

Durham Garden Forum 2022

Program schedule as of January 1, 2022, will be updated as needed.

Climate Change: What it Means for Gardeners & What Gardeners Can Do

- Jan. 18

online with Walt Robinson, professor and co-director of the Climate Change and Society Program, NC State University.

Dr. Robinson researches climate change and predictions of weather outcomes. He will review the implications for our area, how gardening will change, and how we can help mitigate climate change.

Goodness Gracious: Great Ground Covers!

- Feb. 15

online with Jason Holmes, curator of the Doris Duke Center Gardens, Duke Gardens.

Groundcover plants create a carpet in our garden beds to minimize weeds, improve soil and look beautiful. Jason will review tried and true groundcovers along with suggestions for dry, wet, shady, and sunny locations, and lawn replacement options.

Pollinator Gardening for the South - March 15

with Danesha Seth Carley, Director, NSF Center for Integrated Pest Management, Associate Professor, Horticultural Science. Co-author with Anne Spafford: "Pollinator Gardening for the South: Creating Sustainable Habitats."

Gardens are beautiful and can be beneficial. Danesha will give us up-to-date scientific research and artful design strategies to outline how each of us can plan, plant and maintain a garden to help pollinators thrive.

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Let's Follow the Bees and Learn About Honey - April 19

with Myra Halpin, Faculty Emeritus Chemistry Faculty, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and Chatham County Beekeeper.

Together we follow the bees to find the flower, communicate to the hive, make the honey and bee bread and then we end with an analysis of honeys.

The Perkins Orchard Experience: since 1970 - May 17

with Donovan Alexander "Alex" Watson, owner, Perkins Orchard.

There are good reasons why Perkins Orchard is the largest and oldest produce market in Durham. For 51 years Perkins Orchard has been committed to high-quality service and products for the benefit of all in Durham.

The Botany of Houseplants - June 21

with Scott Zona, Ph.D., Botanist, Co-Editor, PALMS, Research Collaborator, Herbarium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The popularity of houseplants is growing. Join us to hear Scott give an overview of useful houseplants. He will inspire you with beautiful images and encourage you with great information about how plants can grow and thrive in your home.

AGRINOMICS: The Economics of Land Use - July 19

with Delphine Sellars, retired director of the Durham Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

Urban Community AgriNomics (UCAN) was founded in 2016 as a retirement project of Delphine's and her sister. The goal is to engage the northern Durham community and provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Delphine will share UCAN's history, current education programs, and how the community can provide support, along with the gardening techniques that make the project successful.