

Dahlonega's Golden Harvest – Breakout Workshop Sessions

Predatory Beetle Lab - Saving Our Hemlocks – Presented by Angela Delconte



Join us for this rare opportunity to tour the UNG Predatory Beetle Laboratory and discover new and inventive solutions for the dealing with the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and other intrusive species creating concerns for our local and national forests. Learn what is being done to battle these problems, what to look for when hiking in the woods and what individuals can do to help in their own backyards.

Native Woodland Garden - Presented by Ashlee McCaskill, PhD



Tour the UNG Native Woodland Garden, which was established in 2010 with the help of a grant from the Chattahoochee-Oconee Interpretive Forest Committee. In addition to volunteering, students have completed internships in the garden for college credit. The goal of the project is to educate students, staff and the community about the local flora. Additionally, it provides a dedicated greenspace for relaxation on campus. The garden continues to be a work in progress, with the continual addition of plant species and new garden features. Currently, the garden is home to over 200 species of native plants, as well as a host of birds and small mammals. The session will discuss the development and benefits of gardening with natives, as well as selection of appropriate plant species.

Pollinators – Parsley, Sage, Milkweed & Thyme: Plant a Plot for Pollinators –



Presented by Susan Meyers, Biology Lecturer

Valued for their flavor and fragrance, herbs have long been favorites of gardeners, but have you considered their importance to bees and butterflies? With pollinator populations in decline, learn ways to support this important population with herbs that provide host and nectar sources. A description of pollinator-friendly practices and a resource listings for plants will be provided. Become a home gardener that makes an impact on nature by planting herbs specially to create a pollinator-friendly habitat.

Heirloom Seeds – Presented by Karrie Fadroski, Senior Lecturer



Join this session at the historic Vickery House for a discussion on how heirloom seeds are defined and the history of their collection and preservation. A review of the regional efforts will provide the participants with information about specific plant groups and conclude with information about the Saving Appalachian Gardens and Stories program at the Georgia Appalachian Studies Center, including how we fit into regional efforts, the unique varieties that have been collected and the long-term goals and projects for this important mission.