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REGISTER EARLY — SEATING LIMITED TO 200!

\$40 Saturday Speakers/Plant Sale/Box Lunch & Sunday Garden Tours

\$10 Sunday Garden Tours Only

If paying by check, make check payable to Mid-South Hydrangea Society and mail to:

Mid-South Hydrangea Society Conference
8242 Mudville Rd.
Atoka, TN 38004

NOTE

- When registering for more than one person, please include names and addresses for each person on a separate sheet.
- Reservations for the conference should be made in advance and will be confirmed by email if received by June 1.
- Cancellations after June 1 are subject to a \$15 fee.
- Mid-South Hydrangea Society members who have prepaid their \$10 membership fee for 2017 will have that amount applied to the cost of the conference. If you wish to verify if you have paid for 2017, contact Linda Lanier at:

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(901)452-4667



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HYDRANGEAS - SELECTION, CARE
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JUNE 10-11, 2017



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Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:30 a.m. **Registration & Plant Sale (Conference Attendees Only)**

-9:30 a.m. **Dixon Gallery and Gardens**

9:30 a.m. **Welcome – Dale Skaggs**, Director of Horticulture, Dixon Gallery and Gardens

9:45 a.m. **Hydrangeas & More: The Perfect Plants for Every Landscape – Natalia Hamill**

Natalia will highlight Bailey Nurseries' ever expanding Endless Summer® hydrangea collection as well as their First Editions® shrubs and trees. Bailey Nurseries is a leader in plant breeding and introductions providing gardeners with the best performing new varieties of plants each and every year.

10:45 a.m. **Break—Drawings**

11:00 a.m. **Success with Hydrangeas: Growing, Care & Maintenance - Mal Condon**

Mal's talk will cover from the ground up a wide range of information to help you succeed and improve the performance of your hydrangeas. Soil conditions, modifying bloom color, proper pruning and fertilization for the best bloom are only a small part of the wide range of growing information Mal has to share with you. In addition, he will be available during our onsite plant sale to answer your hydrangea-centric questions.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch, Socializing & Plant Sale for Conference Attendees and the Public**

1:00 p.m. **The Irresistible Garden: Create Your Own Using Basic Design Principles - Vanessa Gardner Nagel**

Turn your garden into an enticing siren that lures you in any season. Vanessa describes basic design principles, such as line, form, and balance, in a manner that makes designing a garden easy to understand.

2:00 p.m. **Break—Drawings**

2:15 p.m. **Past, Present and Future of Hydrangea Breeding - Dr. Michael Dirr**

Dr. Dirr will review the best hydrangea introductions of the past 15 years as well as innovative hydrangea breeding strategies and how they will impact future introductions. Our gardens in the future may host new interspecies hydrangea hybrids created to increase hardiness, adaptability to alkaline soils and even better remontant traits. Dr. Dirr will help us have a vision of hydrangeas and their role in our gardens during the years to come.

3:15 p.m. **Thank You—Drawings**

Sunday, June 11, 2017 - Garden Tours

12:00 p.m. **Again this year, we provide you the opportunity to tour lovely private gardens as well as a reintroduction to the Hydrangea Collection at the Memphis Botanic Garden.** Garden Tour details will be available at the conference and on Mid-South Hydrangea Society website in late May.

OUR SPEAKERS



Dr. Michael A. Dirr: Professor Emeritus of Horticulture at the University of Georgia and preeminent authority on woody plants. Dr. Dirr has published more than 300 scientific and popular publications and has authored 12 books. His book, *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants*, is one of the most widely adopted reference texts in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture education and has sold over 500,000 copies. In 2003 Dr. Dirr officially retired from the University of Georgia, but not from research and plant development. He is a founding partner of Plant Introductions, Inc., (PII), a company that breeds, evaluates and introduces new woody and herbaceous plants for the nursery industry. PII was acquired by Bailey Nurseries in 2015.



Mal Condon: Vice President of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society and Curator of the Society's outstanding and expanding Hydrangea Collection at Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich, MA. A lifelong gardener, Mal has been collecting, propagating, and growing hydrangeas for more than 40 years. He and his wife Mary Kay owned and operated Hydrangea Farm Nursery on Nantucket Island but early in 2014 they relocated to Yarmouth Port on Cape Cod and are busy re-establishing the nursery in their new location.



Vanessa Gardner Nagel: Award-winning eco-conscious garden designer and the owner of Seasons Garden Design LLC in Portland, OR. Vanessa is the author of *Understanding Garden Design*. She writes and speaks about gardening and garden design in the Pacific Northwest and nationwide. Vanessa currently serves on the International Board of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.



Natalia Hamill: Brand and Business Development Manager at Bailey Nurseries. Natalia is responsible for managing the well-known Endless Summer® hydrangea brand, First Editions® shrubs and trees, and Easy Elegance® roses. She has a unique mix of skills and experiences and has spent the last ten years in horticultural product management, marketing communications, and program management domestically and internationally.