

CHC Gardening Symposiums

The Caswell Horticulture Club (Caswell County, North Carolina) serves the local community by beautifying the county's landscape and through educational events. The purpose of the Gardening Symposiums is to provide people in surrounding areas information and instruction on gardening and to allow them to share the *joy of gardening* with others. Revenue from ticket sales is used to continue the upkeep of the Courthouse Square and the development of the Caswell Community Arboretum located behind the courthouse.

2006

Grandmother's Garden in the 21st Century
Saturday, May 20, 2006
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Presented by
Caswell Horticulture Club
at the Yancey House Pavilion
699 US Highway 158 West
Yanceyville, NC

Presenters

Marc McVicker & Denis Whetzel are respectively, Manager and Assistant Manager, of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants at Monticello, the home of our second President. The Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, established at Monticello in 1987, collects, preserves, and distributes historic plant varieties and strives to promote greater appreciation for the origins and evolution of garden plants.

Program Topics

Shrubs of the Victorian Era and Beyond
Seed Savers & Propagation
Heirloom Flowers & Vegetables
Grandmother's Roses
Herbs

A panel of garden experts fielded questions from the audience.

2008

Gardening's Top Ten
"Ideas for the Discerning Gardener"
Saturday, April 26, 2008
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Presented by
Caswell Horticulture Club
at the Yancey House Pavilion
699 US Highway 158 West
Yanceyville, North Carolina

Program Topics

Soil Preparation: Presenter: Rett Davis
Top Ten Annuals, Shrubs, Perennials and Herbs: Presenter: Bryce Lane
Top Ten Preferred Trees for the Piedmont Landscape: Presenter: Leslie Chadwell Moorman
Top Ten Non-Native Invasive Plants and Trees: Presenter: Chris Moorman

Presenters

Bryce Lane is the host of "In the Garden", a popular UNC-TV program for home gardeners that airs at noon on Saturdays. Having received his BS in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Massachusetts and his MS in Ornamental Horticulture from Ohio State, he joined the NCSU Horticulture Department in 1981 and has also served that department as undergraduate coordinator since 1987. He was named NCSU Outstanding Teacher in 1984, 1988, and 1996 and received the NCSU Alumni distinguished Professor Award in 1989.

Rett Davis began his career in Montgomery County and moved to Alamance County in 1985 where he served as Agriculture Extension Agent until his retirement last year. The popular and personable horticulturalist initiated the Master Gardener program in Alamance County and has certified eighty-five master gardeners. Although officially retired, he continues to be a valuable resource of information throughout the region and to write a weekly column for the *Burlington Times – News*, where he answers questions from both novice and master gardeners.

Leslie Chadwell Moorman earned a BS in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University and an MS from the University of Tennessee. She worked for the Patrick Center for Environmental Research in Philadelphia for three years, served as Bronx Borough Forester for NYC for one year, and now serves as Urban Forestry Program Coordinator in NC. Ms. Moorman has worked closely with the Caswell Horticulture Club on the Caswell Community Arboretum, recipient of the Urban & Community Forestry Grant in 2004, 2005, 2006.

Chris Moorman received BS and MS degrees from the University of Georgia and a PhD from Clemson University. He currently serves as Associate Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist at NCSU and works with professionals and private landowners interested in the effects of land management practices on wildlife. Recently, he began working more with urban landowners, landscape architects, and gardeners to advise them on ways to manage and landscape their backyards to attract birds and other wildlife and led the development of a website, which focuses on landscaping for wildlife with native plants:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/goingnative/>