



# IN THE GARDEN WEEKEND

Learn time-honored gardening tips from top professionals and enjoy hands-on garden-themed classes amid our resort's breathtaking scenery.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

**3PM:** Garden Tour with Forrest Lee

**8PM:** Wilderness Wonders Presentation with Naturalist Brian LaFountain

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

**7:45AM:** Garden Tour with Forrest Lee

**9-10AM:** Lecture with Craig LeHoullier, author of *Growing Vegetables in Straw Bales and Epic Tomatoes*

**10:30AM-12PM:** Fairy Garden Activity with Country Garden Florist

**10:30AM-12PM:** Plein Air Painting Class at the Fishing Pond

**1-2:30PM:** Gourmet Safari Kitchen Tour

**2:30-4PM:** Fairy Garden Activity with Country Garden Florist

**3PM:** Garden Tour with Forrest Lee

**3-4:30PM:** Plein Air Painting Class at the Fishing Pond

**5-6PM:** Lecture with Mark Weathington, Director of the JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University. Mark will discuss *Being a Slave to the Goddess Flora: Plants and Plans From a Lazy Gardener*

**8-10PM:** Join us for Sip & Paint where you will paint a custom garden inspired piece while you enjoy delicious wine

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**7:45AM:** Garden Tour with Forrest Lee

**9-10:30AM:** Bring your camera for a Garden Photography Class in The Homestead Gardens

**9:45AM:** Garden Tour with Forrest Lee

**11AM-12PM:** Lecture with Mark Weathington on *Bugging Out: Planting for Pollinators*.

**1-2PM:** Join Andre Viette for a Lecture on how to *Grow the Best Flowers, Trees and Shrubs for Wonderful Color in Your Garden*

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# SPEAKER BIOS

## CRAIG LEHOULLIER

Possessing a PhD in chemistry, Craig LeHoullier's professional career involved various positions in a major pharmaceutical company. Craig's passion for tomatoes in particular exploded after joining the Seed Savers Exchange in 1986, and all gardens since focus on open pollinated (non-hybrid) varieties, in a wide range of colors, sizes and flavors. He is responsible for naming, developing and introducing many varieties, such as Cherokee Purple and Lucky Cross, and has been co-leading a unique all-volunteer project to create new dwarf-growing varieties. The project is responsible for 25 new tomatoes available through a variety of seed companies, particularly valuable for space-constrained gardeners who wish to grow wonderful tomatoes on decks or patios.

## MARK WEATHINGTON

Mark Weathington is the Director of the JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University where he is passionate in his work to connect people with plants. His career in public horticulture has also included the Norfolk Botanical Garden where he served as Director of Horticulture and the Atlanta Botanical Garden as a horticulturist. Mark travels extensively searching for new plants to diversify the American landscape and lecturing on a variety of topics in horticulture to further the JC Raulston Arboretum's vision of "Planning and Planting a Better World". Mark is currently writing *Growing the Southeast Garden, A Modern Guide to Gardening in the Southeast*, for Timber Press.

## ANDRE VIETTE

Horticulturist, author and lecturer, Andre Viette earned his Biological Science Certificate at The State University of New York at Farmingdale, and is a graduate of The School of Floriculture of Cornell University. Mr. Viette hosts his own talk show entitled "In the Garden" and has written several books including *Beautiful Roses Made Easy*, *Mid-Atlantic Gardener's Guide*, and his newest book *Mid-Atlantic Getting Started Garden Guide*. He has developed André Viette Farm and Nursery in Fishersville, Virginia, which grows over 3,000 varieties of perennials for the sun and shade.

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