

Gardening Blogger, Organic Gardener, & Freelance Writer

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EXPERIENCE

Georgia Gal Gardens, GeorgiaGalGardens.com, Writer, Photographer, Administrator and Editor *January 2013 - Present.* This backyard, organic gardening blog I created is built using Wordpress. I focus on native Georgia plants, and edible organic gardening.

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Alice H. Richards Children's Garden, Athens, GA— Assistant to Garden Curator. *August 2019–December 2020*
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.

Sign*A*Rama, Athens, GA — Co-Owner, Customer Account Specialist, Bookkeeper & Office Manager *2005 - 2011*
Sold and produced signs, and created written promotional marketing materials. 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 one of the most rewarding learning experiences 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

Research and Writing
Wordpress Publishing
Document Review/Editing
Web Content Creation & Management
AP Style & MLA Style
Nature Photography
MS Office & QuickBooks
Data Entry 65 wpm
Organization, Scheduling, & Communication
Organic Gardening & Appalachian Folk Culture
Nursery Sales & Management
Customer Service
Office Management

AWARDS

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

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Spanish- Hablo Español

Espoma Diploma- use of Organic Fertilizers Certified

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 and this state, having lived in the Athens area for over 15 years, and in Georgia for almost 30 years. I am motivated, dedicated, eager to learn new things, and I have a great attitude.