

## Marie Butler



Marie Mims Butler has a degree in landscape horticulture from North Carolina State University (THE University in North Carolina). She taught horticulture at the NC School for the Blind, designed landscapes in Virginia Beach, studied and taught ikebana in Asia, participated in the Master Gardener Program for 24 years, and was deemed worthy to be the tigers' personal gardener at the Virginia Zoological Park. Now she has the enviable position of Landscape Coordinator at the

Zoo. She's paid to shop for plants!

Named "Horticulturist of the Year" by the Hampton Roads Nursery and Landscape Association, Marie has presented programs for the Virginia Flower and Garden Show, the Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Short Course for professional horticulturists, the Landscape Design School for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, The Herbal Forum at Round Top, Texas, and training sessions for more than 8 counties of Master Gardeners. She is a member of the Association of Zoological Horticulture, the American Horticultural Society, the Royal Horticultural Society, and the Garden Writers Association.

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