

**Arkansas Flower and Garden Show
Speaker Presentations
Statehouse Convention Center Fulton Room**

Friday, February 24, 2012

10:30 – 11:30 "Pump Up the Volume!" Hot and Bold Container Combinations to Really Get Your Containers "Rocking" - Bruce Bailey, Heavy Petal Nursery

Create bold personal statements with your containers. Color, texture and a few added surprises can help you get the wow factor you have been searching for. This session focuses on designs that pack in the plant material.

11:45 – 12:45 "Berries for Arkansas" - Sherri Sanders, White County Cooperative Extension Service

Producing healthful berries in your own garden is very rewarding. Hear, expert horticulturist Sherri Sanders explain the "dos and don'ts" of growing these delicious fruits.

1:00 – 2:00 "Year Round Vegetable Gardening – Almost" - Don Greenland, Faulkner County Master Gardener

To get the most out of a garden, you can extend the growing season by sheltering plants from cold weather both in early spring and during the fall. Very ambitious gardeners harvest greens and other cool-weather crops all winter by providing the right conditions. Strategies such as cold frames, cloches, row covers and hot beds can help you garden most of the year.

2:15 – 3:15 "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" - Bruce Bailey, Heavy Petal Nursery

Take with you guidelines for choosing the right container, irrigation and maintenance tips, and plant suggestions that create a visual symphony. Bailey shares his own plantaholic adventures - his quest for creating tapestries and arrangements in containers that have continual interest.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

10:30 – 11:30 “Native Plants in the American Garden” – Kelly D. Norris, author of *Iowa Gardener's Travel Guide* and *Cultivating the Rainbow: A Guide to Bearded Irises for Beginners and Enthusiasts*

Kelly's love for native plants is almost as primal as his urge to garden. Growing up across the road from a seasoned botanist, Kelly's early botanical training took place on nightly summer walks for several years of his childhood. Those early influences have translated into a feverish obsession with plant exploration and collection and Kelly's unwavering commitment to introduce and promote the native plants that our industry continues to look past. Take up the explorer's hat and wander the wild lands with Kelly in this program infused with personal stories, lovely images of native landscapes, and a spirit calling you to think outside the box.

11:45 – 12:45 "Five Seasons of Gardening" - Chris Olsen, Botanica Gardens, author of *Five Seasons*

Chris will share unique and stylish ideas for the home and garden focusing on decor for the five seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter and the holidays.

1:00 – 2:00 “Floral Notes: The Best Zoneworthy Accent Plants for Your Garden “ - Kelly D. Norris, author of *Iowa Gardener's Travel Guide* and *Cultivating the Rainbow: A Guide to Bearded Irises for Beginners and Enthusiasts*

As we learn more about the environmental connectedness of our world, it has become prudent for gardeners to consider sustainable landscape solutions. By choosing plants that don't simply survive but thrive, we can cultivate beautiful gardens rich in ecological goodness. Kelly's passion for uncanny plants coupled with his unabashed love for stylish gardens will surely turn up a plant or two you've not considered in your own garden. Kick out those underperformers and plant eye-popping divas that thrive in Arkansas!

2:15 – 3:15 “Bulbs for the South” - Denyse Cummings, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

Bulbs are an answer to drought and a source of year-round beauty if you live in the South. Because they are dormant during our driest times, bulbs stand up to water shortages and never need watering. We can grow both exotic tropicals from the far reaches of the earth and the best bulbs from the fields of Holland. The best choices for zone 7, how to use them in the landscape and how to increase their numbers will be discussed.

3:30 – 4:30 “Nightscaping” – Jeff Lowry, Artisan Agency

Wake up your landscape to make it more enjoyable and safe at night. Jeff will introduce the basics of 12V landscape lighting including the different types of lamps and fixtures and how to install them. He will also discuss “painting” with lights using various lighting styles and effects.

Bruce Bailey Biographical Information

Bruce Bailey, self-styled "purveyor of plants", owns Heavy Petal Nursery in Moses Lake, Washington. He has a well deserved reputation as an informative and entertaining presenter at gardening events and workshops. Bruce's high energy presentations are informed by his close observation of nature as well as his formal training in art history and design. You will come away from his session with new ideas for making your own personal statement with containers that display multi-season interest balanced in color, style and scale.

Sherri Sanders Biographical Information

Sherri Sanders received her BS degree in agriculture from Arkansas State University and Master of Science in Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences from the University of Arkansas. She has worked as an agriculture agent with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service for fifteen years. She worked in Union County, Jackson County and now has been in White county for ten years. Her primary job responsibilities are horticulture, both homeowner and commercial. She also dearly loves providing a guiding hand to the Master Gardener program.

Don Greenland Biographical Information

Don Greenland is a retired federal fishery biologist. He has grown vegetables in Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Arkansas. He has participated in farmers' markets in North Carolina and in Arkansas. He resides on Downhill Farm near Vilonia. Don is an active member of Faulkner County Master Gardeners group. His current gardening activities include producing vegetables for the family table and growing vegetable seeds for Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds.

Kelly D. Norris Biographical Information

Kelly Norris is a 24-year-old horticulturist, plant breeder, and plantsman from Iowa. He has gained national acclaim for his high-energy, zealous presentations and is one of the rising stars of American horticulture.

Kelly is the author of two books, *Iowa Gardener's Travel Guide* and *Cultivating the Rainbow: A Guide to Bearded Irises for Beginners and Enthusiasts* which is due out May 2012 from Timber Press.

In 2011, he was honored by the Perennial Plant Association with the Young Professional Award. His love for exploration has taken him to Texas, the Ozarks, the Black Hills and the Midwest in search of new plants for gardens. Kelly holds bachelor's and master's degrees in horticulture from Iowa State University.

Chris Olsen Biographical Information

Chris Olsen attended Oxford University in England, studying landscape architecture. He graduated from the University of San Diego with a degree in business. In partnership with his father, Chris established Horticare Landscape Company and then opened Botanica Gardens which he now manages and designs through.

Chris' design work has been featured in several of the Symphony Design Houses, *At Home in Arkansas*, *The Arkansas Times*, *AY Magazine*, *Health and Living*, *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, *Real Living*, and *Better Homes and Gardens*. Chris was also featured in *Arkansas Business 40 under 40*, representing businesspeople who are on the move in their respective fields.

Chris has been associated with KTHV Channel 11, where he is featured on the morning, noon, and evening segments in the Weather Garden, and has appeared several times in *Arkansas Living: Holiday Style* with Chris Olsen. Most recently, Chris authored the book *Five Seasons*, which demonstrates many ideas for decorating your home and garden throughout the year.

Denyse Cummins Biographical Information

Denyse Cummins, Area Horticulture Agent originated the Master Gardener Program in Lafayette, Louisiana, assisted in the development of Master Gardener programs throughout the region and currently coordinates the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardener Program. She is a frequent speaker at gardening events, has grown specialty cut flowers, taught cut-flower production and developed a cut-flower market cooperative in Lafayette, La. She has a B.S. in Horticulture from Louisiana Tech State University and a M.S. in Floriculture from Colorado State University.

Jeff Lowry Biographical Information

Jeff Lowry received his horticulture degree from Santa Barbara City College in 1970. He has been involved in the Green Industry for 30+ years and in Landscape Lighting since 1986. He is the owner of Artisan Agency which is a multi-line manufacturers' representative agency and the Mid-South Regional Sales Manager for Nightscaping. Jeff currently lives in Counce, Tennessee.