

The 67th Edward C. Martin Landscape Symposium

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

9 a.m. to Noon

Bost Auditorium
Mississippi State University



John Magee
Owner/designer at Magee Design
Middleburg, VA

John Magee has been designing and building landscapes in the Washington DC Metro area and beyond for the past 25 years. After receiving his B.S. degree in Agriculture from the Ohio State University and spending a few years training and showing horses, he settled into the industry as the General Foreman of Pennsylvania's highest award-winning landscape firm. He now operates his own award-winning design firm (Magee Design) in the beautiful Hunt Country of Middleburg, VA where he enjoys kayaking Goose Creek and long walks with his wife and dog- Chewy. He's the creator of and hosts the award-winning Native Plant Podcast to inform the public about the benefits of landscaping with native plants.



Nadine Phillips
Nature & Forest Therapy Guide
Petal, MS

Nadine Phillips is a lifelong gardener and nature lover. She is active in the native plant movement as a gardener, Vice President of the Mississippi Native Plant Society, and as historian for the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference. Nadine is also a certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide accredited by the International Nature and Forest Therapy Alliance (INFTA). Nadine has been featured in DeSoto and Okra magazines and appeared as a guest speaker on episodes of the Native Plant Podcast and Nature Revisited. Nadine is also a longtime volunteer at The Crosby Arboretum, the premier native plant conservatory in the Southeast located in Picayune, MS.



Dr. Toby Gray
Garden Designer & Consultant
Starkville, MS

Toby Gray grew up in North Carolina and has lived in Mississippi since 2006. He worked for sixteen years as a landscape gardener and another sixteen years as a student and researcher in Landscape Architecture and Geography. He is president of the Mississippi Native Plant Society. He is currently an independent garden designer and consultant based in Starkville, Mississippi.

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Program Schedule

8:30 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 **Welcome**

Mr. Sadik Artunc, Head, Department of Landscape Architecture

Mrs. Pat Young, President, The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Bob Brzuszek, Department of Landscape Architecture

9:15 **John Magee**

Incorporating natives into your designs and why we are where we are and where are we going?

In a market driven society, it can sometimes be hard to find the right niche. In this talk, John looks at why we landscape the way we currently do and how a market driven by the lowest price alone may not be the best thing for the long term. Conversely, he'll end with the hope of better things to come and how natives can be better incorporated into an urban environment. He'll show pictures of projects they've worked on through the years and talk about the unique design challenges of each.

10:00 **Nadine Phillips**

The Evolution of Gardening & Homegrown National Park

Nadine will talk about gardening as form of nature connection that can inspire the "active cherishing" so greatly needed to improve planetary health. She will introduce different forms of nature therapy, share transformative moments of connection found in her own garden, and highlight the changing role of gardening as it relates to restoring fragmented habitats and increasing biodiversity. Finally, she will introduce a groundbreaking project called Homegrown National Park™. Co-founded by renowned entomologist and best-selling author, Dr. Doug Tallamy, Homegrown National Park™ is the largest cooperative conservation project ever conceived or attempted.

10:45 **Coffee**

11:10 **Dr. Toby Gray**

The Values-Driven Landscape

Gardening is an intentional practice, and intentions are formed in a framework of values. Professional garden designers work within a set of constraints formed by the values of their clients and communities. The habitat needs of certain species can be understood by habitat managers as elements that are valuable to certain creatures. This talk explores the transactional nature of values in multiple scales and contexts, and explores the notion of a value that does not accrue: does Nature have intrinsic value that accrues only to itself? Is it worthwhile to propose a landscape design for which the intention is to have no intention?

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