

HORTICULTURE PRESENTATIONS
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I have well-developed PowerPoint presentations on the following subjects:

Chandor Gardens
Texas Tough Plants*
Ornamental Grasses for Texas*
Fort Worth Botanic Garden Archives
Bulletproof Trees & Shrubs for Parks*

Longwood Gardens
Trees for Texas*
Great Gardening Ideas
Monarchs to Mexico

*Includes a detailed handout.

I do not have a set speaker's fee. Groups generally give me anywhere from \$100 to \$300, depending upon what they can afford. I give a number of presentations for free, but gas & time being what they are, I do appreciate something. That being said, I never want a few dollars to separate me from the opportunity to meet some new people and talk about plants and the importance of intelligent gardening. If in doubt, just give me a call and we'll discuss your individual group's needs.

Please let me know if you are interested in having me as your speaker. I have enclosed program descriptions and my ridiculously long (so people can pick and choose) biography for your perusal.

Peace & Love,
Steven

Steven L. Chamblee Biography

Short version

Steven Chamblee is the Chief Horticulturist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. He serves as Consulting Editor and Author for Neil Sperry's GARDENS magazine, writes a monthly e-newsletter column entitled "Native Son," and is an Adjunct Instructor for Tarrant County College and Texas Christian University's Extended Education.

Long version

STEVEN L. CHAMBLEE...

has been active in horticulture for over 30 years. Developing his love for plants by transplanting trees with his father back in the late 1970's, Steven soon formed Southern Lawn Care, a landscape maintenance company. In 1986, he joined the Fort Worth Botanic Garden as a Gardener. His natural curiosity led him to enroll in Tarrant County Junior College, where he earned his AAS (Associate of Applied Science) degree in Horticulture. Still working full-time at the Garden, Steven earned his Bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Tarleton State University. He then received a fellowship in the prestigious Longwood Graduate Program, and earned the Master's of Science degree in Public Horticulture Administration from the University of Delaware. After graduate school, Steven served as the Native Plant Horticulturist for the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney, Texas, before returning to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden as the Grounds Manager. As the Education Director for the Garden, he focused on developing a variety of self-sustaining educational programs. Currently the Chief Horticulturist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford, Steven uses his collective experiences to bring vibrant artistic expression to the garden and inspired educational opportunities to the community.

Steven has studied public and private gardens in England, Denmark, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, Hawaii, and across the continental United States. He designs custom landscapes, serves as Consulting Editor and writer for Neil Sperry's *GARDENS* magazine, authors a monthly e-newsletter column entitled "Native Son," and is an Adjunct Instructor for Tarrant County College and Texas Christian University's Extended Education. He is proud to be one of those rare horticulturists who concurrently "talks the talk" and "walks the walk."

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Program Descriptions

Chandor Gardens—Take a multi-season tour through the eclectic garden of the late artist Douglas Chandor. Originally named White Shadows, Chandor Gardens is renowned for its amazing fountains, grottoes, seasonal color, specimen plantings, waterfalls, ponds, unique stonework, and strong garden room design. Steven shows you many of his recent additions/renovations to the garden and the expansions to the peripheral areas. Due to popular demand, a virtual tour of the mansion is now included in this program.

Longwood Gardens—Tour America's Premier Horticultural Display Garden with Steven, who utilizes his two years living and working at Longwood to give you a special "behind the scenes" view of the ever-expanding former estate of the late Pierre S. DuPont. Grandeur, innovation, and commitment to excellence are the hallmarks of Longwood Gardens, and all are evident in this colorful program laden with fountains, waterfalls, specimen plantings, topiary, theme gardens, amazing seasonal displays and more than five acres of conservatories.

Monarchs to Mexico—An inspiring program about Steven's trips to Monterrey, Mexico to assist in developing the children's garden at Collegio Nezaldi, a small elementary school on the Monarch migration route. Steven stresses the importance of gardening and environmental education not only as a means of aiding the Monarch butterfly, but as a grassroots effort to develop a love for nature in children on both sides of the border.

Texas Tough Plants-- This environmentally-friendly program focuses on heat and drought tolerant, *garden-worthy* plants that thrive in the harsh, long summer conditions of North Central Texas. Especially helpful for people new this region or those who wish to expand their gardening knowledge beyond traditional landscaping. Steven features trees, shrubs,

color, and accents in this program with special emphasis on heavily-flowering herbaceous perennials.

Trees for Texas—Essentially a selection of excellent shade, understory, and accent trees that thrive in North Central Texas, this program also introduces many trees that are relatively new to the trade and will undoubtedly become standards in the future.

Ornamental Grasses for Texas--Explore the world of amazing and colorful ornamental garden grasses with Steven, who stresses the importance of environmental responsibility in our daily garden choices. While still viewed as cutting edge horticulture by many people, ornamental grasses are destined to become an essential part of mainstream landscaping for their beauty and ease of care.

Bulletproof Trees & Shrubs for Parks--Designed as a professional training course to assist park departments with selecting the toughest, lowest maintenance species that can endure the rigors of everyday life in our public parks, this program emphasizes the importance of soil preparation, proper irrigation, and exact ordering specifications to achieve success.

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Archives—Born from Steven's desire to share these hidden treasures with his associates, this program is an *unedited* tour through the archival photos that bear witness to the development of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. A must see for historical groups, this program is often an emotional experience for the people who personally witnessed the events.

Great Gardening Ideas—Go "idea shopping" at Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer, Chandor Gardens, and fifteen stunning private gardens from Texas to Pennsylvania. While initially designed to provide inspiration to people planning or restoring a garden, this program has unexpectedly proven to be a welcome resource for artists. Learn about form, texture, contrast,

framing, detail, and whimsy from some of the finest minds in horticulture today.