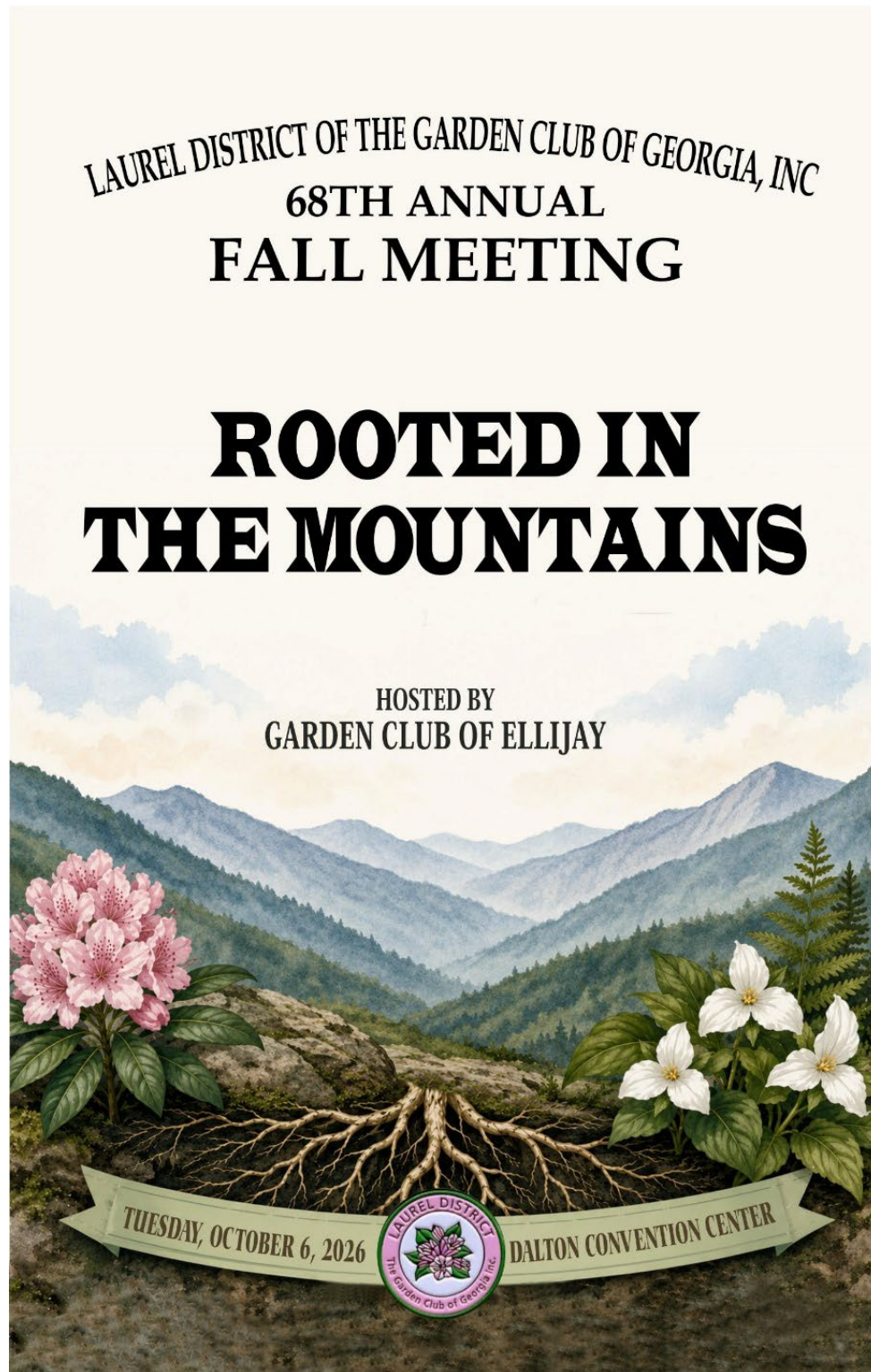


Garden Club of Ellijay co-presidents, Donna Houston and Joanne Wadley cordially invite you to:

