



**13TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE  
MISSISSIPPI MASTER GARDENERS**

Southaven Arena, Southaven MS  
June 10 - June 12, 2010  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Conference Pre-Registration is required for each attendee.  
Please use a separate pre-registration form for each attendee.  
(Please Print or Type Your Responses)



Please check one   Master Gardener  Adult Guest


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local/County Org: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference T Shirt (size)  S  M  L  XL (included in conference registration)

Pre-Conference Hoedown (Thursday night)	Check	Fee
Pre-conference Hoedown (catfish fry with line dance lesson & music)		\$10.00

Conference Registration - (Includes Friday lunch and dinner, all programs and keynote speaker, and all but two workshops)	Check one	Fee
 Early bird registration must be postmarked by April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 (does <u>not</u> include pre-conference Hoedown or workshop fees)		\$65.00
Regular registration fee after April 15 <sup>th</sup> must be postmarked by May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 (does <u>not</u> include pre-conference Hoedown or workshop fees)		\$80.00

Any registration received and postmarked after May 15<sup>th</sup> is subject to rejection.

Additional/Optional fees for Workshops (Friday 3:00pm – 5:30pm) Workshops are limited to 1 workshop per person, 20 people per workshop and available on a 1 <sup>st</sup> come 1 <sup>st</sup> served basis.	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	Fee
Hose Wreaths – Joyce Haslip				\$10.00
Living Wreaths – Paul Little				\$35.00
Row Markers and Bamboo Vases – Tate County Master Gardeners				Free
Tire Planters – Felder Rushing				Free
Bonsai – Memphis Bonsai Society				Free
Growing Plant Camp – DeSoto 4-H'ers				Free
Seed Collecting – Marc Pastorek				Free
Flower Arranging – By a local florist				Free
Out of the Garden: Surviving Public Speaking – Mariah Smith				Free
Hemerocallis: Hybridizing, Planting and Dividing – Frank Huckaby				Free
Photography Skills in the Garden - Scott Allen Corey (Bring your digital camera)				Free
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> (Check # _____)				

Make checks payable to NORTHWEST DISTRICT MASTER GARDENERS

Mail to: Northwest District Master Gardeners

4395 Liverpool Lane, Southaven, MS 38671

**Questions? – Call Warren at 901-277-1010**



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**2010 MASTER GARDENER**  
**HOE DOWN**



**Thursday, June 10**

**Southaven Arena**

**Southaven, Mississippi**

*- All times are subject to slippage -*

**2:30pm 'til done**  
**3:30pm – 5:00pm**

State Association MG Board Meeting

- Early Conference Check-in
  - Conference Center is open for setup of MG displays
- Vendor Shopping

**3:30pm – 7:00pm**

**4:30pm – 6:00pm**

Meet and Greet – pre-conference Hoedown festivities

**5:00pm – 6:00pm**

Vittles<sup>1</sup> served (\$10.00 pre-paid per person - not included with registration)

**6:45pm**

Door prize

**6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Hoedown

**Friday, June 11**

**Southaven Arena**

**Southaven, Mississippi**

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*- Exhibit & Vendor area is open throughout the day -*

**7:30am - 8:30am**

Registration and MG Exhibit Setup

**8:30am – 10:00am**

Welcome and Opening Remarks

**10:00am – 10:25am**

Break, Shopping, Silent Auction Bidding

**10:25am – 10:30am**

In-Your-Seat Door Prizes

**10:30am – 11:30am**

Richard Underhill – ‘Our pollinators and their role in our gardens’

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

Mariah Smith – ‘Beats a String and a Tin Can by a Mile!’

**12:30pm – 1:25pm**

- Lunch
- Silent Auction Bidding
- ‘Flight of the Hummingbird’ and ‘2007 Daylily Time Lapse’ videos by Jay Laundré

**1:25pm – 1:30pm**

In-Your-Seat Door Prizes

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

Marc Pastorek – ‘Saving Wildflower Seeds’

**2:30pm – 2:45pm**

- In-Your-Seat Door Prizes

**2:45pm – 3:30pm**

- Announcements

- Vendor Shopping

- Silent Auction Bidding

**3:30pm – 5:00pm**

Mini-Workshops, Choice of:

