

## Conference Speakers and Topics

### KEYNOTE

David Redhage

#### ***Native Plants for Native Pollinators***

David came to the Kerr Center in 1993 after receiving an M.S. in Ag Econ from U of Missouri-Columbia. He is now serving as the President of this sustainable agriculture research and education program. His responsibilities include coordinating the annual grant process, reviewing and approving final grant reports, and reporting bi-annually to the Southern Region SARE Administrative Council.

While native pollinator habitat has been studied and promoted in different regions of the United States, limited work has been done in the eastern Oklahoma region. We are helping to fill that gap! In the last few years, the Kerr Center has stepped up its efforts to conserve and create habitat for pollinators. These include honey bees as well as native pollinators — native bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, moths, beetles, and hummingbirds.

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Carla Grogg

#### ***Garden with a Purpose***

There are many great things we all have in common! Together, we make choices that are important, impactful and move our industry forward to meet the demands of consumers. Taking a step towards sustainable practices and making intentional decisions can be both rewarding and fulfilling. Let's garden with the purpose for 2017!

Lisa Merrill

#### ***What's the Big Deal about Heirlooms?***

Flavor! Flavor! Flavor! Many gardeners plant with the hopes of growing the tasty fruits and vegetables that they remember from childhood, or with the hopes of improving on grocery store produce. But many varieties don't stand up to the test of time like heirlooms do. The heirloom varieties may have been handed down by family or maintained in a culture for generations. The taste is delicious, and often accompanied by amazing stories of their history! Saving seeds is vital for heirloom plants. Without these seeds, we would have no "old-time" varieties! My dad, Darrell Merrill, of Jenks, OK, helped to enlighten thousands of gardeners and brought the heirloom tradition into the modern times. He was considered a pioneer in the heirloom movement.

Kenda Woodburn

#### ***Walking on the Wild Side —Foraging Tips and Observations***

With the help of Kenda's Cherokee friends and Eule Gibbon type friends, and of course her Irish grandma, she learned what could be eaten happily, what could be eaten in a pinch and what shouldn't ever be eaten!

Beth Teel

#### ***Garden Style***

Designing vignettes in her garden which involve balance, texture and color, adds detail to Beth's midtown Tulsa home. There are many ways to style a garden that will add character and quaintness. "I not only love making my garden a place to visually enjoy, but also a place that is an extension of my home", says Beth.

Beth will discuss gardening style using favorite plants, a variety of plant materials, pots, and vintage inspired items. She'll talk about tips, tools and tragedies in the garden.

### Conference Hotels:

Hotels are located in Cushing and Drumright. **Must mention Oklahoma State Master Gardener Conference for rate. Rooms will be held until May 15, then released to the public; however, conference pricing will be honored after that as long as they have rooms still available.**

#### **Best Western**

508 E. Main Street, Cushing, OK  
918-306-4299  
\$100 - Single, \$110 - Double, \$119 - King,  
Plus Tax

Suites with whirlpools and/or kitchenettes are available for an additional charge.

