



Arkansas Audubon Society Spring Convention

May 3-5, 2019

Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Petit Jean Mountain

Sponsored by:



Special Guest Speaker **Benjamin Vogt**

Native plant garden designer and
author of *A New Garden Ethic*

Saturday, May 4 Presentations

2 p.m. - Sustainable Design for Garden and Home
Plants aren't just pretty decoration -- they can be thoughtfully used for a myriad of benefits. From cooling our homes to preventing runoff into storm drains, from cleaning the air and amending soil naturally, plants are useful to us. We'll explore how native plants can help us create a healthy environment for our families and wildlife, while learning how to emulate natural processes for less work in garden management and care.

6:30 p.m. - A New Garden Ethic

In a time of climate change and mass extinction, how and for whom we garden matters more than ever. This impassioned and provocative talk asks: How can we recognize and develop empathy for other species? What role do native plants have in opening us to the perspectives of others? What benefits happen to our society when we advocate for the equality and freedom of a silent majority -- pollinators, birds, spiders, and more? Through ecology, psychology, garden design, and philosophy, we'll explore the rich complexity of rethinking pretty in urban and suburban landscapes.