- ☼ Hose Wreaths – Joyce Haslip (\$10.00 pre-paid charge per person to cover supplies)
- ☼ Living Wreaths – Paul Little (\$35.00 pre-paid charge per person to cover supplies)
- ☼ Row Markers and Bamboo Vases – Tate County Master Gardeners (no charge)
- ☼ Tire Planters – Felder Rushing (no charge)
- ☼ Bonsai – Memphis Bonsai Society (no charge)
- ☼ Growing Plant Camp – DeSoto 4-Hers (no charge)
- ☼ Seed Collecting – Marc Pastorek (no charge)
- ☼ Flower Arranging – By a local florist (no charge)
- ☼ Out of the Garden: Surviving Public Speaking – Mariah Smith (no charge)
- ☼ Hemerocallis: Hybridizing, Planting and Dividing – Frank Huckaby (no charge)
- ☼ Photography Skills in the Garden - Scott Allen Corey (Bring your digital camera)

<sup>1</sup> Food

<b>6:30pm</b>	In-Your-Seat Door Prizes
<b>6:35pm – 7:00pm</b>	Group/District Photos
<b>7:00pm – 7:30pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Caucuses</li> <li>• Silent Auction Bidding</li> <li>• Vendor Shopping</li> </ul>
<b>7:30pm – 8:15pm</b>	Dinner and Master Gardener Awards
<b>8:15pm – 9:00pm</b>	<u>Pat Lanza</u> – ‘Going Green with Black, White and Brown’ aka ‘Lasagna Gardening; No Digging, No Tilling, No Weeding, No Kidding’
<b>9:00pm –</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-Your-Seat Door Prizes</li> <li>• Announcements</li> </ul>

**Saturday, June 12**  
**Southaven Arena**  
**Southaven, Mississippi**

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*- Exhibit & Vendor area is open throughout the day -*

<b>7:30am – 5:00pm</b>	Continuous Vendor Shopping
<b>7:30am – 8:00am</b>	Check-in Table Open/Vendor Shopping
<b>8:00am – 8:05am</b>	In-Your-Seat Door Prizes
<b>8:05am – 9:00am</b>	<u>Bud Donahou</u> – ‘The Dirt on Dirt’
<b>9:00am – 9:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association Business Meeting</li> <li>• Presentation of New Board Members</li> </ul>
<b>9:30am – 9:55am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vendor Shopping</li> <li>• Silent Auction last minute bidding (Bidding ends at 9:45 am)</li> </ul>
<b>9:55am – 10:00am</b>	In-Your-Seat Door Prizes
<b>10:00am – 5:00pm</b>	Venue opens to the Public for a \$5.00 fee
<b>10:00am – 11:00am</b>	<u>Greg Grant</u> – ‘Curb Appeal the Heirloom Way’ aka ‘Restoring Big Momma’s Dogtrot’
<b>11:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<u>Pat Lanza</u> – ‘Lasagna Gardening with Herbs’
<b>12:00pm – 12:30pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MG Grand Prize</li> <li>• Public Grand Prize</li> <li>• Claim and Pay for Silent Auction Items</li> <li>• Closing Remarks</li> </ul>
<b>12:30pm on...</b>	<u>On Your Own:</u> Lunch Tours (Maps In Goodie Bag) – Choices:

- 🌿 School Gardens
- 🌿 Quality Landscape & Garden Center
- 🌿 The Dabney Nursery
- 🌿 Homestead Farms Greenhouse & Nursery
- 🌿 Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, LLC
- 🌿 Memphis Botanic Garden
- 🌿 The Dixon Gallery and Gardens
- 🌿 Trees by Touliatos
- 🌿 Gardensoyvey
- 🌿 PLUS MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED...

## **LODGING**

We've booked a conference rate with two new hotels, La Quinta Inns & Suites and Best Western, for \$81.00 per night. The regular rates for these hotels are \$149.99 per night.

Conference rate rooms are limited and deadline for booking reservations to receive conference rate is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, so book your rooms soon.

La Quinta and Best Western offer:

- free breakfast
- free high-speed internet/wireless access
- free voicemail & local calls
- microwave & refrigerators
- LaQuinta is 100% non-smoking
- free evening cocktails

Both are located just west of I-55 and south of Goodman Road. Turn left at traffic signal from Goodman; La Quinta is located on the left and Best Western is located to the right.

