

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

Cordially Invite You to the

58th Annual Convention

Jekyll Island Convention Center

M-W, March 11 - 13, 2019

Savor the Sea



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Jekyll Island Convention Center

75 Beachview Drive N.

Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527

912-635-6400

Hotel Information

The Westin Jekyll Island

110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Hotel rooms may be reserved online or by telephone directly through the hotel.

By Phone: 888-627-8316, Deep South Garden Clubs Block

Online: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1809202222&key=1A012BE1>

Rates: 1 King or 2 Queen Beds (Island View) – \$179 plus taxes and fees

1 King or 2 Queen Beds (Ocean View) – \$209 plus tax and fees

Special rate will be available for 1 day prior and 1 day after subject to availability

Reservation Deadline February 9, 2019



Deep South Garden Clubs Inc. Convention Schedule – Tentative



Monday, March 11, 2019

- 12:00 – 7:00 PM Registration
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM *Historic District Garden Tour: Landscaping an Island, From Then Until Now
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Cocktails and Conversation – Honoring NGC President
Entertainment - Golden Isle Strummers
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM *Dinner and Program: The Evolution of Georgia's Historic Gardens

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- 8:30 – 9:00 AM DSGC Executive Board Meeting
- 9:15 – 10:00 AM DSGC Board Meeting
- 10:15 – 11:45 AM DSGC Business Meeting
- 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM Vendors
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM *Lunch and Program: Bees Need the Garden, Too!
- 2:30 – 4:30 PM *Tidelands Tour: Island Environments from Sand Dunes to Forests
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM *Building Underwater Homes Workshop
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM *From Backyard to the Seashore Workshop
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Cocktails and Conversation – full cash bar
- 7:00 – 10:00 PM Awards Banquet "Putting on the Ritz"

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM DSGC Business Meeting resumes
- 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM Vendors
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM *Lunch and Program: Gardening with Coastal Natives
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM * Georgia Sea Turtle Center Tour
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM *Hurricanes Workshop
- 3:45 – 4:45 PM Funky Flowers Workshop
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Cocktails and Conversation – full cash bar
- 7:00 – 10:00 PM *Design Banquet: Bringing the Garden Indoors

*Indicates components of Tri-refresher

Speakers at the 2019 Deep South Convention – Jekyll Island, GA



The Evolution of Georgia's Historical Gardens

Staci Catron, a self-described history and plant geek, and Director of Cherokee Garden Library at Atlanta History Center, has teamed with Mary Ann Eddy, historic preservationist, to create *Seeking Eden: A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens*. Staci manages the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative, a documentation project of historic landscapes and gardens in cooperation with The Garden Club of Georgia, the National Park Service, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Mary Ann is a former educator and retiree from the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. She brings the message that each gardener “will make her own mistakes” and hopes that will encourage gardeners to relax and enjoy working in their spaces.



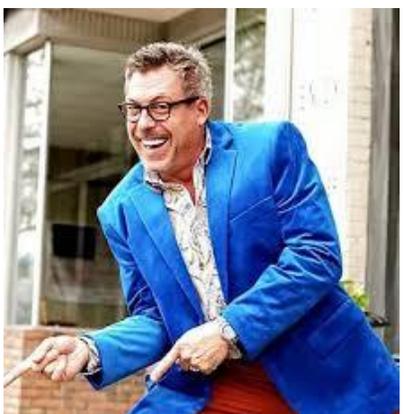
Bees Need the Garden, Too!

At the young age of 13, Ted Dennard started tending 30 beehives on the family land on St. Simons Island. After graduating from college, he joined the Peace Corps and taught beekeeping in Jamaica. Today he is described as a “modern day bee whisperer”, living in Savannah, Georgia where the company he founded in 2002, The Savannah Bee Company, employs 150 (including locations in Atlanta and Charleston), and keeps 100 beekeepers in business. He also founded The Bee Cause Project, a nonprofit that installs beehives in schools, helping teach the next generation to understand, love and protect the honeybees.



