Tuesday, August 12, 2008

1:00-2:00 Registration Opens

2:00-3:00 Advanced Master Gardener ....................Kerry Smith
Understanding Advanced Master Gardener - and other MG updates
The plans are finally in place for the Advanced Master Gardener certificates. So how do you get started? How long will it take? What commitments are involved? Questions abound so we’ll start this Gardening School by showing you how these August 12-13 CEU’s can be part of an Advanced Certificate.

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:00 The Peony National Treasure of the Orient Grows .................. Dr. Ken Tilt
Research at Auburn University Horticulture over the past 10 years on this incredible flower has yielded the best of the best for Alabama landscapes.

6:30 BBQ Supper in the Ham Wilson Arena
(See Registration Form Attached)

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8:30-9:15 Delicious Backyard Fruits .......................... Dr. Elina Coneva
Small fruits and fruit trees including strawberry, blueberry, blackberry, fig, muscadine grape, persimmon, and cydonia will be highlighted for their suitability as backyard crops. General cultural practices and potential opportunities for value-added products will be presented.

9:15-10:00 Alabama Yards and Neighbors Program .. Dr. Amy Wright
A comprehensive manual is being developed that will address landscape best management practices with emphasis on natural resource conservation that will provide proper techniques for Alabama-friendly landscaping.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:00 Water-Wise Color Beds .......................... Dr. Raymond Kessler
The drought in 2007 was a wake-up call. Landscapers must develop a new paradigm for applying sustainable practices in the landscape. This presentation will focus on practices and plant material selection for reducing water use in bedding plant installations.

11:00-11:45 Diagnostics and Management of Common Disease .................. John Olive
What is wrong with my plants? Learn to better answer this question by recognizing general symptoms of common garden diseases along with control strategies.

12:00-1:00 Lunch and Feature Program
An Overview of Alabama Irrigation Initiative
Ballroom A ........................................ Dr. Richard McNider

1:15-2:00 Drip Irrigation ........................................ Dr. Glenn Fain
Water plants deeply but less often with low volume drip irrigation. Frequent watering with high application rate systems wastes water and results in shallow roots and less-hardy plants.

2:00-2:45 Right Plant-Right Place .................. Dr. Carolyn Robinson
Many of us are guilty of walking into the local garden center and finding a new and beautiful plant to add to our landscape. The problem is usually that we’ll say we’ll take 10 of them before we know how they grow, what conditions they need, or where we’re going to put them when we get home. How can we ensure that we get the right plant for the right place? Come find out!

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Diagnosing Landscape Problems .......... Dr. Harry Ponder
Harry Ponder will reveal the deep dark secrets of landscape diagnostics. Never wonder again what is wrong with your sick plants in the landscape. You will come away with a practical approach to identifying plant problems.
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