

**Hills and Dales Estate
Seminars and Meet & Greet Event
Friday, October 1
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



**Jo Phillips
(Signature Plants &
Garden Tours)**

Jo Phillips is the Horticulture Manager at Hills & Dales Estate, the historic home of the Fuller E. Callaway Family. She has been employed at the estate since 1994 when she was hired as a horticulturist by Mrs. Alice Callaway, and was promoted to her current position in 2007. She had the privilege of working with Mrs. Callaway for four years until Alice's death in 1998, after which work began on the project of opening the home and garden to the public-- which became official in October 2004. Jo earned a BSA degree in Horticulture from the University of Georgia in 1980. Her work experience prior to Hills & Dales includes Callaway Gardens as well as retail garden center management, which is where she met Alice. She attributes her love of plants and gardening to growing up on a small farm inhabited with generations of "green thumbs."



**Helen Phillips
(Herb Gardening)**

Helen has a degree in elementary Education and a Masters of Agriculture, Auburn University. Helen is an Instructor in Horticulture at Columbus Technical College and National Herb Society of America and is a certified professional in Georgia Soil and Erosion Control. She is a member of the Southeast Horticulture Society and Herb Society of America. specializes in landscape design, plant selection, and garden art at the Garden Solutions Nursery in LaGrange, Georgia.



**Kenny Manis
(Hybridizing and
Growing Daylilies)**

Kenny began gardening at an early age, helping his mother with her flower and vegetable gardens on their Tennessee valley family farm. He later graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a degree in Chemical Engineering, moving to Georgia to work as an engineer for Milliken & Company 14 years ago.

Manis completed his Georgia Master Gardener education and certification in 2005. He is a masterful practitioner whose in-depth study of plants is evident. An expert in growing and hybridizing registered daylilies, Kenny Manis' daylilies have won a myriad of American Hemerocallis Society best in show awards. He currently has 512 registered daylilies, as well as many Iris, Camellias, Orchids, and African Violets. He is a member of the American Hemerocallis Society, past president of the Troup Master Gardener Association, and the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society. He has become a sought after teacher of Master Gardener classes.