Gardening with Coastal Natives

Eamonn Leonard was born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama. His Horticulture degree from Auburn University was followed by an MS in Plant Ecology focusing on invasive species from Utah State University. Currently working with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, he has completed a habitat mapping project that covered the 11 coastal counties of Georgia and is now working on projects focused on promoting native species and assessment and management of invasive species on state lands in coastal Georgia. Eamonn sits on the Conservation Task force for Cannons Point on Saint Simons Island, chairman of Coastal WildScapes, chairman of the Coastal Georgia Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, vice chair of the Savannah Pest Risk Committee, treasurer for the Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council, and secretary for the Coastal Plain Chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society.



Bringing the Garden Indoors

Stacy Bass is a much loved and known about town true Southern gentleman who simply loves to entertain! He hails from South Georgia. He is sophisticated and elegant, yet a downhome salt of the earth fella. He loves what he does and it shows! His company, Straton Hall Events, started as a small concept in 1998, that flourished and exploded into a Coastal empire now serving up style for over 20 years. Featured in numerous style and wedding magazines, as well as every major floral design publication nationally and internationally, the company was recently voted Golden Isles BEST PARTY PLANNER and BEST CATERER via *Elegant Island Living* magazine.

Description of Tours offered at the Deep South Convention, March 2019



Landscaping an Island, From Then Until Now

3:00 – 4:00 pm Monday, March 11 \$26

Load up the Tram and join us on a specially designed tour of the Historic District! Landscape Architect Cliff Gawron narrates as we learn the reasons for site location of the original Jekyll Island Club, historic garden designs, choices in maintaining historic gardens including restoration vs. modification for new use vs. maintain in ruined state, considerations with maintenance vs. replanting of old trees, landscape recovery after hurricanes, and landscape design considerations on the island.



Island Environments from Sand Dunes to Forests

2:30 – 4:30 pm Tuesday, March 12 \$33

The island is small, only 5700 acres of land. Yet the ecosystems found here represent beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes, even maritime forests. On this tour specially designed for our group, tour participants will travel by bus to various spots on the island that represent different environments, stepping off the bus to witness animal, plant and reptile species living in these spots. Learn how each species adapts to the sometimes harsh environment, learning not only how to survive, but also how to thrive.



Turtle Center Tour

2:30 – 3:30 pm Wednesday, March 13 \$18

Get up close and personal with the current residents of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center! A short bus ride up the street will deliver participants to the only Sea Turtle and Rehabilitation Center in Georgia. Interactive displays, direct views into the operating room, and a visit in the rehabilitation center will introduce our guests to the five species of sea turtles found on the Georgia coast. We will learn about threats to all of these at risk marine reptiles and the efforts made to protect them, particularly the loggerheads who come ashore in the area to lay their eggs on nearby beaches.

Workshop & Tri-Refresher info on next pages

Afternoon Workshops - 2019 Deep South Convention – Jekyll Island, GA



Building Underwater Homes

2:30-3:30 pm Tuesday, March 12

Join DNR Coastal Resources Division Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Unit Leader January Murray as she describes the efforts to create fish habitats in the waters of the Atlantic. Materials deployed at these sites become encrusted with oysters, barnacles, and other marine life creating shelter and feeding opportunities for a variety of fish species popular with recreational anglers.



From the Backyard to the Beach

3:30 – 4:30 pm Tuesday, March 12

Lydia Thompson is well known in the Georgia Ornithological world. Her conservation efforts recently earned her the prestigious Earle R. Greene award for lifetime achievement from the Ornithological Society. Her passion is connecting people with birds. She will discuss the habitats that are needed by these small creatures that defy some of the more powerful weather known to man, and help participants understand how they can create a protective environment whether along the seashore or inland.



