

**Bryce Lane's Bio**

Bryce Lane discovered his passion for plants, and gardening while working at a small Massachusetts garden center through high school and college. After earning his BS and MS in Horticulture, he came to the Department of Horticultural Science at NC State University as an Instructor and Undergraduate Coordinator. He spent 34 years teaching and advising over 20,000 students. Bryce retired in 2014, but still teaches part-time in the department. For 11 seasons he hosted and produced a three-time, Emmy winning, UNC TV public television show called "In the Garden with Bryce Lane".

He now spends his time teaching part-time at NC State, and at the JC Raulston Arboretum, giving horticulture talks, doing leadership, and communication training. He has also worked for the past 5 years helping to train Extension professionals in video production.

An avid gardener, Bryce has gardened on the same one quarter acre plot for 38 years. He and his wife of 44 years also spend plenty of time with their 6 grandchildren!

**Tony Avent's Bio**

Tony Avent is an American horticulturist and plantsman. He and his wife, Anita Avent, own Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Garden in Raleigh, NC. Tony Avent grew up with a passion for plants and nature. In 1978, he graduated from NC State University with his bachelor's degree in Horticultural Science and began working for the NC State Fairgrounds as a Landscape Director.

In addition, he worked as a volunteer curator of the Shade Garden at JC Raulston Arboretum from 1985 to 1994. He also worked as a weekly garden columnist for Raleigh's News & Observer newspaper from 1987 to 1998. He established Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens in 1988.

In 1994, Tony designated all his time to running the nursery. Tony is a plant breeder best known for his Hosta breeding program, but actively breeds other genera as well. In addition, Tony travels the world on plant hunting expeditions to search for new, rare, and unusual plants. He is an avid plant collector with a large collection of rare, variegated Agave. He is a prolific writer as well, having authored a book and dozens of newspaper articles, magazine articles, and web articles. He is currently contributing editor to Fine Gardening Magazine. Further, Tony travels the country, having given over 800 lectures on gardening topics, not to mention the lectures he each year held at Plant Delights Nursery.

Tony Avent's Complete Bio can be found by visiting: <https://www.plantdelights.com/pages/tony-avent>