Through a joint effort with the CU Foundation, what was once an eyesore and potential health hazard has been filled with soil and will soon be planted as a patio garden.

Staff Notes
Due to financial reasons alone, we had to eliminate the administrative assistant position filled by Jackie Hunter. This means Jackie is no longer working at the Garden. The “front line” for our visitors and supporters, Jackie proved herself a wonderful asset, fabulous employee and friend. We are sorry to see her go and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Judith Gardner has assumed Jackie’s tasks and continuing her role as Rental Manager.

Claiborne Linvill will be taking maternity leave beginning sometime in mid-October and returning in early January. If you need anything during this time, Claiborne’s email and voicemail will direct you to the correct person to contact.

During their reunion in June, the Clemson Class of 1939 appointed Todd Steadman as an honorary class member. This distinction means that Todd will help carry on the incredible legacy this class has given to Clemson, including the building and maintenance of the Heritage Garden in the SCBG.

Though not actually on staff, Nancy Whitney has quickly become a fixture in the Fran Hanson Discovery Center. She is the new head consigner at the Garden Gift Shop, so you can thank her for teaming with Retail Manager Darlene Evans to create the beautiful new look and wonderful merchandise now in the Gift Shop. Nancy recently moved to Keowee Key from the Chicago area, where she managed a garden gift shop at a plant nursery. Please welcome Nancy and remember the Gift Shop whenever you need unique and fun gifts.
Summer at the Garden brings day camp visits, nature exploration, and visitors enjoying the diversity of gardens, trails and habitats. It’s also a time to think about the nature of gardens and gardening, as I focus much of my time on gardening, reading (often about gardening), learning more about natural history, and writing mostly about nature and gardens.

When I put together the education program schedule each season (in this case, late summer and fall), my goal is to focus on programs that will best serve our educational mission of promoting sustainable gardening practices, as well as being of interest to and useful for people interested in becoming better gardeners.

I find inspiration in programs offered elsewhere, gardening articles, and e-newsletters and web information from a variety of sources. Following gardening trends is fascinating (the Garden Writer’s Association publishes excellent seasonal surveys about home gardening interests, for example).

It’s an encouraging time to be interested in plants and gardening, as we’re turning our focus back to connecting with where our food comes from (and even growing some of our own!) and spending more time at home turning our yards into gardens.

I was interested recently in a ‘basic home horticulture’ class series designed for the general public who weren’t interested in doing the full Master Gardener program, and I started musing (again) about ‘what a good gardener (really) needs to know.’ I’ve thought about this a good deal as I’ve become a better gardener myself, coming from a botanical and ecological background, rather than a horticultural one.

What I’ve found most helpful has been a knowledge of plants and their ecology. Even though I’ve learned a tremendous amount about growing plants over the years (the realm of horticulture), I keep returning to the perspective that (sustainable) gardening also depends on understanding plants and their different strategies, where they come from (that is, what part of the world and what sort of habitat), why you’re growing them, and whether they’re suited to where you want them to grow. Vegetables need something quite different than prairie wildflowers like purple coneflower (*Echinacea*), rattlesnake master (*Eryngium*), and blazing star (*Liatris*), for example, reflecting domesticated versus native status, and their origins from around the world.

Of course, learning about plants, gardening and the natural world (or, anything you’re interested in, for that matter) is a lifetime pursuit, and happily, you’re never finished. I’ve greatly enjoyed learning more about growing plants, but I’d also encourage gardeners to learn more about plant life histories, plant geography and diversity, reproductive strategies, plant adaptations, pollinator behavior, and native plant communities, as well as all sorts of things about plants in general.

I’ve put together a four-part class series for September on Home Gardening Fundamentals that will serve as a basic introduction. We’ll integrate learning about plants and their biology into understanding the importance of garden design and plant selection. Other fall programs include a kitchen gardening workshop and a Corn Moon Night Walk.

