

# Guilford Horticultural Society Symposium

On March 2, 2019, Guilford Horticultural Society celebrates its 34th Symposium, Root and Shoot, bringing together exceptional speakers, choice vendors and exhibits. The day also includes great gardeners, exciting plants and products, a delicious lunch and door prizes. The Symposium will be held at the Guilford County Agriculture Center at 3309 Burlington Road in Greensboro.

For more information visit [www.guilfordhorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.guilfordhorticulturalsociety.org)



**The Inspired Plantsmen: Nature-Inspired Approach to Plant Selection and Composition** Join Thomas Rainer and discover how plants fit together in nature and how to create landscapes that are resilient, beautiful, and diverse. Learn about amazing plant communities that cover the ground in interlocking layers. Both practical and inspiring, this talk explores a synthesis of ecology and horticulture.



**Hope: An Exploration of the Plant Communities and Designers that Give Me Inspiration** Thomas Rainer takes us on a very personal journey to the places and people that inspire change. He shares lessons about wild plant communities whose rich patterns and structure offer compositional allegories for designed landscapes. He will include innovative ideas with insight into making them work in the Piedmont.



Thomas Rainer is a registered landscape architect, teacher, and author living in Arlington, Virginia. A leading voice in ecological landscape design, he has designed landscapes for the U.S. Capitol grounds, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and The New York Botanical Garden, as well as over 100 gardens from Maine to Florida. He is a Principal for the landscape architectural and consulting firm Phyto Studio, teaches at George Washington University, and is co-author of *Planting in a Post-Wild World*.



**Treasures for Shady and Not-So-Shady Gardens** John Lonsdale will share about his experience with unusual and special shade and sun-loving plants which he grows in his garden in Exton, PA. Cyclamen, Trillium and some of the more uncommon woodlanders will be showcased, together with sun-lovers which thrive in the drier parts of the garden, and others which relish life in the bog!



John is the owner of Edgewood Gardens, a rare plant nursery and garden in Exton, PA. Born in England, He has grown a wide variety of alpine and woodland plants and bulbs for more than 30 years. He is a recipient of the Alpine Garden Society Gold Merit Medal. John received his Ph.D. from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1985. He lectures widely. His website ([www.edgewoodgardens.net](http://www.edgewoodgardens.net)) features over 10,000 images of plants growing in his garden.



**Elizabeth Lawrence in the 21st Century.** Doug Ruhren will tell us why famous local author Elizabeth Lawrence's writings are still essential reading for those gardening in the South. Her first book, [A Southern Garden](#), was written while living in Raleigh, NC. Her subsequently published works were written from her second garden in Charlotte, NC. Her writings continue to inspire, inform and delight readers.



Douglas Ruhren is currently Gardens Manager at the JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University. He has also worked for the American Camellia Society, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Montrose, and Chatwood. He has designed display gardens and worked to preserve Elizabeth Lawrence's Charlotte garden. He is on the Garden Advisory committee for the now protected Winghaven/ Elizabeth Lawrence Garden. Douglas and Edith Eddleman are restoring the Elizabeth Lawrence Border at JCRA.