

# Cari Ledford Misseri

Gardening Blogger & Plant Nursery Supervisor

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace, Athens, GA— Nursery Associate & Shade House Supervisor** *Jan.2019 - Present*

Primary duties include maintaining the condition of all perennials, annuals, and edibles in the Shade House-including watering, fertilizing, pest control, & pruning. Responsible for the appearance and condition of the shade house, while assisting customers with all requests, plant information, & gardening needs.

### [georgiagalgardens.com](http://georgiagalgardens.com), Athens, GA — **Administrator, Writer, Photographer, and Editor** *2013 - Present*

This backyard, organic gardening blog I created runs on Wordpress. I will provide details about this website, on the following Projects page.

### **Sign\*A\*Rama, Athens, GA — Co-Owner, Customer Account Specialist, Bookkeeper & Office Manager** *2005 - 2011*

Sold and produced interior and exterior signs, and promotional marketing items. Responsible for accounting & payroll, marketing, managing staff, & scheduling of jobs and office related duties.

### **The UPS Store, Athens & Atlanta, GA — Document Production, Customer Service & Shipping** *1999 - 2005*

## EDUCATION

### **The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia**

#### ***Bachelor of Arts - English (2014)***

I returned to UGA in 2013, to complete my degree in English Literature. I graduated in December 2014, and found this to be the most rewarding learning experience of my life.

### **Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia**

#### ***Associate of Arts (1997)***

After YHC, I attended UGA. A temporary break from UGA became 15 years. During that time, I became a franchise business owner, and pursued my writing career.

## SKILLS

Customer Service  
Organic Gardening & Appalachian Folk Culture  
Nursery Sales & Management  
Research/Writing  
Wordpress Publishing  
Document Review/Editing  
Web Content Creation & Management  
MS Office & QuickBooks  
Data Entry 65 wpm  
Organization & Scheduling  
Office Management  
Confidentiality  
Time Management

## AWARDS

Dean's List at the University of Georgia- GPA of 3.85 or above, 2014.

The Optimist Club Essay Contest First Place

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Spanish- Hablo Español  
Real Estate Valuation

## **Writing & Nature Projects**

### **Georgia Gal Gardens— [georgiagalgardens.com](http://georgiagalgardens.com)**

**I created this website in 2013. I love taking photos of plants & nature. Because I am also a writer, I wanted to meld the two together into a blog. I share my love of nature, native plants, and organic gardening.**

After returning to finish my English degree in 2013, I created pages on my blog to showcase some of my analytical essays and writing. I completed several nature themed writing portfolios while at UGA. They are currently published on my blog, but I have plans to create another site for my essays & other writings.

### **Biking & Hiking trails of the Southeast**

I am continuing a writing/adventure project I started on my existing gardening blog. The new website I am creating focuses on biking & hiking trails in Georgia State Parks, and other important natural environments in the Southeastern region. Learning new skills quickly, and writing in different genres are two of my major strengths.

### **More about who I am ...**

I am honest, dependable, and dedicated to my work. I excel at customer service, organization, time & office management, and administrative tasks. I work well independently, or with others in either a supervisory or assistant role.

I love reading, writing, gardening, video games, cooking and baking, traveling, hiking & biking, & nature. I grew up mostly in the Appalachian mountains of western North Carolina, but have lived in Georgia, Florida, and Ohio. I am passionate about this community, having lived in the Athens area for over 15 years. I am motivated, dedicated, eager to learn new things, and I have a great attitude.