



10 - 2 Local Artisans and Vendors Market

10:30 - 11:10 **The All Important Honey Bee** Glenn Henderson
Glenn Henderson, President of the Mountain Bee Keepers Association will discuss the importance of the Honey Bee to our food supply. He will also tell the audience about considerations one should explore before beginning a small apiary.

11:15 - 11:55 **Save Georgia's Hemlocks** Donna Shearer
Donna Shearer of Save Georgia's Hemlocks will discuss how we can protect our Eastern Hemlock Trees from the Woolly Adelgid. Many of our native Hemlocks have died due to this insect and there are many organizations working feverishly trying to prevent their demise. Saving Georgia's Hemlocks is one organization with the expertise to help protect our Hemlock Trees.

12:00 - 1:10 **Wildflower Walk** Mickey Cummings
Mickey Cummings authored a UGA Publication on the identification of wildflowers called Native Plants of North Georgia. The retired County Agent from Union County will lead a walk through the Sosbee Cove Wildflower Area while stopping to discuss means of identification of various wildflowers found along the trail.

1:15 - 2:00 **Georgia Firewise** Frank Riley
Frank Riley is the Executive Director of the Chattahoochee/Chestatee Resource Conservation District. Frank is also the national guru of the heralded FIREWISE Program. This effort is nationally recognized as a means of protecting homes from wildfire. After implementation of this program Towns County experienced a 60% decrease in the incidence of wildfires. Frank has been called upon by states as far away as Virginia to help set up FIREWISE Programs in those states. He will be discussing how you can protect your home from wildfires.