Treadwell Rice Crown III grew up in his Grandmother Fletcher's home and gardens. After obtaining a BS in Plant and Soil Science he came home to Madison, Georgia to manage the wholesale nursery of Jane Symme's Cedar Lane Farm. The garden he and his husband have created over the last 40 years has both served as a base for their gardening business and as inspiration for 13 years of Rick's newspaper columns, garden talks, magazine articles, and an HGTV episode. It is also the domain of the State Champion Leyland Cypress, making Rick the only living record holder who planted a champion tree.