REMEMBER

Daniel and Catherine Bland met in 1916 at the First District Agricultural and 
Mechanical School, now Georgia Southern University. 
Their lives tell the story of rural farm life on the 
southeastern coastal plain.

Mr. Dan and Miss Catherine worked hard to 
coax a living out of the sandy coastal plain soil. They 
ranged a small dairy, raised livestock, and grew pecans, pears, 
and row crops, winning accolades as a model farm from 
Georgia Magazine.

Mr. Dan was a self-taught 
naturalist with a keen interest in the 
plants and animals from this region. He 
planted these natives in his 
garden, along with camellias and 
other old-fashioned favorites that 
have blossomed into our Southern heritage.

EXPERIENCE

The Garden’s 11 acres feature natural and historical attractions 
unique to the southeastern coastal plain.

Follow the Garden’s woodland trails to discover this special habitat and how 
humans have adapted to it. Explore a variety of gardens that celebrate the botanical 
heritage, diversity, and beauty of the region.

The Rural Life Exhibit, in Mr. Dan’s restored milk 
barn, features an exhibit of farm life in the 1920s and 
30s. Enjoy displays about cotton, vegetable and tobacco 
farming, turpentine, and other intriguing aspects of 
coastal plain life.

Oak Grove School, a fully 
restored one room school, is open 
for festivals and prearranged tours. Sit in a heart pine desk and learn about the region the way children did 
at the turn of the 20th century.

LEARN

The Garden offers a variety of tours and 
educational opportunities for learners of 
all ages. Programs and tours can be 
focused on any of the interests, 
including natural history, cultural history, the Oak Grove One Room School and 
various aspects of gardening and environmental stewardship.

For more information contact the Garden’s Education Coordinator at 912.871.1503.

For Facility Rental information: georgiasouthern.edu/garden