

**Georgia Master Gardener Association  
2012 State Conference  
April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

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- \* GMGA Member (postmarked before March 15, 2012)..... \$65.00
- \*GMGA Member (postmarked after March 16, 2012)..... \$75.00
- \*General Public..... \$75.00

**Additional Events Fees**

- \*\*Tour of Funk Heritage Center \_\_ a.m. or \_\_ p.m.
- \*\*Tour of Burgess Arboretum..... \$ 5.50
- Tour of Gibbs Gardens..... \$19.00
- Meet and Greet..... \$10.00
- Two Workshops... (Details on our website) FREE

Amount Enclosed.....Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your lunch option:  
 \_\_\_ Turkey & Provolone Croissant  
 \_\_\_ Roasted Vegetable Baguette

**IMPORTANT:** You will receive an email titled *GMGA Conference Registration* confirming your registration. Please do not delete the email message. Make a copy of the confirmation letter and bring it with you when you check-in at the conference.

Mail your form(s) and check, **no later than April 10, 2012**, made payable to GMGA and mail to:

GMGA 2012 State Conference  
 12195 High Way 92, Suite 114-174  
 Woodstock, GA 30188-3603

**GMGA Refund Policy:** Full refund shall be made 60 days prior to the conference. Fifty percent (50%) will be refunded between 59 days and 30 days prior to the conference. No refund will be made less than 30 days prior to the conference.

\* Includes morning & afternoon refreshments, lunch and conference presentations.

\*\* \$5.50 includes Funk and Burgess Arboretum tours.

**Reinhardt University**



**Permanent Exhibit  
“Tools of the Trade”**

**Funk Heritage Center  
Bennett Museum**

- The Hall of the Ancients
- Permanent exhibit “Tools of the Trade”
- Rogers Gallery of Contemporary Native American Art
- Walking Trail & Native Garden

**The Burgess Arboretum**

Reinhardt University’s past President, Dr. James Rowland Burgess, started the arboretum in 1951. Dr. Burgess indexed and planted more than 1,300 trees and shrubs on the Reinhardt campus. Many of these trees and shrubs are from across the US and world.

Hours will be from: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Don’t forget to select a.m. or p.m. for the tour of the Funk Heritage Center on your registration form.

[www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage/](http://www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage/)

**Gibbs Gardens**



Called Georgia’s “hidden jewel” this magnificent 300 acre estate features more than 220 acres of gardens set in a mature hardwood forest with an abundance of natural water sources.

Stroll along meandering tree-shaded paths through 16 gardens that will dazzle your senses. Experience the largest Japanese Gardens in America. View the amazing Waterlily gardens graced by an authentic replica of the Monet Bridge at Giverny. Wander through 7 terraced gardens flowing 150 feet down from the Manor House.

Hours will be from:

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Tours on the 1/2 hour



<http://gibbsgardens.com/>

**Cherokee County  
Master Gardeners**

**Presents  
Gardeners’ Circle  
of Life**



**Georgia Master  
Garden Association**

**State Conference**

April 20 – 21, 2012

Conference Center at  
 “The Bluffs”  
 1130 Bluffs Parkway  
 Canton, Georgia





**Ila Hatter**

**“The Lady of the Forest”**

**Meet the Natives.....of The Plant Tribe, that is!**

Take an “armchair hike” with Ila Hatter, Interpretive Naturalist and Wildcrafter from the Smokey Mountains, who will introduce you to the “Natives” that provided flavor, “farmacy”, and fanciful folklore? You’ll feel like you’re among friends on every walk or hike thereafter.



**Robert Lee (Buddy)**

**The inventor of the Encore Azalea®**

**The “Circle of Life” of the Encore Azalea® More Blooms More Often**

Buddy will share with you plant development and the evaluation process that occurs before a plant is ready for market; as well as proper planting and care tips to help you grow healthy, happy plants, and learn more about the newest releases from Southern Living™ Plant Collection.



**Rita Mercer**

**New Opportunities for the Woodland Gardens**

After several years of summer drought coupled with very high temperatures, the woodland garden is showing signs of stress. Instead of grieving over the horrific dieback of majestic rhododendrons, Rita will share her explorations for a new garden design with plant material that will thrive under thirsty trees with hungry deer.



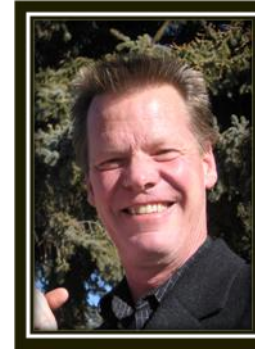
**Rebecca Bull Reed**

**Associate Gardens Editor Southern Living**

**The Gardeners Circle of Life: What is your Motivation?**

Just as there are a hundred ways to design a beautiful garden, there are just as many correct ways to get an end result – whether we are growing a tomato, preparing beds for planting, or grooming a prized camellia. The paths we choose are determined by what motivates us at the moment. Sometimes we find that the latest garden trend may be similar, if not identical to the ways of our forefathers. In this talk we’ll explore where you are in the circle and what it means.

**Dr. Rick Schoelhorn**



**What Makes a Proven Winner? What makes a Winner at all?**

Join Dr. Rick Schoelhorn, Director of New Products for Proven Winners, on a journey of how plants get to market. Where do they come from and what are the issues? There’s humor and tragedy galore as well as a healthy dose of plantmanship, great breeding, and wonderful plants. Go on an excursion into where we’ve been and where we are going in new plants and garden lifestyles trends.

**\*Friday Events**

**Saturday Events**

- \*Burgess Arboretum Tour**
- \*Funk Heritage Center Tour**
- \*Gibbs Garden Tour**
- \*Hands-On Craft Workshop**
- \*Meet and Greet**
- Incredible Speakers**
- Diverse Exciting Vendors**
- Door Prizes**

*Thank you*

*For your support!*

**We would like to recognize some of our early bird sponsors and vendors:**

**Cherokee Tribune**

**Elly Hobgood – Artist**



**1st Cherokee State Bank of Woodstock**

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