



**Love those Natives! Growing Georgia's Native Plants from Seed (Elective Course)**

**Anne Shenk, Director of Education, State Botanical Garden of Georgia**

**Wednesday, October 24, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Visitor Center, Classroom 2      Members \$45; non-members \$50**

The morning will begin with a seed-collecting walk in the International and Shade Gardens followed by a session on seed cleaning and storage. A hands-on indoor session will emphasize techniques for propagating native wildflowers and shrubs by seed. Models for inexpensive grow-light systems as well as a propagation timeline will be provided to ensure that your seedlings are ready to be transplanted outdoors in early spring. Participants will leave with several types of seed to propagate at home.

**Warm-Season Grasses (Elective Course)—CANCELED**

**Elaine Nash, Naturalist, Conyers, Georgia**

**Saturday, October 27, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Visitor Center, Classroom 2      Members \$45; non-members \$50**

The economic and ecosystem functions of grasses will be reviewed, and basic terminology useful in grass identification will be presented. Students will work with fresh specimens to learn the parts of the grass plant, with an emphasis on vegetative characteristics, that are useful in field identification. The last two hours will be spent in the field examining a variety of native and exotic grasses. Bring a small knife and hand lens.