

Bio

Over his career, Dr. Allan M. Armitage has been presented with most of the state and national awards for research, teaching and service in academic and industry circles. He has written 16 books, including the internationally renowned *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*, now in its fourth edition, and bestsellers about the cut flower industry (*Specialty Cut Flowers*, *The Field Guide to Specialty Cut Flowers*). His other books cover stories about plant nomenclature (*Of Naked Ladies and Forget-Me-Nots*) and horticultural history (*Legends in the Garden*, *Who in the World is Nellie Stevens*).

His research led to the establishment of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers (ASCFG), now in its 35th year, and to the introduction of many popular garden plants including the first sun-tolerant coleus (Sunlover series), 'Margarita' sweet potato and Verbena 'Homestead Purple'. His garden app (Armitage's Great Garden Plants) is used by professionals and gardeners alike.

He is an inspirational speaker, an accomplished educator horticulturist, and a wonderful storyteller. He still offers two classes online but also experiments with other means of sharing. His podcast (*Stories from the Garden*) and his monthly blog featuring a favorite plant, a garden, a book, a streaming show and a place to visit (*My Favorite Things*) have attracted countless followers. Who knew, but he gets the most feedback on the books he recommends.

Dr. A has accomplished many things, but he has not quite figured out this retirement thing. Although he stepped down from his academic duties at the University of Georgia many years ago, he continues to be as busy as ever, with no plans to slow down. You can even follow him on his many random walkabouts on Facebook and Instagram Live, many from his own garden.

Wait, wait, there's more! Dr A is not a dull boy. He continues to actively compete in tennis at the highest levels, and finds time for hobbies such as his garden, reading obscure books, and even playing guitar.

You can catch up with all of Dr. A's activities on his website (www.allanarmitage.net).