

Program Descriptions for 2024 Urban Forestry Conference

1. Drought, Ips Beetles, and Recovery



A presentation on the lethal 2023 Drought and how it affected trees. A comparison of pine vs hardwood. What can we expect from the Ips pine bark beetles this summer? Why are hardwoods starting to die now? Recommended care that improved tree survival and will speed up recovery going forward.

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2. Food Forests for Yards and Municipalities



Robert F. (Bob) Brzuszek is a Professor of Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University, and had previously served as Site Director of The Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, Mississippi for 13 years. His lifework is dedicated to exploring the artful synthesis of human needs to the natural world. Brzuszek's research efforts explore the knowledge and workings of natural processes in the southeastern United States, and the integration of wildfire, water, and floral and faunal biodiversity in the built environment. He primarily teaches landscape design courses, landscape ecology, and landscape management to undergraduate and graduate students. The Artful Gardener, LLC

3. How Drought Killed My Tree



Dr. Malcolm Guidry, Urban forester for City of Mandeville and Dr. Fred Fellner, Green Infrastructure Director for LSU Complex. Dr. Malcolm Guidry is a consulting arborist in Mandeville, Louisiana. He holds a BS of Science, Agricultural and Plant Sciences, Masters of Science of Agricultures Extension and Plant Sciences, Masters of urban forestry and Doctorate in agricultural extension education, horticulture and plant sciences. Dr Guidry's experiences includes: expert witness, forensic investigations, tree appraisals, tree health diagnosis, constructions, assessment and management. He serves on the US Forestry Research Advisory Council, teaches at Tulane University and Slidell Vocational School. Other work experience includes vocation rehabilitation at Southeast Louisiana Hospital, vocational educator at Feliciana Parish School board, county agent with the Florida and Louisiana Extension Services.

4. Home Owners Insurance and Trees Around the House



The subject of my presentation is “Home Owners Insurance and Trees Around the House.” The insurance industry is in turmoil and transition concerning losses from tree damage to homes from storms. There is a lot of re-evaluation of criteria concerning how close and how many trees can be around a home and over the roof before cancellation or refusal to insure homes happens. We will discuss some of the particulars of this current phenomenon and what the future may hold for home owners and costs.

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5. Processes and Patterns: An Ecological Design Concept



Nature is a process generated art form, creating clearly defined patterns, that combine with human aspirations to create the landscapes in which we live. TOPICS: Processes: Basic Ecology
Patterns: Interpretation of process generated patterns and socio-cultural applications, Solar orientation, Composting, Natural pest control, Plant community architecture

Robert F. Poore, ASLA, is a Landscape Architect and Ecologist. Owner of Native Habitats, Inc. in Flora, MS. Mr. Poore is the recipient of The American Native Landscape Award, Mississippi Urban Forest Achievement Award, Mississippi Wildlife Federation Special Merit Award, Alumni of the Year Award from the School of Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University, and Presidents Award of Excellence from The Mississippi Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for Research in Plant Community Patterns, for the Crosby Arboretum.

6. The Right Tree in the Right Place



Rick Griffin is a Jackson, Mississippi based Landscape Architect. Rick has been honored with an outstanding alumni award from Mississippi State University's School of Landscape Architecture. The work done by him and his business partner, fellow L.A. Clifton Egger, has been celebrated in numerous magazines. While deeply rooted in the South, Rick readily absorbs influences from gardeners and landscape architects around the world, adapting them to suit

local conditions. His signature designs include a rich blend of shapes, textures and colours, layering contemporary – some might say quirky – elements on sound,
Martha G. Hill, Landscape Architect



Martha is a graduate of MS State University and is a licensed Landscape Architect in the State of Mississippi. She has recently retired after teaching for 31 years at Hinds Community College. Martha taught and served as the Department Chair of Landscape Management Technology where she advised all LMT majors and taught most courses in the curriculum. She is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the National Association of Landscape Professionals where she serves on the Foundation Board of Directors., Accreditation Committee, and Workforce Development Committee. She is also a member of the Mississippi Turf Grass Association. Martha and her husband Donnie live in Clinton, Mississippi.