#### **Executive Inn & Suites**

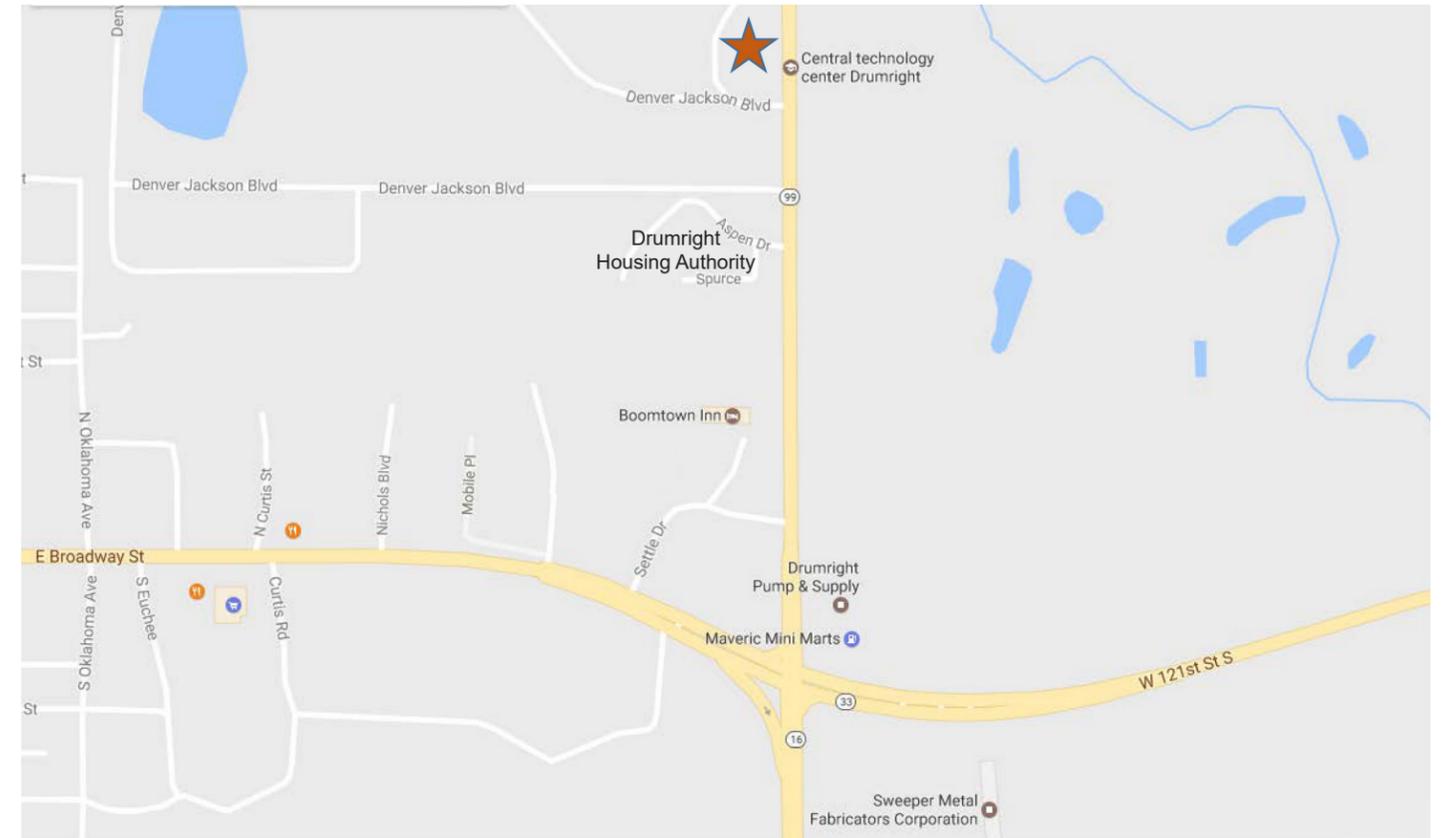
2232 E. Main Street, Cushing, OK  
918-306-4225  
Single and Double Rooms  
Range: \$70 to \$85, plus tax

#### **Boom Town Inn**

203 Settle Drive, Drumright, OK  
918-352-2288  
\$59.95 - Double rooms plus tax

## Registration

Conference registration is \$45.00 and will include Thursday evening social with light hors d'oeuvres, snacks and lunch on Friday, and conference T-shirt. (Optional dinner for Thursday night social is \$15.00, must be paid at time of registration).



## Instructions

If using Google Map and perhaps GPS, please be aware the location is not quite accurate. Central Technology Center of Drumright is north of the Boom Town Inn and the Drumright Housing Authority on Highway 99.

**From:** Highway 33 and Highway 99 intersection, turn north on Hwy 99 and traveled north past the Drumright Housing Authority.

