

Mercer Botanic Gardens and the Heartwood Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Organization invite you to attend:

## Mercer Botanic Gardens'

## **Student Research & Education Symposium**

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:30 p.m. Networking (refreshments provided) 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Presentations

Visitor Center at Mercer Botanic Gardens 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd., Humble, TX 77338 713-274-4160

## No RSVP is necessary to attend. All are welcome!

Mercer Botanic Gardens partners with colleges, universities, and high schools to find motivated students who wish to conduct botanic research and explore natural mosquito abatement methods at our facilities. This year, Mercer is proud to showcase the work of student partners acquired through Harris County Precinct 4's Intern Program, the Lone Star College Kingwood Biology Honors Program, and the Shell Nonprofit Internship Grant Program. Students and interns will present projects featuring education and interpretation of Mercer's globally diverse botanical collections; research and documentation of the Spring Branch Science Center Herbarium collection of more than 50,000 plant specimens and over 2,300 botanical illustrations; propagation work for Mercer's rare native plant conservation program and greenhouse collections; restoration of the Harris County Precinct 4 Prairie Dawn Preserve; and mosquito abatement research.

Mercer's "Herbarium Research: Preserving the Past for the Future" internship is generously provided through funding from the Shell Nonprofit Internship Program, managed by Volunteer Houston, to The Mercer Society.

The symposium will also be presented during Mercer's Lunch Bunch program on Wednesday, August 9, from noon to 2 p.m. Please bring a lunch to enjoy during this presentation.



