

Cari Ledford Misseri

Gardening Blogger &
Assistant Children's Garden Curator

Athens, Georgia
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EXPERIENCE

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia,

**Alice H. Richard's Children's Garden, Athens, GA—
Assistant Garden Curator.** August 2019–Present

Gardening duties include weeding, raking, mulching, planting & planning, fertilizing, harvesting, pest management, pond maintenance, & maintaining appearance of landscape and playground areas.

Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace, Athens, GA— Nursery

Associate & Shade House Supervisor January 2019 - April 2020

Maintaining the condition of all perennials, annuals, and edibles in the Shade House-watering, fertilizing, pest control, & pruning. Maintaining appearance of the shade house, assisting customers requests, plant information, & gardening needs.

georgiagalgardens.com, Athens, GA **Writer, Photographer,
Administrator and Editor** January 2013 - Present

This backyard, organic gardening blog I created is built using Wordpress. I provide details on the following Projects page.

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

Sold and produced signs, and promotional marketing items. Handled customers, accounting & payroll, marketing, managing & scheduling.

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

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
Customer Service
Office Management
Confidentiality
Time Management

AWARDS

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

**Espoma Diploma- use of
Organic Fertilizers Certified**

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Spanish- Hablo Español
Real Estate Valuation

Writing & Nature Projects

Georgia Gal Gardens— 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.

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. Learning new skills quickly, and writing in different genres are two of my major strengths.

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 also 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.