I’m always interested in ideas for new programs, and I welcome your input and participation. We’ll post a web-based survey in September about education programming; please let us know your thoughts!
Tiktaalik
You may have heard the buzz on TV and radio news or read in the paper that a cast of Tiktaalik, a 375 million-year-old fish found in the Canadian arctic, was on loan to the BCGM from the Academy of Natural Sciences (Philadelphia) through July 8. Tiktaalik is an important discovery because the species supports the theory that all living tetrapods (four-legged animals including amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals) evolved from fish ancestors. Tiktaalik is a transitional fossil because the skeleton exhibits primitive traits seen in fish ancestors (380 million years old) but lacks advanced traits seen in tetrapod descendents (365 million years old). Fish traits include fins, gills and scales. Transitional traits include tetrapod-like limb bones and joints with fish-like fins instead of toes. Tetrapod traits include a head separated from the shoulders by a neck, and stout ribs.

Research
In collaboration with the SC State Museum, Dave Cicimurri is in the final stages of a study on the fossil sharks and rays from the Aiken (SC) area. He also finished a project on the fossil record of the two-toed amphiuma (Amphiuma means, a type of salamander) in South Carolina, which includes the oldest fossil occurrence of the species (nearly 2 million years), as well as the northern-most fossil record in the Atlantic Coast.

Dave is also working with a colleague at the University of Texas on a study of 89-million-year-old sharks and rays from north-central Texas. Their goals are to ascertain what the environment was like at the time the animals were alive and to determine how, if at all, the assemblage differs from slightly older assemblages, as well as contemporaneous assemblages from elsewhere in the U.S.

In May, Dave hosted Dr. Charles Ciampaglio, Wright State University, during part of his research project to study fossil sharks and rays from the southeastern U.S. While collecting upper Eocene (approximately 35 million years old) fossils from sites in Aiken, SC, and Gordon, GA, they traded stories about their paleontological experiences and set a plan in motion for a collaborative effort to study 295-million-year-old shark remains from eastern Kansas.

Funding
With museums across the U.S. suffering from major staff reductions or closing their doors altogether, Clemson University PSA demonstrated a commitment to the Bob Campbell Geology Museum by allocating funds for all staff positions, as well as day-to-day operations and part-time student work, for the coming fiscal year. We are all very grateful.

The new budget is somewhat smaller than the previous year’s, but we are planning to offset the difference by generating revenue through increased attendance, educational programs, GeMS memberships, and gift shop sales. By visiting the Museum, attending programs, renewing your membership, and making purchases, you can help the Museum reach—and even surpass—our goals.

In addition, Christian and Dave Cicimurri are also working on several grants. If successful, grant money will be used to provide funds for educational programming, to upgrade and increase the Museum’s collections storage capacity, to purchase supplies needed to repair antique books, and to purchase specimens for planned exhibits.

Donations
In June Dr. Karen LaFleur Stewart donated her late father’s (Dr. Kermit LaFleur) collection to the Museum. The collection includes a wide variety of mineral species, rocks and an assortment of knapped artifacts. These are welcome additions to the Museum, especially for the teaching collection (used for educational programs), and we thank the LaFleur-Stewart families for their generosity.
AUGUST

Thursday, August 13 (register by 8/10)  Great for Kids!

ICE AGE BEASTS!
Meet the stars of the new movie in person (or see their bones at least) when Manny, Diego, Sid and the others visit the Museum. Young paleontologists will investigate fossils of these Ice Age animals, learn more about how and where they lived, and create their own cartoon creatures.

Fee: $12 per person ($10 for members & volunteers)
Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon
Location: Bob Campbell Geology Museum

Wednesday, August 19
FALL KITCHEN GARDENING WORKSHOP
South Carolina’s mild climate provides plenty of time to have a beautiful and productive kitchen garden almost year-round. Cool-season vegetables grown in the fall can often be more productive than in spring, with fewer insect problems and less variable temperatures. Join Lisa Wagner to discuss the wide range of cool-season vegetables, greens and herbs that can extend kitchen gardening, as well as how and when to plant them. Participants will have the opportunity to select seeds to try, sow a variety of cool-season vegetables for later transplant, and learn about succession planting.