### **La Quinta Inn & Suites Horn Lake**

721 Southwest Access Drive  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
(662) 510-6500  
[lq.com](http://lq.com)

### **Best Western**

6910 Wind Chase Drive  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
(662) 510-6999  
[bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)

### **Other motels in area are:**

Drury Inn-Horn Lake  
735 Goodman Road West  
Horn Lake, MS 38637-1406  
(662) 349-6622  
[druryhotels.com](http://druryhotels.com)

Motel 6 Memphis - Horn Lake  
701 Southwest Drive  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
(662) 349-4439  
[motel6.com](http://motel6.com)

Sleep Inn  
(I-55 & SR 302 Goodman Rd.)  
708 Desoto Cove  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
(662) 349-2773  
[www.sleepinn.com](http://www.sleepinn.com)

Days Inn Horn Lake  
801 Desoto Cove  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
(662) 349-3493  
[www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

Ramada Horn Lake  
6851 Interstate Drive  
Horn Lake, MS 38637-1446  
(662) 349-0070  
[www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites  
6868 Interstate Blvd  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
(662) 536-1288  
[econolodge.com](http://econolodge.com)

## ***PRESENTER BIOS***

### **Richard Underhill – ‘Our pollinators and their role in our gardens’**

Richard Underhill operates Peace Bee Farm in Proctor, Arkansas. He and his wife, Rita, live on the Crittenden County farm owned by their family since 1950. Peace Bee Farm produces honey in the Arkansas Delta as well as providing pollination for the Memphis Botanic Garden. They produce unprocessed, raw honey and bee hive products using natural, biological techniques to avoid the use of chemicals or pesticides in their hives.

Richard holds a Master’s of Education degree from Christian Brothers University. He is a former president of the Tennessee Beekeepers Association and the Memphis Area Beekeepers Association. In beekeeping, Richard regularly finds himself humbled while matching wits with insects!

### **Mariah Smith - ‘Beats a String and a Tin Can by a Mile!’**

Mariah Smith is an Extension Instructor with the Computer Applications and Services Department at MSU-ES. She holds a Master’s degree in Instructional Technology from Mississippi State University and is currently working to complete a PhD in Instructional Technology. Her primary focus is on developing learning opportunities that bring the innovative technology practices of the university to the people of Mississippi. Mariah conducts numerous technology classes for the MSU Extension Service as well as workshops for clientele across the state.

### **Frank Huckaby - ‘Hemerocallis: Hybridizing, Planting and Dividing’**

Bettye and Frank Huckaby are daylily growers and have been for over 20 years. In addition, they own and operate Hosanna Gardens in Hernando MS. They are active members of the American Hemerocallis Society and the North Mississippi Dayily Club. They visit gardens all over the US inspecting new introductions.

### **Marc Pastorek – ‘Saving Wildflower Seeds’**

Marc Pastorek is a landscape designer and artist with a life-long interest in ecology, botany and horticulture. As a partner and director of Pastorek Habitats, LLC., he acts as a development consultant, designer and project manager, championing the use of native grassland ecology in the green industry as a beautiful, low maintenance alternative. Marc’s work focuses on effective collaboration and implementation of sustainable design strategies for all scales of development in Louisiana and Mississippi.

He is past president of The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society and the Mississippi Native Plant Society. He has consulted on LEED school and university projects, LEED military facilities, arboreta restoration projects, and sustainable neighborhood developments. He is part of a team that received a 2009 American Society of Landscape Architects Planning and Analysis Award of Excellence for the 64 acre Scout Island/ Couturie Forest Restoration Project at City Park, New Orleans, Louisiana. Marc is active in continued restoration of the Cajun Prairie Habitat site in Eunice, Louisiana, originally established in 1987.

In 1997 he established ten acres of wildflowers and grasses in Pearl River County, Mississippi, as a collection site for his seed work. He spends the growing season collecting from this site, leased land, and road and rail rights-of-way. Marc and his wife Candi live and work from their home in the pine flats near Covington, Louisiana. Together they have six children, two grandchildren, and one grand-dog.

**PATRICIA LANZA – ‘Going Green with Black, White and Brown’ aka ‘Lasagna Gardening; No Digging, No Tilling, No Weeding, No Kidding’ and ‘Lasagna Gardening with Herbs’**

Patricia Lanza is a book author, free-lance writer and lecturer with over twenty years’ experience in garden communication. She has appeared on HGTV, QVC, Tennessee Public Television and at Disney’s Epcot, to name a few. She has published articles in Organic Gardening, Mother Earth News, Family Circle Gardener, Birds and Blooms, plus many more. She has been featured in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and too many newspapers to mention.

Pat is a real gardener who has, as a young mother, fed her seven children from her vegetable and herb gardens. Later, as a mature gardener, she provided herself with a comfortable living from her perennial gardens. To do this, Pat developed a garden formula that helped her create great garden soil without the hard work of traditional methods no digging, no tilling, no weeding, no kidding.

Make a great garden and they will come. Pat was discovered by a member of a garden club looking for a speaker and an accidental meeting with a newspaper publisher. What Pat had to say at those first lectures helped her book almost forty speaking engagements the next year, to self-publish a small book (to sell at her lectures) and to go on to a triple-crown contract with legendary publisher Rodale Press.