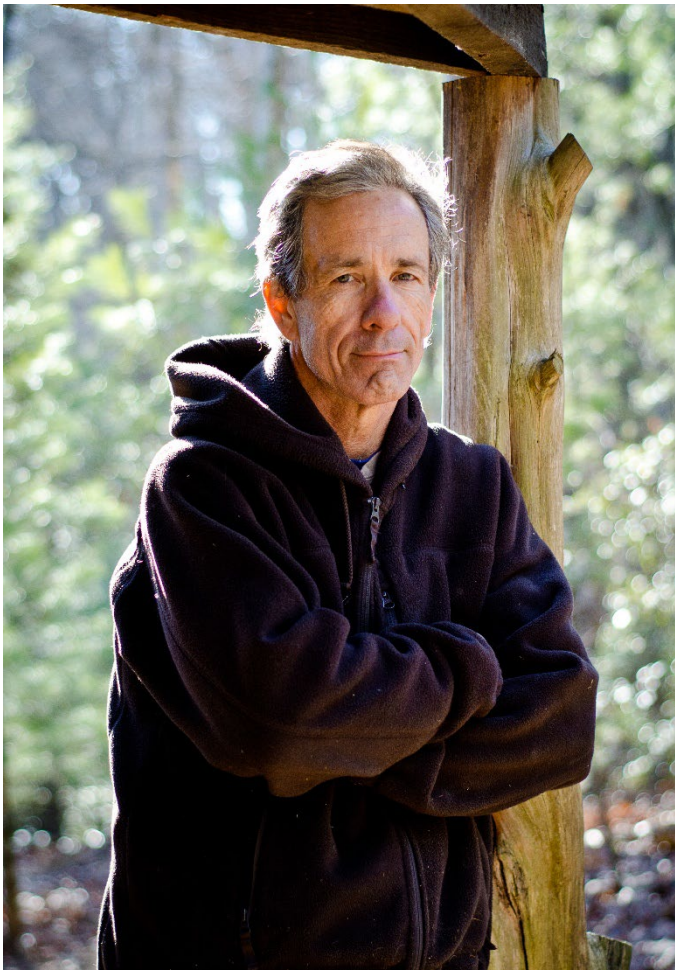


**Tuesday, October 6, 2026
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Dalton Convention Center
2211 Tony Ingle Parkway, Dalton GA 30720**

Featured Speaker: Mark Warren

Naturalist, author, and director of
Medicine Bow Wilderness School

His presentation is
The Taming of the Few: Wild Plants in Your Garden
– a lecture and slide presentation



While most gardeners expend a lot of effort in keeping “outsider” plants on their side of the fence and the “garden” plants exclusively on the other, there are a number of native or naturalized “weeds” worthy of consideration to be full-fledged members of your personal “garden club.” Come learn about the wild plants that can add diversity to your plot. The rewards include new and interesting greens (both cooked and raw), tubers to dig up or pluck off a vine, roots to be roasted for coffee, and berries

so high in vitamin C that they have been known to kill flu viruses. You can also grow your own medicines that can resolve insect stings, inflammation, poison ivy rash, chigger itch, and excessive bruising.

Checklist for the Meeting

- Register by mail by September 17 or online by September 24
- Clubs donate a basket for raffle
- Bring pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Notify laureldistrictdirector@gardenclubofgeorgia.org of club members to be honored in the memorial
- Make hotel reservations

Home2 Suites by Hilton Dalton
865 College Dr, Dalton, GA 30720
(706) 226-9500

\$169 USD plus taxes for Monday, October 5.
Reservations must be made by Saturday, September 5.

Make Reservations [Here](#)



Laurel District asks that every club donate a raffle basket with a theme of your choosing. Please attach this information to the basket:

- **Club Name and City**
- **Basket Theme**
- **Basket Items and Values**
- **Total Basket Value**

If your club is unable to donate a raffle basket, please mail a check to Laurel District for \$50 for small clubs, \$100 for medium clubs and \$150 for large clubs to:

Claudia Bell
3759 Bear Den Creek Drive
Buford, GA, 30519



Does your club have someone we may honor in our memorial service for club members who have passed since our last annual meeting in 2025? invitationEmail Merrell at laureldistrictdirector@gardenclubofgeorgia.org by September 24 with their name, garden club with city, date of the passing, district or state offices held by this person and the mailing address of the family.

**Remember to bring your pull tabs to the meeting on
October 6, 2026 at Dalton Convention Center.**

Thanks so much!

Virginia Hunter, Pull-a-Tab for Ronald McDonald

**Register Online by September 24th for
Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting 2026**

at [Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting 2026 Tickets, Tuesday,
October 6 • 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)
for **\$59.06**

or complete, print and mail this form by September 17th

with check to Laurel District for **\$50** to:

Edna McClellan, 180 Pacer Ct., Unit 9044, Ellijay, GA 30540

Confirmation will be emailed to you.

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

GARDEN CLUB AND CITY:

DISTRICT:

Please indicate all that apply to you:

- ☐ National Garden Clubs Board Member
- ☐ Deep South Board Member
- ☐ Garden Club of Georgia Board Member
- ☐ Laurel District Board Member
- ☐ Garden Club President
- ☐ Garden Club Member
- ☐ Garden Club Voting Delegate
- ☐ New Garden Club Member 2025
- ☐ First Time Attendee at District Meeting
- ☐ National Garden Clubs Life Member
- ☐ Deep South Life Member
- ☐ Garden Club of Georgia Life Member
- ☐ Emeritus
- ☐ Subscribing Garden Club Member
- ☐ Guest