




**Bringing Native Plants and Pollinators into Home Gardens**

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**Alice H. Richards Children's Garden**




**The State Botanical Garden of Georgia (SBG)**

**Mission:** *As a unit of Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia creates and nurtures an environment for learning, inspiration and engagement through horticulture, conservation, science based programs and lasting partnerships.*





**The State Botanical Garden of Georgia (SBG)**

**Vision:** *Our vision is to be a garden that celebrates the best in southern horticulture, natural heritage, and culture through excellence in gardening displays and practices, and stewardship of healthy natural eco-systems.*




 **Science and Conservation at SBG**

- Rare and Endangered Species Conservation
- Native Plant Production
- Habitat Restoration
- Student Mentoring
- Community outreach and Engagement



 **Meet the Team**



Dr. Jim Affolter  
Dir. Conservation



Jennifer Ceska  
Conservation Coordinator



Linda Chafin  
Botanist



Will Rogers  
Conservation Research Professional

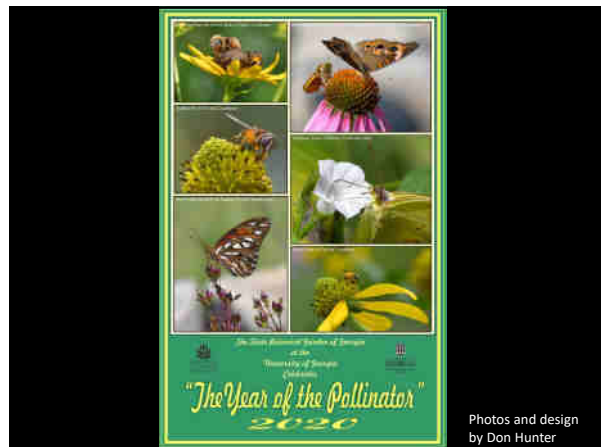


Heather Alley  
Conservation Horticulturist



 **Planting for a future where...**





**Connecting Community with Conservation**

- Certificate in Native Plants
- Native Plant Symposium
- Nature Rambles
- Insectival
- Classes and workshops





**Connect to Protect Garden Requirements**

- Spring bloomers **3 species**
- Summer Bloomers **3 Species**
- Fall Bloomer **3 Species**
- Larval Host Plant **3 Species**
- No broad-spectrum insecticides**
- Commitment to maintenance**
- Commitment to entire lifecycle of bees**



**Connecting Community with Conservation**


- Georgia Native Plant Initiative
- Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance
- Annual Native Plant Sales
- Learning by Leading
- **Connect to Protect**
- Georgia Pollinator Plants of the Year





**Connect to Protect**

Connecting people to plants and the wildlife they support.  
Connecting pockets of habitat across the state.



**CONNECT TO PROTECT**

Supporting wildlife in small places, one native planting at a time.





**Program Impacts & Reach**

- 70+ gardens state-wide
- 30 cities and towns
- Annual trainings taught through Certificate in Native Plants




**Georgia Pollinator Plants of the Year**

*This is a new program The Georgia Pollinator Plants of the Year program annually recognizes and promotes four top performing landscape plants that support pollinators and grow beautifully in a garden. Plants will be recognized and promoted from the following categories: Spring Bloomer, Summer Bloomer, Fall Bloomer and Georgia Native.*



**GPPY Goals**

**Create** a network of horticultural professionals through which plant materials and propagation techniques can be shared.

**Increase** state-wide availability and diversity of pollinator-supporting plants for consumers.

**Establish** Pollinator Plant of the Year branding to connect with consumers and share a clear mission.


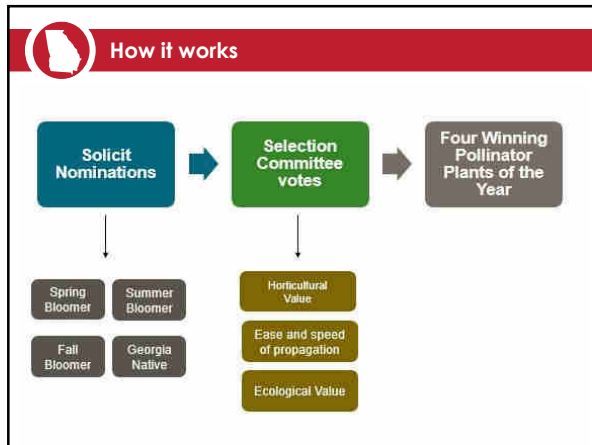
**Educate** consumers about the increasingly important role that landscaping and home gardens can have on pollinator populations.



**Spring Bloomer**

**Conradina (Conradina Canescens)**  
 Evergreen shrub with grayish foliage  
 2'  
 Sandhill or scrub habitat


Drought tolerant  
 Great in containers  
 Fragrant!  
 Great for native bees

**Summer Bloomer**

**Sweet Pepperbush (Clethra alnifolia)**  
 Deciduous shrub, glossy green foliage  
 3-8'  
 Bottlebrush flowers

Blooms in the shade  
 Rain gardens  
 Fragrant!  
 Great for native bees and butterflies





Sweet Pepperbush




Downy Goldenrod



Sweet Pepperbush






**Fall Bloomer**

**Downy Goldenrod (*Solidago petiolaris*)**  
 Perennial wildflower  
 1-3'  
 Yellow plumes

Well behaved  
 Drought tolerant  
 Supports 112 species of native insects





**Georgia Native**

**Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)**  
 Perennial wildflower  
 1-3'

Long-lasting blooms  
 Drought tolerant  
 Host plant for Monarch, Milkweed  
 Tussock Moth, and Queen Butterfly





### Opportunities to Participate

- Nominate a plant(s)
- Ask your local garden center to carry plants
- Learn to grow the winning plants!
- Help spread the word through community outreach and engagement



## Thank You

For more information about these programs, contact:

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