

Friday, June 9

2:00 Registration opens. Plant donations for the auction accepted and setup
5:00-6:00 Social hour
6:00 Welcome and announcements;
Silent auction begins
6:30 Dinner
7:30-9:00 Speakers: Larry Stanley and Kevin Collard

Saturday, June 10

6:00 Breakfast included with room
8:00-4:00 Baker Arboretum: Garden tours and demonstrations
12:00 Kentucky BBQ Lunch
5:00-6:00 Meet and greet/Silent auction
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-8:00 Speaker: Dr. Bill Fountain
8:15 Live auction

Sunday, June 11

6:00-10:00 Breakfast included with room
7:00-10:00 Tailgate happening in parking lot (Not ACS sponsored)

HOTEL

Hyatt Place Bowling Green
(Breakfast included with room; free internet)
1347 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Phone: (270) 467-0001
www.BowlingGreen.place.Hyatt.com
Mention "G-CONI" for rate
\$124 for King and \$129 for 2 Queen

SPEAKERS

Dr. William Fountain is an Extension Professor at the University of Kentucky. He trains arborists for the International Society of Arboriculture and the Kentucky Chapter on tree identification, selection, installation, maintenance, risk assessment and problem mitigation. He trains arborists overseas, as well. He has served on the ISA board of directors, among other leadership positions. He has served as National Program Chair and Board of Directors for the National Junior Horticultural Association. He is a tree-hugger and a soil worshiper who acknowledges that we are here on earth as guests of the plant kingdom. Ahhh, so many plants, so little time.

Larry Stanley is the owner of Stanley and Sons Nursery in Boring, OR. He is past president of the ACS National and Western Region and has been awarded the ACS Award of Merit twice, once for the Development of Conifers and once for Dedicated Support of the society. With more than 30 years in the nursery industry, Larry has an extensive knowledge of plants.

Kevin Collard is the owner, horticulturist, and head grower of PineView Nursery in Leitchfield, KY, about 45 minutes from Bowling Green. He is a graduate of the horticulture program at Western Kentucky University. He is a national expert in boxwoods, among other plants. Many of his plants are found growing at the Baker Arboretum.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$165 BEFORE 5-8-17

\$185 AFTER 5-8-17

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Southeast Region
Annual Meeting
June 9-11, 2017
Bowling Green, KY



Baker Arboretum

Founded in 1992 by Jerry Baker, the Baker Arboretum now covers nearly 115 acres. Built on a ridge of rolling hills in the outskirts of Bowling Green Kentucky, the arboretum overlooks Bowling Green and the Western Kentucky University campus.

Working with the tree and art collections, landscape architect Mitchell Leichhardt (1924-2015) designed a tapestry of trees and art. The arboretum features collections of conifers, Asian maples, dogwoods, redbuds, ginkgos, and many others.

The arboretum is based on a traditional European style garden. It utilizes conifers, many of them dwarf, small Asian maples, and native rock for hardscape to create a display that changes with the seasons but keeps its beauty year-round.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Leichhardt were long-time members of the ACS and attended many meetings. Many of the plants in the collection, especially conifers, were purchased through the ACS via auctions. Their collaboration over 25 years resulted in the Baker Arboretum.



Downing Museum

The Downing Museum, which officially opened in 2009 as a part of The Baker Arboretum, displays a vast collection of artwork by the late Joe Downing as well as works by other regional, state, national, and international artists. Joe Downing was a world-renowned artist, being only one of three American artists having work displayed in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Downing were long-time personal friends who collaborated on the design of the Downing Museum.

The Downing Museum at Baker Arboretum has the most comprehensive collection of the varied works that Joe Downing created during his lifetime. Looking through these works, one can see his work evolve through changes in shape and color. One can grasp his exploration of traditional media and also experience the wonder of his personal vision that embraced certain found objects and incorporated them in imaginative works of art.



Demonstrations/Activities

Floral Arrangements using Conifers

Join Rickman Freeman as he uses conifers grown on site at the arboretum to produce a new take on traditional floral arrangements. Rickman is a talented horticulturist, having spent twenty years tending the wondrous indoor gardens at the Opry Hotel in Nashville. He has designed floral displays for country music stars and television award shows.

Paper-Crete Trough Creations

Kevin Collard will demonstrate how to make paper-crete troughs for your dwarf conifers and other plants. He shows the ease and beauty of troughs and hopes that you will use your creativity to make your own when you return home. He is a talented horticulturist, and some of his troughs are displayed at the Baker Arboretum.

Making and Displaying Bonsai

Conifers and their associated plants are natural subjects for bonsai. Members of the Nashville Bonsai Society will demonstrate the art and science of bonsai creation and growing. This is a nice complement to paper-crete troughs.