Fee: $25 ($20 for members & volunteers)
Time: 9:30am – 12:00noon
Location: Nature Learning Center

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 4
CORN MOON NIGHT WALK
Late summer is a wonderful time to experience dusk in the Garden, as day turns to night. Join Lisa Wagner to experience the sights, sounds and sensations of a full moon night. Please wear shoes and clothing appropriate for walking in the woods. Flashlights are not needed.

Fee: $7/family (up to 5) ($5 for members & volunteers)
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location: Meet at Discovery Center parking area

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29
HOME GARDENING FUNDAMENTALS
Would you like to improve your ability to create and maintain a home garden landscape that pleases you, transforming your yard into a garden? Understanding plants and their needs is key to creating a rewarding garden that’s a joy, not a chore. In this ongoing series of classes, Director of Education Lisa Wagner will help you better understand the language of your garden from her perspective as a plant ecologist and keen gardener. We’ll integrate learning about plants and their biology with the importance of garden design, focusing on regional examples (including participants’ landscapes).

Fee: $40 ($30 for members and volunteers) for 4-class series, $15 ($12 for members) for single class
Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon
Location: Hayden Conference Center

Sept. 8 - Designing a Successful Home Garden
South Carolina’s mild climate and good growing conditions support a wonderful range of native and non-native plants to enjoy. Whether you have an established landscape in need of change or an open slate following new construction, applying design fundamentals from a personal perspective makes the difference between an ordinary landscape and a garden that pleases you.

Fee: $40 ($30 for members and volunteers) for 4-class series, $15 ($12 for members) for single class
Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon
Location: Hayden Conference Center

Sept. 15 - Working with Piedmont Soils
Depending on location, history, and maintenance, the ‘soil’ in your existing landscape may be fine for basic planting, but building soil health is usually essential for a garden to flourish. We’ll talk about soil evaluation and how to easily improve your soil by adding organic matter and mulching.

Fee: $40 ($30 for members and volunteers) for 4-class series, $15 ($12 for members) for single class
Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon
Location: Nature Learning Center

Sept. 22 - Understanding Plants
Discover why some plants thrive in sun and some in shade, how plant reproductive strategies differ among species (and how this affects gardening), how plants are classified, and other interesting things about plants that are helpful to gardeners. This is a program focused on a better understanding of plants as part of a garden ecosystem.

Fee: $40 ($30 for members and volunteers) for 4-class series, $15 ($12 for members) for single class
Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon
Location: Hayden Conference Center
PLANNING A THREE-SEASON VEGETABLE GARDEN
Fall is the perfect time to review seed catalogs, work on bed preparation as you harvest fall vegetables, plant bulbs, mulch hardy greens, and plan rotations for next year’s plantings. South Carolina’s mild climate gives us plenty of time to grow both cool- and warm-season vegetables and herbs and to carry over winter-hardy species. Join Lisa Wagner to learn how to choose varieties to grow from seed, select transplants, and maintain and improve soil health and fertility in this workshop focused on creating an enjoyable, productive and beautiful kitchen garden.
Fee: $15 ($12 for members & volunteers)
Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon
Location: Nature Learning Center

COMPOSTING BASICS
Home composting diverts valuable organic materials from landfills, but more importantly is a wonderful way to build soil health. Join Education Director Lisa Wagner to learn how to turn vegetable trimmings, kitchen scraps, leaves, grass clippings, weeds and kitchen scraps into healthy, nutrient-rich soil. Learn how, why, and what to compost, bin alternatives, and how to use compost.
Fee: $10 ($8 for members & volunteers)
Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon
Location: Nature Learning Center

PLANTS FOR BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER POLLINATORS
Relocating the SCBG’s Butterfly Garden to a new site in the Children’s Garden gives us an opportunity to create a new garden with a much greater diversity of nectar and host plants. Learn about these plants from Lisa Wagner and John and Carolyn Turner, butterfly gardening enthusiasts and experts, in this workshop focused on butterfly gardening. We’ll talk about some of the plants that we’ll be adding to the garden, and then have an opportunity to help add plants to the garden (optional), if conditions permit.
Fee: $12 ($8 for SCBG members & volunteers)
Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon
Location: Nature Learning Center

