



# CANR CONIFER CONFERENCE

## SCHEDULE

Thursday - Sunday, May 22-25, 2008



### Pre-Tour in Athens & Bishop, GA

#### Thursday, May 22, 2008

- 12:00-12:30pm Arrive & park at Botanical Gardens in Athens; Register  
12:45 Buses depart for Piccadilly Farms, Bishop, GA  
1:15-3:15 Tour Piccadilly Farms  
3:30 Buses depart for return trip to Botanical Gardens  
4:00-5:45 Tour of Botanical Gardens  
6:00-8:00 Reception in Conservatory with live music by Plan B

### Oconee County Civic Center, Watkinsville, GA

#### Friday, May 23, 2007

- 7:30-8:30am Registration & Breakfast  
8:25 Welcome – Donna Heaton, CANR Director  
8:27 Moderator: Mike Sikes, McCorkle Nurseries, Inc.  
8:30-9:20 **Tom Cox**, President ACS, *“Conifers at the Cox Arboretum—An 18 Year Odyssey of Successes & Failures, What the Reference Books Never Told You”*  
9:30-10:30 **Bob Head**, Head Ornamentals, *“Conifers for the Southern Landscape”*  
10:30-10:45 Q&A  
10:30-11:00 BREAK (visit vendors, silent auction)  
11:00-11:50 **Richard Bitner**, Reinholds, PA, *“Gardening with Conifers”*  
11:50-12:00 Q&A, Book signing (Bitner)  
12:00-1:00 LUNCH  
1:07 Moderator: Jack Leard, McCorkle Nurseries  
1:10-2:00 **Jody Karlin**, Just Add Water Nursery, *“The Best Dwarf & Unusual Conifers for the Georgia Landscape”*  
2:10-3:00 **Don Howse**, Porterhowse Farms, Oregon, *“Conifer Treks-Collecting Plants in Remote Corners of the World”*  
3:00-3:15 Q&A  
3:00-3:30 BREAK (Book signing by Richard Bitner, visit vendors, silent auction)  
3:30-4:20 **John Ruter**, University of Georgia *“Conifers for Sweltering Environments: Evaluation and Research”*  
4:30-5:00 **Randy Clark**, The Bonsai Learning Center, *“Bonsai with Conifers”*  
5:07 Moderator: Mike Sikes, McCorkle Nurseries, Inc.  
5:10-6:10 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Carol Reese**, University of Tennessee, *“Staging Your Conifers for Maximum Wow!”*  
6:15-6:30 Q&A  
6:30-8:30 Dinner in Banquet Room  
7:30-8:30 **Live Auction** (Auctioneer: Matthew Chappell), Book signing (Bitner)  
8:35 Closing Remarks – Donna Heaton

Silent auction all day  
in banquet room

### Oconee County Civic Center, Watkinsville, GA

#### Saturday, May 24, 2008

- 7:30-8:00am Registration & Breakfast in Banquet Room  
7:57 Moderator: Kay Phelps, Clinton Nurseries  
8:00-9:00 **Dave Creech**, SFA Mast Arboretum, *“Bald is Beautiful”*  
9:10-10:00 **Jean Williams-Woodward**, University of Georgia, *“Common Plant Diseases Affecting Conifers”*  
10:00-10:15 Q&A  
10:00-10:30 BREAK (visit vendors, silent auction, book signing)  
10:30-11:20 **Rita Randolph**, Randolph Greenhouses *“Conifers & Companions for Containers and Small Gardens”*  
11:30-12:00 **Q&A/Demo** – Rita Randolph, Container Gardening Demo  
12:00-1:00 LUNCH  
1:00 Silent Auction Ends  
1:07 Moderator: Chris McCorkle, McCorkle Nurseries, Inc.  
1:10-2:00 **Maarten van der Giessen**, van der Giessen Nursery, *“Conifer Propagation – What To Do When It's Not In Dirr's Book”*  
2:10-3:00 **Chris Carley**, US National Arboretum, *“The Gotelli Conifer Collection at the National Arboretum – A Glance Back and a Look Forward”*  
3:00-3:15 Q&A  
3:15-4:30 Announce silent auction winners, visit vendors, other nurseries, garden centers, tourism sites, etc.  
Dinner on your own

### Post-Tour at Cox Arboretum, Canton, GA & Smith-Gilbert Arboretum, Kennesaw, GA

#### Sunday, May 25, 2008

- TBD On your own transportation