

**City in the Arboretum:
Bringing the Arboretum Home**

8:15am- 8:45am

Registration & Breakfast

8:45am

Welcome

Trees Atlanta

8:50am-9:40am

Steve Sanchez—Arboreta as Living Laboratories

The BeltLine is happening! Large sections are now open to the public, and many of the Arboretums' collections are under study and being planted. These tree collections, known as Natural Neighborhoods, will be the focus of Steve's presentation. He will interpret collections, highlight existing trees, and get us excited about the future of the longest linear Arboretum in the world.

9:50am-10:35am

Concurrent Sessions

- a. Erica Glasener—Bringing the Arboretum Home

Erica will validate the joys, challenges, and considerations of creating diverse multi-seasonal gardens among Atlanta's arboreta. Erica will share her favorites and their companions from canopy to ground covers in both common private settings as well as overlooked and unexpected public spaces.

- b. Spence Rosenfeld—Protecting the Collection

Protecting existing trees should always be a major goal for arboreta. Spence will explain how to best protect and advocate for trees at home while sharing his experiences using innovative designs to preserve trees during Atlanta Botanical Garden's Canopy Walk project in Storza Woods and along the BeltLine Tanyard Creek Trail.

10:40am-10:55am

Break and Networking

11:00am-11:50am

Elizabeth Dean—Lessons from Landscapes, Gardens, and Nurseries

Horticulturists will tell you that working with plants is a lifelong learning adventure. Elizabeth's adventures are hilarious, familiar, and inviting. Through a journey of trials and triumphs, you will learn more than you realize you are learning about the trees in our city – what works, and what doesn't, and how to solve those problems that you may have given up trying to solve. With tips and techniques for care, pruning, and placement, she will inspire the gardener within us all to study and steward the arboretum that embraces us now, and the greenspaces that surround us at home.

12:00pm-12:30

Lunch

12:30pm-2:00

Concurrent Sessions

- a. Panel Discussion—Developing your Community's Arboretum

Robby Astrove from Trees Atlanta will speak on schools and education.

Jim Abbot from the Inman Park Arboretum & Inman Park Tree Watch will speak on Fundraising.

Steve Provost from the Oakhurst Arboretum will speak on a year of community engagement.

- b. Inman Park Arboretum Tree Walk

Greg Levine, Trees Atlanta

Amy Higgins, Inman Park Arboretum & Inman Park Tree Watch

Steve Sanchez



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Steve Sanchez, ASLA, LEED AP is a principal at HGOR, Inc., a landscape architecture firm specializing in planning and landscape architecture. In his 24 years of practice, Steve's specializations include: identifying a sense of place, master planning and design, and native plants. Steve provides expert advice to Trees Atlanta staff year round and to the public at our TreeKeepers training program and our annual Tree Sale in October. Steve serves on Trees Atlanta's Board of Directors. SSanchez@hgor.com

Erica Glasener is a horticulturist, author, gardener, and tree lover living in Atlanta. Erica's lecture topics include: fragrant plants, perennials, the winter garden, and garden design. She hosted "A Gardener's Diary" on HGTV for 14 years, and her articles have appeared in The New York Times, The Farmer's Almanac, Atlanta Magazine, and the Atlanta Journal Constitution. Her new book, *Proven Plants for Your Southern Garden*, is a veritable guide to our most cherished southern plants. Erica leads tree walks and writes educational articles for Trees Atlanta. www.ericaglasener.com

Spence Rosenfeld is a professional arborist and is the president and founder of Atlanta's Arboguard Tree Specialists. In his 30 years of operating Arboguard, Spence has served on many local and national boards including the Society of Consulting Arborists, The Tree Care Industry Association, and American Forestry Association. Spence has earned a reputation as an authority on tree preservation and care, and played a key role in tree preservation at Atlanta Botanical Garden's Canopy Walk expansion and along the BeltLine's Tanyard Creek Trail.

Elizabeth Dean grew up in Atlanta's forest of green. She has spent her life elbow-deep in Georgia's red clay, and the last 20 years as co-owner of South Fulton's Wilkerson Mill Gardens, with her husband Gene Griffith. Each season, they make new discoveries, learn from new mistakes, and get up-close-and-personal with hundreds of varieties of plants. Elizabeth, a spirited, knowledgeable, and entertaining speaker, has inspired and re-inspired gardeners on both coasts and throughout the Southeast to rethink their green spaces, pick up their spades, put on their gloves and dig into a world of possibilities right in their own back yards. www.hydrangea.com

Jim Abbot is an adjunct humanities professor at Agnes Scott College, where he was formerly director of foundation and corporate relations and assistant dean for faculty grants and fellowships. Jim's nonprofit fundraising experience includes his work as chairman of Ogeechee Riverkeeper, and as a member of Inman Park Tree Watch, which coordinates the Tree Hugger's Ball fundraiser. Jim has been a regular Trees Atlanta volunteer for more than a decade. He was part of the team that secured \$100,000 for Trees Atlanta in the 2006 Humana Atlanta Benefits competition. Jim serves on both Inman Park Arboretum and Belt Line Arboretum steering committees.

Steve Provost, RLA, LEED AP is a principal with jB+a, inc. landscape architects and planners. The focus of his 20 year practice has been on the planning, design and implementation of creative, environmentally responsible solutions for parks, greenways, town centers and conservation lands. Steve has worked with Trees Atlanta to plan and implement the Oakhurst Neighborhood Arboretum, as well as numerous other Trees Atlanta collaborations in the City of Decatur.

Amy Higgins is a registered architect and LEED AP. She serves as co-chair of the Inman Park Arboretum and as a member of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association Board. Amy has been involved with Inman Park's Tree Watch group since 2004. Amy is a Trees Atlanta volunteer and contributes regularly to the Inman Park neighborhood newsletter, The Advocate, featuring a notable tree or species of tree in the neighborhood.

Trees Atlanta Staff

Greg Levine is the Program Director for Trees Atlanta. For 15 years Greg has created and implemented urban forestry programming including the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum. Greg leads tree walks, pruning classes, and provides leadership for program development. He is an ISA certified arborist and coordinates the Oakhurst Neighborhood Arboretum. greg@treesatlanta.org

Robby Astrove is a Program Coordinator and coordinates the Reynoldstown Neighborhood Arboretum and Trees Atlanta's environmental education programs for adults and youth. Robby was recently nominated to serve on the Board of directors of the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia. Robby@treesatlanta.org