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Wednesday, October 14
PLANNING FOR SEASONAL GARDEN INTEREST
As fall leaves drop, it’s time to enjoy plant architecture, bark color, and evergreen foliage textures, punctuated by shrubs and trees that flower here in winter. Join Lisa Wagner to learn how to select plants to create a four-season landscape by including plants that illuminate colder weather and those that welcome spring to come.
Fee: $8 ($5 for members and volunteers)
Time: 11:00am – 12:00noon
Location: Hayden Conference Center

Thursday, October 15
NATURE DISCOVERY HIKE: FALL FRUITS AND SEEDS
Discover the interesting world of fruits, cones and seeds in a fall walk in the Garden with botanist Lisa Wagner. We'll examine the variety of fruits produced and how they differ, as well as learning about their natural history, dispersal, and connections with wildlife.
Fee: $7/family (up to 5) ($5 for members & volunteers)
Time: 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Location: Meet at Caboose Parking Area

Sunday, October 18
EARTH SCIENCE DAY OPEN HOUSE
Open House! Take this opportunity to visit the Museum when all curators are available to answer your questions, identify your treasures, and take you on an adventure of learning about the Earth. Activities for families include mineral and shark tooth sieving, T-shirt and face painting, and more.
Fee: FREE
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Location: Bob Campbell Geology Museum

Wednesday, October 21
PLANTING STRIKING COOL-SEASON CONTAINERS
Containers and window boxes can be made striking through fall and winter by using cold-hardy plants and relying on foliage textures and shapes. Learn from Lisa Wagner how to mix evergreen perennials and herbs in interesting combinations with evergreen sedges, conifers, and grasses. Learn to do something different than pansies or kale on a porch or entryway.
Fee: $8 ($5 for members & volunteers)
Time: 11:00 – 12:00 noon
Location: Hayden Conference Center

Thursday, October 22
FALL COLOR WALK
Take a walk with botanist Lisa Wagner to learn more about the ecology of fall color and leaf drop. During the walk, we’ll enjoy fall colors in the Garden and focus on the variety of tree and shrub leaf colors and talk about the species-distinct differences.
Fee: $7/family (up to 5) ($5 for members & volunteers)
Time: 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Location: Meet at Caboose Parking Area

Class of ‘39 Continues Garden Legacy
In June, the Clemson Class of ‘39 gathered for their 70th reunion, continuing their amazing history with and dedication to Clemson University. As part of the ceremonies, class chairmen Jim Sweeny and Tee Senn passed the torch of responsibility for continuing the Class’s legacy to their honorary members, including new chairman Chip Egan. The class also renewed their pledge to continue to build and maintain the Heritage Gardens (including the Caboose Garden, Cadet Life Garden, amphitheater, picnic area, arbor walkways and the future Founders Garden) as well as support the overall mission of the South Carolina Botanical Garden. The Garden is grateful to have the support and generosity of such an influential group of graduates and their families.

Great for Kids!

Class members and honorary members at the Class of 1939’s 70th Reunion, SCBG, June 12, 2009.
The “Volunteer Spotlight” is back, and there’s no better way to kick off our regular column than to spotlight longtime volunteer Joe Smith. Joe has been a regular volunteer on the Camellia Trail for over 10 years.

Joe’s love of camellias originally brought him to the SCBG to meet Dr. Luther Baxter, whom he had heard of from other camellia enthusiasts. Like many other staff and volunteers, Joe became friends with Dr. Baxter and soon began volunteering regularly to help with his projects.

Since that time, Joe and fellow volunteer Landon Miller have been key players in helping the SCBG develop and refine camellia cultivars for our collection. Joe has purchased and donated over 48 new camellia cultivars to the Garden, as well as coordinated and received donations from other Southeastern camellia growers, helping to grow our collection to 290 cultivars and 18 species.