Hurricane Impacts from Shores to Mountains

2:30- 3:30 pm Wednesday, March 13

Karl Burgess, Assistant Director of the GA DNR Coastal Resource Division, helps to manage Georgia's marshes, beaches, and marine fishery resources. We have all heard about the ravages of hurricanes from the weather folks, but this time, we'll be taking a look at the impact of those forces of nature on the environment beyond the human impact. Most of us enjoy a relaxing visit to the seashore, basking in the sun, enjoying the sound of the waves rolling in. But then the hurricane strikes. Karl will discuss the dynamics of the shoreline before the hurricane and the altered state after. He will tell how Georgia is building resiliency. Since we all know how hurricanes move inland and create different problems there, Karl will also talk about those impacts.



Funky Flowers

3:45-4:45 pm Wednesday, March 13

Enjoy the uproariously funny team of Sara Lanier and Marge Willis as they put together creations that will delight every eye! Sara puts it in, Marge takes it out. Then Marge puts it in and Sara moves it around. Marge likes it formal and Sara likes it casual. These wonderful friends share the joy of designing, whether following all the guidelines in "the handbook" or just throwing something together. They will help us all see how every style of floral arranging has its place. After all, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder!"



**Deep South Garden Clubs Inc.
Convention Schedule of Tri-Refresher Events
Approved**



Monday, March 11, 2019

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Landscaping an Island, From Then Until Now (TOUR)

Cliff Gawron, Jekyll Island Landscape Supervisor, leads a specialized tram tour through the Historic District of the Island, tailored for this event to showcase the current landscape designs of the area while discussing the evolution of landscaping on the Island.

LD 1.5 hr.

7 – 9 PM

Dinner and Program: The Evolution of Georgia's Historic Gardens

Staci Catron and Mary Ann Eaddy, co-authors of the new book *Seeking Eden: A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens* present a talk and slide show featuring Georgia landscape gardens yesterday and today.

LD 1 hr.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

12 – 2 PM

Lunch and Program: Bees Need the Garden, Too!

Ted Dennard, Founder/Owner/Head Beekeeper of Savannah Bee Company discusses the relationship between our gardens and bees.

GS 1 hr.

2:30 – 4:30 PM

Island Environments from Sand Dunes to Forests (TOUR)

Corinne Zelle, Program Specialist at the 4H Tidelands Nature Center, narrates a unique bus tour around the Island, stopping at specific locations to focus on sand dunes, salt marshes, island forests, and other unique environmental spots.

ES 2 hr.

OR

Building Underwater Homes (WORKSHOP)

January Murray, the DNR Coastal Region's Habitat Unit leader, discusses how man-made reefs are created and the benefits to the environment from adding such structures off our shores.

AND

From the Backyard to the Seashore (WORKSHOP)

Ornithology expert, author, and artist, Lydia Thompson explains how to create bird-friendly habitats in your backyard or in public places. Enjoy the beautiful birds as you learn how to take care of them and protect them.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

12 – 2 PM

Lunch and Program: Gardening with Coastal Natives

Eamonn Leonard, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coordinator for the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, presents a visual delight on how to best incorporate Coastal Native plants into your garden.

GS 1 hr.

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Georgia Sea Turtle Center (TOUR)

A tour through the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, founded and operated by Dr. Terry Norton, DVM, will feature interactive educational displays and a view of the operating suite. Participants will visit the Rehabilitation Pavilion with the holding tanks of recovering turtles and tanks of baby turtles—many of which are up for "adoption"!

ES 1 hr.

OR

Hurricanes (WORKSHOP)

Karl Burgess, Assistant Director, Coastal Resource Division of the DNR, discusses the environmental impact of hurricanes on the shorelines and inland, changing not only the shorelines, but the environment of the surrounding area.

7 – 10 PM

Design Banquet – Bringing the Garden Indoors

Stacy Bass, owner of Straton Hall Events and published national and international floral designer, demonstrates how to use the plants found in the coastal regions to create graceful and beautiful designs for any occasion.

GS 1 hr.

TOTAL TRI-REFRESHER HOURS: 8 ½

ES 3 HOURS, GS 3 HOURS, LDS 2 ½ HOURS