

Become an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer!

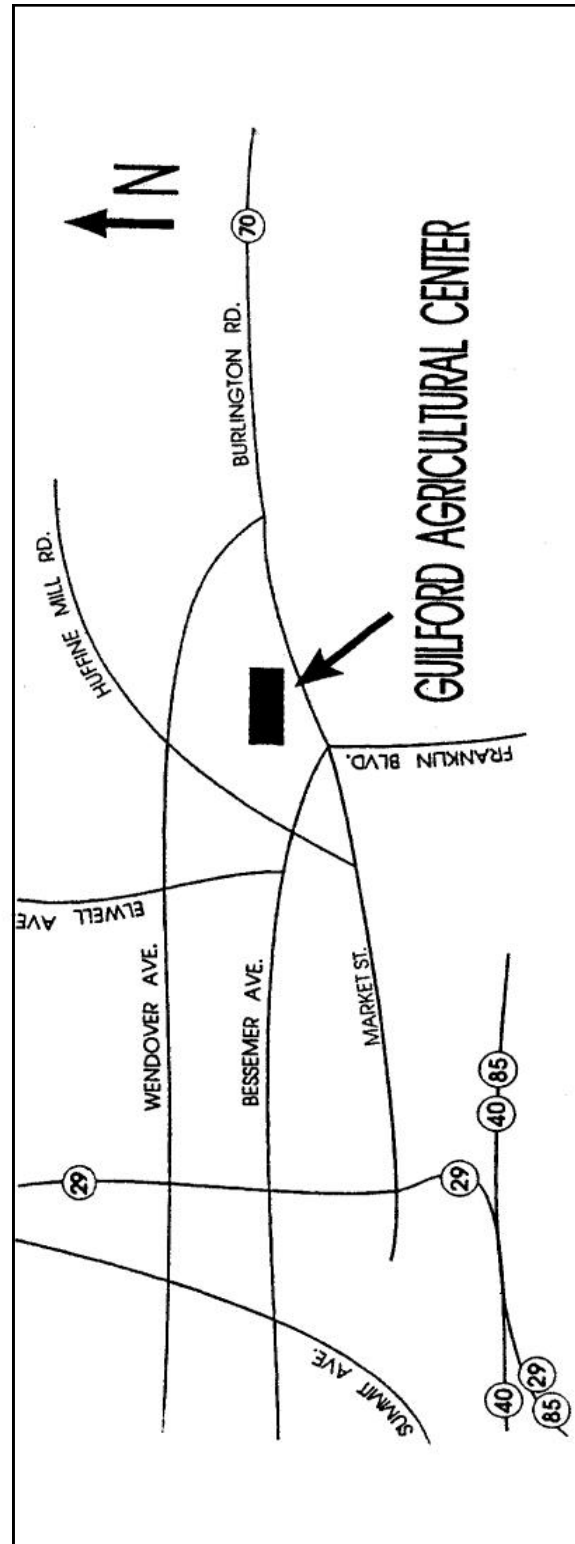
Are you interested in becoming an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer?

Applications are taken throughout the year for classes starting each January.

Volunteers receive more than 45 hours of intensive gardening education in exchange for 50 hours of volunteer time during the first year of the program. Ten hours of continuing education and 30 hours of volunteer service are program requirements during subsequent years.

The Master Gardener curriculum provides the volunteer with information and training on subjects such as botany, soil management, integrated pest management, and more. Upon completion of the course, Master Gardeners volunteer their time as Volunteer Educators, in coordination with plans developed by Extension Faculty. Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are involved in various community-centered activities such as staffing a phone-in hotline for home gardeners, offering public education workshops, serving as mentors to both school and community gardens, and maintaining a demonstration garden at the Guilford County Agricultural Center.

Contact the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator at **336-641-2414** for more information or to request an application, or stop by the Guilford County Extension office at 3309 Burlington Road in Greensboro.



About the 14th Annual Gardening Gala and Seminar

This special day is devoted to exploring gardening practices that are helpful to Piedmont gardeners. Our focus will be on

**"Gardening Outside the Box:
What's Hot in Your Garden?"**

This seminar offers educational enrichment and continuing education for Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from several counties, and education for the public.

Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Join us for this unique opportunity on September 24th to explore landscape design principles, gardening practices, and plant selection for your garden spaces, provided by experienced professionals.

Public registration begins July 1st.