During the following eight years, Pat wrote a weekly column for twenty thousand readers for the newspaper publisher she met in the garden and hosted her own radio program. At the same time, Pat became a features editor for a daily publication with seven hundred and fifty thousand readers. And what did she talk about? Lasagna Gardening!

Pat is tireless in her quest to convert traditional gardeners to her lasagna gardening (organic layering method) with her lectures and books of the same name.

Lanza’s “Lasagna Gardening” is a three-book series published by Rodale Press which has sold a million copies world-wide. Followers of lasagna gardening can Google Lanza or her books and can also find her at Oprah.com and hundreds of related websites.

**Bud Donahou – ‘The Dirt on Dirt’**

Bud Donahou is a faculty member of Northwest Mississippi Community College where he teaches a variety of courses including biology, plant science, botany, dendrology, environmental science, forestry, and microbiology. His background is in the biological sciences and he holds a Master’s of Science Degree from Delta State University in Natural Science. He has traveled the world to study a variety of plants as well as people. He has served as Chairman of the History and Philosophy of Science Division of the Mississippi Academy of Science and is currently the Vice-Chair of the Science Education Division. He volunteers as a teacher at the Baddour Center in Senatobia, Mississippi, has been actively involved in the Sycamore Arboretum, and has written several tree guides/keys for native plants of north Mississippi. Bud considers himself a “lifelong learner”; he is always taking additional courses to learn even more about the wonderful world around us. On top of all that, he’s just a great person...

**Greg Grant – ‘Curb Appeal the Heirloom Way’ aka ‘Restoring Big Momma’s Dogtrot’**

Greg Grant is lecturer in the School of Horticulture at Stephen F. Austin State University. He was formerly the Cherokee County Horticulturist with the Texas Cooperative Extension in Rusk. He is also co-author, with William C. Welch, of the Southern Heirloom Garden (1995, Taylor Publishing, Dallas, Texas) and a regular contributor to Neil Sperry's Gardens magazine. He has traveled extensively to botanical and public gardens throughout the United States and Europe and is a popular public speaker in the southern United States.

He lives in Jacksonville, Texas, and has a farm near Center, Texas, where he gardens.

**Felder Rushing – ‘Kermit was Wrong - It IS Easy Being Green’**

Felder Rushing, a 10th-generation southern gardener, retired as Mississippi’s leading Extension Consumer Horticulturist (during which time he started the MG program in his state). The founder of the International Slow Gardening philosophy is an NPR radio host, a syndicated newspaper columnist, is author of 15 garden books, and does regular television and internet work. His cottage garden has been featured in all the major garden magazines and several books. Rushing gives 80-100 lectures every year coast to coast and overseas. Believing that too many horticulture rules intimidate new gardeners ("We are daunted, not dumb," he says), Rushing uses down-home metaphors and anecdotes to get his point across that gardening should be fun and easy, not a set of chores.

**Mr. Scott Allen Corey** with the Agricultural Communications Department at Mississippi State University Extension Service will share tips to improve your photography skills in the garden. Bring your digital camera and learn to really use it to your advantage to capture the seasons of your garden.

## **MISSISSIPPI MASTER GARDENER AWARDS**

<http://msmastergardener.org/MS%20MG%20Awards.htm>

We are proud to announce three new MMG Awards that have been added to those already available in 2010. The new awards are: an Educational Program Award, a Publication Award and a Graphic Presentation Award.

*Deadline for submitting MSMG Award applications is March 12, 2010*

The award forms for all available awards are presented below:

Award Forms:

- [Horticultural Scholarship Application \(PDF\)](#)
- [Newsletter Award \(PDF\)](#)
- [Friend of Master Gardeners Award \(PDF\)](#)
- [Outstanding County MG Association Award \(PDF\)](#)
- [Coordinator of the Year \(PDF\)](#)
- [Master Gardener of the Year \(PDF\)](#)
- [Outstanding Project Award \(PDF\)](#)
- [Education Program Award \(DOC\)](#)
- [Graphic Presentation Award \(DOC\)](#)
- [Publication Award \(DOC\)](#)
- [MSMG Service Awards Form \(DOC\)](#)

All applications must be submitted by the local county extension office after the agent in charge of the County Master Gardener program has reviewed it and signed it. If possible, include digital images of project on a CD along with the award nomination form.

Each county is allowed only **one** entry per category.

Mail all award submissions and supporting documentation, postmarked on or before 90 days prior to the current year's MGA State Conference, to:

Attn: Mississippi Master Gardener Awards Working Group  
Dr. Lelia Kelly  
State Coordinator – Master Gardeners  
P.O. Box 1690  
Verona, MS 38879

Awards will be presented at the annual Master Gardener Conference.

