

DURHAM GARDEN FORUM

An informal group independent of Duke Gardens, the forum meets once a month to enrich its members' gardening knowledge and skill. Sponsored in partnership with the N.C. Cooperative Extension: Durham County Center.

GARDENING IN THE SOUTH • SEPT. 19

Mark Weathington, director of the JC Raulston Arboretum at N.C. State University

The place you call home will define your garden more than anything else. Hear from Mark about his new book and gain a better understanding of our climate, soil and geography. This comprehensive and enthusiastic guide will help you grow the lush, colorful garden of your dreams.

STORMWATER PRACTICES • OCT. 17

Mitch Woodward, area specialized agent, Watersheds and Water Quality, Wake County Extension Center

North Carolina places a top priority on protecting and enhancing our abundant water supply. Mitch will outline the innovative programs and research he is pursuing to meet this goal and review how home gardeners can improve water quality in their own backyards.

THE ESSENCE OF PLANTED-NESS • NOV. 14

Alec Motten, associate professor emeritus, Duke University Department of Biology

Join us for a rollicking romp through the plant world! Alec has won awards for his approachable and enthusiastic teaching of biological sciences, and he joins us to give an overview of vascular plants and their systems of growth, physiology and anatomy.

GROWING LAVENDER • DEC. 19

Annie Bagget, Sunshine Lavender Farm

Join us to learn all about growing and using lavender! On a small farm, Annie and her family grow about a dozen varieties of lavender – pink, white and all shades of purple. The family recognizes the impact on local communities and works to support the local economy and ecology through lavender festivals, sales and growing lavender with natural, practical methods.

HONEYBEES AND NATIVE BEES • Jan. 16

Matthew Yearout, Durham County Beekeepers Association

Bees are essential to our food supply and health, but they are profoundly threatened by environmental changes and disease. Matthew will discuss honeybees and native bees, helping us to understand their differences, functions and life patterns. He will discuss how we can assist bees in our gardens.

VERTICAL GARDENING • FEB. 20

Leslie Herndon, senior client relations manager and floriculturist with Greenscapes Inc.

Have you noticed the amazing vertical gardens at Cameron Village Shopping Center in Raleigh? These remarkable living tapestries are created and maintained by Greenscapes. Leslie will let us in on the methods and maintenance that keeps them fresh all growing season. Learn to build your own living wall.

TUESDAYS, 6:30-8 PM.

LOCATION: DORIS DUKE CENTER.

LECTURE FEE: FORUM MEMBERS FREE WITH \$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.

\$10 PER MEETING FOR NONMEMBERS, PAYABLE TO DURHAM GARDEN FORUM.

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No pre-registration necessary. Parking is free after 5 pm.