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## **Garden hosts bird-friendly native plants day for landscapers**

**Chapel Hill** – The North Carolina Botanical Garden (NCBG) will host a full-day landscaping workshop for plant growers, retailers and landscape design professionals on November 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The workshop will cover how to manage the rise in demand for native plants and how to design beautifully using these plants.

Thomas Rainer, author of *Planting Design in a Post-Wild World* and a leading voice in ecological landscape design, will explain how native plant designs create landscapes that are resilient, beautiful and diverse and become wildlife preserves for sustaining plants and animals.

Additional topics include native plants for lawn alternatives by Shannon Currey of Hoffman Nursery, native plant propagation by Matt Gocke of NCBG, and bird-friendly site design by Kim Brand of Audubon North Carolina. Those attending Brand's session will receive one continuing education credit approved by the North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects.

The event costs \$100 (\$92 for Garden members), and includes a catered lunch and refreshments.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit <http://go.unc.edu/Rf89C>.

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The North Carolina Botanical Garden, part of the University of North Carolina, is a 1,000-acre assemblage of display gardens and natural areas. Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, the Garden is nationally known as a center for the study, display, interpretation and conservation of plants. Through its educational, recreational, therapeutic horticulture and research programs, it extends opportunities for connection with nature to people of all abilities and backgrounds. The Garden is open seven days a week and admission is free. Information at <http://ncbg.unc.edu>.

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