Any new or re-certified active Master Gardener is eligible to apply for the Outstanding Master Gardener Award. Although the county Master Gardener Coordinators may have been involved in these efforts, it is only the efforts of the Master Gardeners themselves, which are to be evaluated. You may resubmit an award application from a previous year. Once a project wins in any year, it cannot be entered again for competition. Master Gardener of the year winners can be re-nominated in non-consecutive years. Judges for the awards will not be the Master Gardener Board, but will be selected by the State Master Gardener Coordinator. Decisions by the judges will be final.

## ***ON YOUR OWN...***

- Directions from arena available at conference -

### **Quality Landscape & Garden Center**

5845 Goodman Road

Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654

(662) 342-2815

Serving the Mid-South 25 Years by providing bedding plants, chemicals, complete lawn & garden center, large specimen plants, rose's & azaleas, sand, trees, design & installation, mulch, soils, and award winning landscape design & installation.

### **The Dabney Nursery**

5576 Hacks Cross Rd

Memphis Tn 38125

Phone 901 755 4037

Fax 901 753 8880

E-mail [admin@thedabneynursery.com](mailto:admin@thedabneynursery.com)

<http://www.thedabneynursery.com/>

HOURS: MON-SAT 8-5 and SUN 12-5 \*

The Dabney Nursery is a 50 acre nursery and tree farm located minutes from Collierville, Germantown, and Olive Branch.

### **Homestead Farms Greenhouse & Nursery**

255 Hardin Lane

Coldwater, MS 38618-4214

(662) 622-5424

Homestead Farms is an excellent selection of items for your landscaping project which carries several varieties of plants, trees, shrubs, and landscape stone.

### **Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, LLC**

8125 Center Hill Road

Olive Branch, MS 38654

Order Line - 1-800-582-2593

Fax - 662-895-4157

Nursery Schedule and Hours

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm CST

Selected Saturdays

9:00am to 4:00pm CST

*Directions: Brussel's Bonsai from Memphis*

Take 385 (Nonconnah Parkway) to Forest Hill-Irene

Turn right on Forest Hill-Irene and go 1 mile to Holmes Road.

Take a left on Holmes and go 1 mile to Center Hill Road.

Take a right on Center Hill Road and continue 2 miles. The nursery will be on your right.

## **Memphis Botanic Garden**

750 Cherry Road

Memphis, TN 38117

Phone: (901) 576-4100

Fax: (901) 682-1561

Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### **Admission Fees**

Adults	\$5.00
Seniors (62 and above)	\$4.00
Children (3-12)	\$3.00
Children (under 2)	FREE
Memphis Botanic Garden Members	FREE

The Memphis Botanic Garden is located in east Memphis in Audubon Park. It is due south of Oak Court Mall and southeast of the University of Memphis. It is bounded by Southern Avenue on the north, Park Avenue on the south, Goodlett Road on the west and Perkins Road on the east.

### **My Big Backyard at the Memphis Botanic Garden**

"A Fabulous New Children's Garden in Memphis for Kids of All Ages"

Seen one children's garden, seen 'em all? Not so! The Memphis Botanic Garden takes creativity and imagination to a new level!

From Interstate 240, take exit 20-B (Getwell Road N. exit) approximately 2.5 miles to Park Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the second traffic light. Turn left onto Cherry Road. The Garden is on your right.

## **The Dixon Gallery and Gardens**

4339 Park Avenue

Memphis, Tennessee 38117

Office: (901) 761-5250

FAX: (901) 682-0943

Closed Mondays

Tuesday - Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 1 - 5 pm

### **Admission:**

Dixon members	admitted FREE at all times.
Adults:	\$7
Seniors ages 65 and over:	\$5
Students ages 18 and older with ID:	\$5
Children ages 7 - 17:	\$3
Children ages 6 and under:	FREE
Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon:	FREE
Groups of 10 or more:	\$5 each

From Interstate 240, take exit 20-B Getwell RD N exit. Drive approximately 2.5 miles to Park Avenue then turn right and proceed to the 2nd traffic light. The entrance is on the right at the traffic light.

**Trees by Touliatos**

2020 E. Brooks Road

Memphis, TN 38116

901-346-8065

[treesbytouliatos@bellsouth.net](mailto:treesbytouliatos@bellsouth.net)

Monday - Saturday

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Gardensoyvey**

4655 Chester Rd.

Arlington TN 38002

901-867-8367

888-617-7390

Hours

Saturdays All Year 10-4

here most Fridays 10-4

Call for special appointments or for special requests.