*Please register by
September 11th!*

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14th Annual Gardening Gala and Seminar

**"Gardening Outside the Box:
What's Hot in Your Garden?"**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



Sponsored by:
**Guilford County
Extension Master Gardener
Volunteer Association**



*The Gardening Gala
and Seminar Program
Thursday, September 24, 2015*

8:30 am *Registration, Refreshments,
Shopping – Arrive early!*

9:00 am Welcome and Important Information

9:15 am **Doug Elliott**
“Cultivating Our Gardening Sense of Humor”

10:15 am *Break and Shopping*

10:45 am **Erik Healy**
“Innovations in Gardening the Moore Farms Way”

11:45 am *Lunch and Shopping*

1:15 pm **Breakout Seminars**

A. David Spain
“True Confessions of a Moss Gardener”

B. Doug Elliott
“Weeds For Your Needs”

C. Debbie Roos
“Create a Pollinator Paradise”

2:15 pm *Break and Shopping*

2:40 pm **David Spain**
“Fifty Shades of Green”

3:40 pm *Door Prizes and Evaluation*

4:00 pm *Thank you for coming!
See you next year!!*

North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

About the Speakers:

Erik Healy, Moore Farms Botanical Gardens, Lake City, SC
A Florence, SC native, Erik developed a passion for plants at a young age through his grandfather and various landscape jobs. This passion grew during his time at Clemson University where he received a B.S. in Horticulture. Erik originally came to the garden as an intern in 2009 and was hired as a full-time staff member the following year. Erik is an ISA Certified Arborist and has a strong interest in developing woody plant collections, in particular, *Magnolia grandiflora*.
Keynote speech only: *Innovations in Gardening the Moore Farms Way*

David Spain, an avid naturalist and trained artist, whose medium is moss, has combined his passions with his business savvy. Through his business, **Moss and Stone Gardens in Raleigh**– Where Moss Rocks, David designs and installs everything from serene large-scale mossscapes in the yard to magical tabletop gardens. An educator of mossology, David is quick to inform and charm you, on all things moss. David has appeared on television shows, at his exhibits at the NC State Fair, and in *Southern Living* Magazine.
David’s Keynote speech is entitled *Fifty Shades of Green*. His breakout session is entitled: *True Confessions of a Moss Gardener*.

Doug Elliott, Naturalist, herbalist and storyteller, Union Mills, NC, is also a basket maker, back-country guide, philosopher, and harmonica wizard. He has made his living as a traveling herbalist, gathering and selling herbs, teas, and remedies. He has performed and presented programs at festivals, museums, botanical gardens, nature centers, and schools internationally. He has led ranger

training sessions for the National Park Service and guided people on wilderness experiences on the east coast. Doug is the author of books, articles in magazines, has recorded award-winning albums of stories and songs, and is seen often on TV. **Doug’s Keynote speech is titled *Cultivating Our Gardening Sense of Humor*. His breakout session is entitled: *Weeds For Your Needs*.**

Debbie Roos, Extension Agent, Agriculture - Sustainable / Organic Production, Chatham County – Local Foods Coordinator and Extension Agent, Debbie works with sustainable/organic production for diversified small farms, commercial vegetable and fruit production, farmers' markets and direct marketing, beekeeping, pollinator conservation, and forestry. **Debbie’s breakout session is: *Create a Pollinator Paradise*.**

*Garden-Themed
Vendors and Artisans*

Bring your shopping money for birthday or early holiday gift purchases.

In addition to enjoying our speakers and breakout seminars, participants may use the scheduled breaks to visit garden-inspired vendors and artisans, located in the main lobby and in the Barn Arena.

Please patronize these outstanding vendors and artists who have made a special effort to bring their plants and gifts together for your shopping enjoyment!

Plus... door prizes throughout the day from multiple vendors and community contributors ensure great fun!

Gardening Gala Registration

The nonrefundable \$45.00 fee for registration includes refreshments and lunch.
Seating is limited; register early.
Registration will be confirmed by email; we do not mail tickets.

For additional information, please contact Rose Foster at 336-255-2990 or email 2015emgvgala@gmail.com
One registration form per participant; photocopy form if necessary.

Name : _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address : _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Indicate lunch choice:
☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten-free

Indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for Breakout Seminar:
_____ Spain _____ Elliott _____ Roos

Make check payable to: GCEMGVA
and mail your check with this form to:

Gardening Gala and Seminar
Attn: Registrar
Guilford County Agriculture Extension Office
3309 Burlington Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27405

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