

# Staying in Touch

January 2017



State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

A monthly update for staff, volunteers, and supporting organizations

## Garden Highlights



### New garden director named

Dr. Jenny Cruse-Sanders has accepted the position of Director of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, effective February 15, 2017. [Click here](#) to read the UGA press release.

### Education programs in 2016

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia held 246 education programs at the Garden and throughout the state in 2016. Our programs reached 8,637 people with 726 hours of instruction.



### Student art competition

Two University of Georgia students and one Locust Grove High School student were chosen as the top three winners in the annual student art contest. Certificates of Merit were awarded to nine students from Locust Grove, Athens, Roswell, Hampton, and Watkinsville, Georgia.

The art contest, funded by the J.A. and H.G. Woodruff, Jr. Charitable Trust, was established in 2005 by donor Tom Woodruff in honor of his parents.

*Making an ornament for the birds.*



### **Holiday décor**

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia's horticulture department created a winter wonderland inside the Visitor Center with three decorated evergreen trees that will be planted in the garden in January. A poinsettia tree and holiday lights added to this very photogenic setting. Other areas of the garden were also decorated.

### **Holiday festivities**

Community concerts created a festive air in the State Botanical Garden's Visitor Center this year. The Georgia Children's Chorus performed as part of our annual Holiday Open House, which also included children's crafts and visits with Santa Claus. Festive holiday decor, concerts by the Classic City Band and New Horizons Band, and a holiday Swing Dance Night brought people of all ages into the Garden's Visitor Center.



### **HerbFest**

Several garden staff served as judges for final projects for Jim Affolter's HORT 3440 class. Every project included a paper, a display, and at least three different products made with herbs.

## **January Classes and Events**

For more information or to register for classes: 706-542-6156 or [botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu)

### **Thursday, January 12**

### **Full Moon Hike**

Pre-registration is required

7:00 – 8:30 pm, \$5/person or \$15/family

Meet at fountain in front of the Visitor's Center

Come see the garden come alive at night! Each hike will focus on a different topic such as the moon, constellations, or nocturnal creatures. Bring family and friends of all ages along to enjoy the mysterious world of nature at night!

### **Wednesday, January 18**

## **Native Plant Symposium:**

The Garden Club of Georgia, Terrace Room

*Focusing on Native Trees*

8:45 am - 3:30 pm, \$65 (lunch included)

Native plants are important for many reasons: they celebrate this region, they are well suited to grow in this area, they provide habitat, they are more digestible for native insects, and they are part of a very complex, interrelated ecosystem that includes birds and mammals. Enjoy a day-

long series of presentations on gardening with native flowers and trees and related conservation issues. A tree walk will be a part of this symposium. Please see the complete agenda on-line at [www.uga.edu/botgarden/educationalevents.html](http://www.uga.edu/botgarden/educationalevents.html)

**Thursday, January 19**

**Winter Tree Identification**

Visitor Center, Classroom 2

9:00 am – 1:00 pm, \$50

Trees may be most beautiful in the winter, when they are stripped down to their basic architecture. But can we know them without their leaves? In this class, students will learn the basics of identifying trees in the winter by learning about twigs, bark, leaf scars, fruits, and tree form. Students will learn to use a hand lens and a simple key for woody plants to identify species. Class time will be divided between classroom exercises and a field trip to the deciduous woods at the botanical garden.

**Tuesday, January 24**

**Garden Travels: Gardens in the Côte d'Azur  
- France and Monaco**

Gardenside Room, Visitor Center

7:00 pm talk, *light reception at 6:30*

Free, *donations encouraged at entrance*

Garden staff member Connie Cottingham will transport you to three very different gardens in three very different settings in France and Monaco in this talk, and perhaps along the streets of a few charming towns. Light reception before the talk provided by Friends of the Garden.



**Sunday, January 29**

**Orchard Fruit Production/Pruning**

Meet in Visitor Center, Classroom 2 1:00 – 5:00 pm, \$25 per session

Sunday, February 19 (Session 2) 1:00 – 5:00 pm, \$25 per session

It is the most wonderful time of the year...to think about your fruit production. Gareth Crosby will teach you the best ways to expand your fruit production in your orchard. Participants will have the opportunity for their own hands-on experience as she demonstrate proper pruning techniques. There will be a heritage tour and a talk about the history of Berkman's Orchard. Session 1 will cover the basics of pruning and various pruning techniques and Session 2 will focus on pest and disease management along with seasonal maintenance.

**Tuesday, January 31**

**Swing Dance Night in the Garden**

Visitor Center

8:00 – 11:00 pm, Free

Learn new dance steps, dance under the palms, or watch talented and enthusiastic dancers from a table beside the dance floor. Choose beginner or advanced dance lessons from 8-9 pm, then everyone is welcome for an open dance from 9-11 pm. This free Swing Dance Night inside the Visitor Center & Conservatory is a great break from the holiday rush. We'd love to see you there!

Athens Swing Night would like you to know that you don't need to have any previous dance experience, or a partner to attend. There's more information about Athens Swing Night and social dance in Athens on their website: [www.athensswingnight.com](http://www.athensswingnight.com)

# The Garden Gift Shop



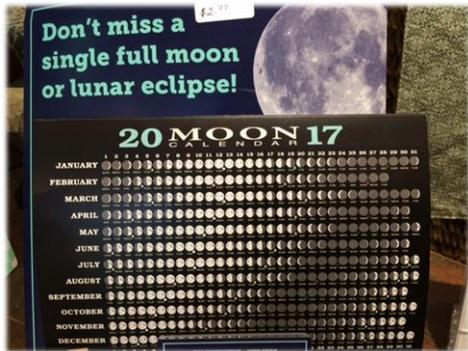
Christmas items  
50% off

Christmas items are now  
half price in the gift shop!

Many varieties of camellias are  
available in the Garden Gift Shop.

This is

Camellia 'Glen St, Mary's Pink'.



This \$2.99 lunar calendar  
is popular!



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## Links

### Support the Garden

Information about volunteering at the Garden, donating, or joining Friends of the Garden [here](#).



*Is your group interested in a tour of the Garden?*

Contact Andrea at [sbgvol@uga.edu](mailto:sbgvol@uga.edu) or 706-542-6195 to schedule.

**The State Botanical Garden of Georgia has five venues where memorable weddings, meetings, proms, and parties take place. View these online at [botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu).**

Contact Cris at [sbgrent@uga.edu](mailto:sbgrent@uga.edu) or 706-542-6467 to find out more, take a tour and reserve the perfect spot for your event.



[State Botanical Garden of Georgia website](#)

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Benefits include discounts to classes, the Garden Shop, Café Botanica and plant sales, plus an informative quarterly newsletter, and discounts at affiliated gardens.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia [Facebook Page](#) and [Twitter Page](#)



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*A unit of the University of Georgia Public Service and Outreach, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia provides the general public as well as UGA faculty, staff and students opportunities for recreation, events, research and learning through its natural areas, display gardens and building spaces. The State Botanical Garden is located at 2450 South Milledge Ave., Athens, one mile south of the Athens perimeter. For more information, visit [botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu).*