



# Come Join the OGA

Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

## An Afternoon of Education & Networking

Presented by the Ornamental Growers' Assn. of Northern Illinois

Listen and learn hands-on practical information from great speakers ♦ Catch up with your colleagues ♦ Gear up for what hopes to be a busy and exciting spring

**1:00 – 1:15 pm** *Registration*

**1:30 – 2:30 pm** *From Native Habitats to Your Landscapes: Domesticating our Natural Plant Heritage*

Dr. Jim Ault will discuss how he selects, modifies and utilizes native plants for garden use. In a time when sustainable landscapes and natives are what your clients are looking for, this talk will give you a number of plant solutions you will be able to use to address your clients landscape wants and needs.

Jim Ault, Ph.D., is the Director of Ornamental Plant Research at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He develops new perennial plants from N. American native taxa (*Baptisia*, *Echinacea*, *Monarda*, *Phlox*) through plant exploration, breeding, and propagation, and is also the manager of the Chicagoland Grows™ plant introduction program. Previously he developed new display plants at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Jim teaches, lectures, and publishes extensively, and is an avid gardener.

**2:45 – 3:45 pm** *A Field Report: An Expert Tells What to Look for in Plant Pests & Diseases*

This talk is a must for any landscaper/maintenance professional who wants to stay ahead of the curve by taking a proactive approach to their clients' plant issues.

Bill McAdams, McAdams Consulting Inc., will tell you what insect and disease problems you will likely face this spring on your jobsite. He will offer common sense solutions to identifying and eradicating them.

Bill McAdams spent 20 years as a nursery inspector in the state of Iowa. He has also spent a number of years providing consultation services to nurseries and landscape firms throughout the Midwest. Through his many years of field work he has built an extensive catalog of disease and pest symptoms, equipping him to assist his clients in identifying and treating many of these issues.

**3:45 – 5:00 pm** *Mixer/Reception with appetizers*

**Location,  
Cost,  
Registration**

Fireside Grill Restaurant, 49 Sugar Lane, Sugar Grove (on Rt. 47, just south of Rt. 56)  
\$45.00 per person

By February 13<sup>th</sup> email to: [ornamentalgrower@comcast.net](mailto:ornamentalgrower@comcast.net), or call 630.879.0520

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At-the-door registration & payment is available. However, please let us know via email or phone call by February 13<sup>th</sup> that you are coming. Space is limited, so we need to pre-count attendance.