Furthermore, Joe has played a large role in establishing the Garden’s camellia nursery for use in our Plant Sales, which helps introduce the public to camellias as well as raise funds for the Garden. He has worked diligently to help the Garden establish a beautiful and well-respected camellia collection, which is now under consideration to become part of the American Camellia Trail.

Joe lives in Simpsonville, SC, with his wife Hannah, who is kind enough to let Joe come play in the Garden every Tuesday. At home, Joe is an avid camellia grower who shows his plants in local flower shows.

Thank you, Joe, for your dedication and expertise!

Thank you Joe Smith!

Odds & Ends

Are You Missing a Membership Card?
Due to Clemson’s mail van being stolen and burned, we did not receive mail intended to arrive on June 13 or June 15. If you mailed in a membership renewal to the Garden or Museum during this time but have not yet received a thank-you letter and card from us, please contact Claiborne Linvill immediately at 864.656.6205 or linvill@clemson.edu. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Weddings, Parties, Meetings and More
Did you know that the Garden has a variety of venues perfect for hosting your next event? From cocktail parties on the lawns of the Fran Hanson Discovery Center to club meetings in the Hayden Conference Center to intimate receptions in the Xeriscape Garden, the SCBG provides a stunning backdrop for all types of events. If you’re planning an event or know groups who are, please remember the Garden as you shop for venues. Please contact Judith Gardner (864.656.3075 or judithg@clemson.edu) to set up an appointment.

Thank You...

to Dave Slater of Slater Turf Farms for donating new sod to renovate the lower lawn of the Fran Hanson Discovery Center.

to Carolina Turf Farms for donating new sod to renovate the Xeriscape Garden.

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to Jennifer Petrush, our wonderful summer intern.

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**Garden Q & A: When & How to Water Plants**

**Question:**
I'm not sure when I need to water my plants and how much water they need. How can I keep my plants healthy without being wasteful?

**Answer:**
First, know how much rain you’ve had, and try to let Nature do most of the watering. The rule of thumb that most plants need one inch per week is not really true—many plants don’t need this much. Pay attention to rainfall and realize that even when we’re not in a drought, there are dry times in summer when watering is likely necessary.

Second, know your plants. The type of plant, its root system and its age will determine its watering needs. Some plants grow better with dry soil, others with moist. In short, don’t water your entire yard the same. For example, trees and shrubs need less water and likely don’t need to be watered at all except during a prolonged drought. However, shallow-rooted trees and shrubs (like dogwoods and azaleas) may need some watering during dry times. Perennials, depending on type, may need more water, but many don’t need supplemental water, especially wildflowers. When shopping, try to select plants that are drought-resistant and reduce the need to constantly water.

Some plants, though, will always need watering. Vegetables need more water to be productive. Soak them at least once a week deeply instead of watering shallowly every day. Also, plants in containers need more water, sometimes even once a day in dry conditions with sensitive plants. Young, newly planted plants (even drought-tolerant ones) need more water until they are fully established. Annuals get established quickly, perennials may be established within a season, but a tree may take up to 3 years.

And finally, observe your plants – if they look droopy, they need water. Also, always remember to water the roots and not the plants!

*Do you have a question about gardening? Send your question to scbg@clemson.edu.*
Thank you for making generous donations between 3/14/09 and 6/30/09. New members are listed in **green** — welcome!

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**Fall Plant Sale: October 1, 2 & 3**

**Featured Plants Will Include:**

- **Callicarpa dichotoma**  
  ‘Duet’  
  An introduction from the U.S. National Arboretum, this beauty-berry has white variegated foliage, making it a striking addition to the shade garden. Small white berries emerge in late summer and persist into fall.

- **Hypericum kalmianum**  
  ‘Gemo’  
  A tightly branched shrub noted for its June to September display of bright yellow flowers. Willow-like foliage forms a mound 2–3 feet tall and wide.

- **Perovskia atriplicifolia**  
  ‘Russian Sage’  
  An upright shrub with fragrant silvery foliage adorned with spikes of rich velvet blue blooms. Excellent drought tolerance and versatility in the garden make this a favorite for Southern gardeners.

**Thursday, October 1, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**  
Members-only Reception and Plant Preview

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