



Enjoy engaging speakers, breakout sessions with takeaways ([details below!](#)), and a catered lunch from The Food Mill. Learn about regenerative agriculture, growing your own food, sustainable living, and more!

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THE COLUMBUS BOTANICAL GARDEN NATURALIST SYMPOSIUM

SEEDS OF CHANGE:

Planting the Future with Gardening,
Regenerative Agriculture, and
Sustainable Living

Keynote Speaker:

Jenni Harris

with White Oak Pastures



Guest speakers, community connections
breakout sessions with takeaways, and
more.

Saturday

March 8th, 2025

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Family Market
& Kids' Day

March 9th, 2025

MARCH 8th - Speaker Day

Day of Schedule:

8:15 - 8:45 Check-in with donuts and coffee

8:45 - 9:00 Opening remarks, Andrew Ruhs, Executive Director of CBG

9:00 - 10:00 Plenary, "What is Sustainability?" with Daniel Stallings, Perch and Pasture

10:15 - 11:15 Breakout session 1

A: "Chaos Gardening: Tips, tricks and inspiration for growing food with little experience, space and time" with Callie, owner of The Suburban Homesteader

B: "Gardening is Hard: Tips and Tricks for Growing your own Food" led by Chris Jackson, co-owner of Jenny Jack Farms

11:15 - 12:15 Lunch Break catered by The Food Mill, "What resources are available?" with Erycka Brock, UGA Extension Office

12:20 - 1:20 Breakout session 2

C: "The Power of Every Drop: Sustainable Water Practices" with Caleb Cole from Columbus Water Works

D: "Simple Shifts: Everyday swaps to leading a lower waste life on a budget" led by Darci Burdett

1:30 - 2:00 Mini session, "Compost is Key" with Devon Moree, Community Advocate

2:10 - 3:30 Keynote: Jenni Harris, White Oak Pastures

Book signing by Jenni Harris (*A Bold Return to Giving a Damn: One Farm, Six Generations, and the Future of Food* by Will Harris will be for sale. Limited copies are signed by Will.)





**NATURALIST
SYMPOSIUM**

Keynote Speaker:
Jenni Harris
with White Oak Pastures
a zero-waste, radically traditional regenerative farm

Jenni Harris is the Director of Marketing at **White Oak Pastures**, a zero-waste, radically traditional regenerative farm. White Oak Pastures believes "farming must not only be sustainable, it has to be regenerative" and have shifted their practices away from pesticides, herbicides, hormones, and antibiotics. Instead they focused on building a farm that practices humane animal husbandry and environmental sustainability.

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS!

Session 1

A. Chaos Gardening: Tips, tricks, and inspiration for growing food when you have little experience, space, and time. Led by Callie owner of The Suburban Homesteader

B. Gardening is hard: Tips and tricks for growing food for yourself. Led by Chris Jackson, co-owner of Jenny Jack Farm

Session 2

C. The Power of Every Drop: Sustainable Water Practices for the Home led by Caleb Cole from Columbus Water Works

D. Simple Shifts: Everyday swaps to leading a lower waste life on a budget led by Darci Burdett

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FAMILY MARKET & KIDS' DAY

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Kids Crafts, Local Vendors, Hands-on Activities, and More!

Visit columbusbotanicalgarden.org for more information.

MARCH 9th - Vendor Market & Kids' Day

1:00-5:00pm

What to Expect:

Kids' Activities & Crafts: Fun and educational experiences for the little ones, such as make a paper plate greenhouse,

Get Up Close with a Real Tractor: A hands-on opportunity to see farm equipment!

Local Vendors & Exhibitors: Discover sustainable products and services from our local community.

Tickets:

Kids \$8

Adult \$12

Member Adult \$10

Member Kids, Free

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Donations needed:

Bring your own t-shirt to make a unique **upcycled tote bag!**

Do you have old shirts with life still left in them? Bring them to the Garden during garden hours to donate them for this fun activity at the Family Market and Kids' Day!

Volunteer at Symposium!

See symposium volunteer opportunities at the link below.

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**We hope to see you at our 2025
Naturalist Symposium!**



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