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**Registration must be postmarked by May 22—\$45 per person. Register early as no late registrations or walk-ins can be accepted.**

**Questions? Call Stephanie, 405-744-5404.**

**Mail to:** State Master Gardener Conference  
Attn: Stephanie Larimer  
Oklahoma State University  
358 Agricultural Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078-6027

#### **Please mark if applicable:**

Yes, Thursday Evening Social  
 Yes, Thursday Evening Dinner, please include an additional \$15  
T-shirt size (circle): S M L XL 2XL

Please make check payable to: *Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Department*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Refund Requests must be received by May 22.***

## Schedule of Events

### June 15: Thursday Evening Social

**Tidewater Winery, 54560 W. Hwy. 16, E0727 Road, Drumright, OK 74030**

Our hosts, the Creek County Master Gardeners, have planned a wonderful evening on Thursday, June 15, An Evening Social at the Tidewater Winery for those who would like to come early and enjoy the company of other MG's while having a California wine experience right here in Oklahoma!

Located 2 miles south of Drumright is the spacious historic brick schoolhouse that is now home to Tidewater winery. This 8,000 square-foot facility, built by David Rockefeller in the late 20s and early 30s, is on both the state and national registers of historical places!

Visitors will be offered free tastings of the various wines produced there and a guided tour of the elegant old building. Perhaps you would prefer to sit on the large decks out back overlooking one of the winery's two vineyards.

For shoppers, the tasting room is complete with plenty of items for purchase, or perhaps you would prefer to browse at Sugar Plum Tea Room Antiques or The Tough Nickel. The world class collection of oil and gas memorabilia will be available for a tour at the Drumright Historical Museum. Or, you may want to enjoy the large collection of murals on various buildings. A sheet with information and locations will be provided.

For a truly memorable experience, dinner at the winery is being offered that evening! The menu includes chicken or beef kabobs served on a bed of seasoned rice, various salads, Joseph's signature tabouli, and dessert with tea or coffee. Dinner is optional for \$15.00; must pay at the time of registration. Wine available for purchase with dinner. For a truly wonderful experience, come early and enjoy a bit of Oklahoma history!

**4:00—8:00 PM:** Wine tasting, tour winery and enjoy refreshments; visit downtown Drumright

**6:00—8:00 PM:** Optional dinner (Additional \$15.00, please pay with registration)

### June 16: Friday's Schedule

**Central Technology Center—Drumright, Oklahoma**

- 7:45 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 AM **Native Plants for Native Pollinators**  
David Redhage, President, The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Poteau, OK
- 9:45 AM Break
- 10:00 AM **Garden with a Purpose**  
Carla Grogg, Grogg's Green Barn, Tulsa, OK
- 11:00 AM **What's the Big Deal about Heirlooms?**  
Lisa Merrill, The Tomato Man's Daughter, Tulsa, OK
- 11:45 AM Lunch and Visit with Vendors
- 1:00 PM **Walking on the Wild Side—Foraging Tips and Observations**  
Kenda Woodburn, Horticulture Extension Educator, Osage and Tulsa OCES
- 1:45 PM Break
- 2:45 PM **Garden Style**  
Beth Teel, Tulsa, OK
- 3:30 PM Wrap-up, comments, and closing remarks

#### Conference Vendors

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| Beth Teel           | Groggs Green Barn   |
| Colebrook's Nursery | Roses, Inc          |
| Color Oklahoma      | Utopia Nursery      |
| Creations by Tina   | Wild Things Nursery |

State Master Gardener Conference

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June 15-16, 2017

Central Technology Center  
11873 N. Highway 99  
Drumright, OK

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Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Dept.  
358 Agricultural Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078

## Register: On-Line or By Mail

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\$45/Person Registration—May 22 Deadline

<http://www.hortla.okstate.edu/events/mg>

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2) Thursday Evening Dinner; 3) T-shirt size