UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10:
Plant Pre-Sale Order Deadline
Catalogs at www.nativeplantcenter.org
Plant pickup begins on April 20
Open to the general public, NPC members receive Pre-Sale order discount
Join as a Member, form on last page of newsletter

MARCH 15: Franklin, Gavaris, Schneider
Annual Spring Landscape Conference
Turning Gray to Green: Developing Urban Natural Spaces and Native Plant Gardens - 5 PDHs (SNOW DATE MARCH 19)

MARCH 26: Jay Archer
The Living Landscape

APRIL 10: David Mizejewski & Curtis Fisher
Spend a Morning with the National Wildlife Federation

APRIL 16: Carolyn Summers
Designing Your Garden with Northeastern Flora: A Personal View

APRIL 24: Wildflower & Native Plant Sale
Open to the Public - Free Admission
10 a.m. - 12 noon (Join as a Member)
9:30 a.m. - Early entry for NPC members

MAY 3 - 6: (Brochure on the website)
Annual Garden Tour – Washington, DC

MAY 22:
Field Trip - Members Free
Fee Applicable for Non-NPC Members
Angle Fly Preserve ~ Somers, New York
Read article on page 3 for further details

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ANNUAL SPRING LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE
Turning Gray to Green: Developing Urban Natural Spaces & Native Plant Gardens

On Monday, March 15 The Native Plant Center will host the Annual Spring Landscape Conference - Turning Gray to Green: Developing Urban Natural Spaces and Native Plant Gardens.

The Landscape Conference is a full-day, all-inclusive event. Five PDHs are available from LA CES for landscape architects and designers. Speakers include:
Carol Franklin of Andropogon Associates,
Amy Gavaris of the New York Restoration Project, and Gretchen Schneider of Schneider Studios in Boston, MA.

Further details and registration form are included in this newsletter's insert. A Conference brochure is on the web at www.nativeplantcenter.org. Join as an NPC member for a discount and help support future programming.

Membership info on last page of newsletter.

11th ANNUAL WILDFLOWER & NATIVE PLANT SALE

The NPC will host its annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 24. For those of you who are new to The Center’s Plant Sale, quite simply, it is held in two parts, Pre-Sale and Regular Sale. All plants will be ready for pickup during Sale Week in April.

Initially, the Plant Pre-Sale is held in January. Visit The NPC website at www.nativeplantcenter.org to view a complete photo catalog of plants, and print an order form. If you do not have access to the internet at home, visit your local library, and use theirs. The plant photos are spectacular and will make your selection process much easier. However, if you prefer to have a copy e-mailed or mailed, phone Beth Roach at (914) 606-7876.

Pre-Sale order deadline is February 10. Pre-Sale plants are available for scheduled pickup beginning April 20-24.

Secondly, the Regular Plant Sale is held on Saturday, April 24. The Chairperson for both sales is Carolyn Summers. She has spent countless hours over the past few years making The NPC Plant Sale a one-of-a-kind opportunity to purchase, otherwise hard-to-find, native plants. Carolyn’s expertise has led her to write a book, Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East, due for release in April. Carolyn will be speaking on this topic on April 16.

A full description and registration form for this and other "how-to* native gardening lectures leading up to the 2010 Plant Sale are in this newsletter’s insert.

NPC members help support future programming and enjoy many perks, including a discount on Pre-Sale orders and lectures. Membership form available on the last page of this newsletter.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP AND CAPTURE THE CAPITAL - MAY 3 TO 6
Join us on an exciting springtime botanical foray led by Darrin Duling, The NPC’s director. Darrin is a professional landscape designer and botanist. Garden lovers won’t want to miss out on this unique experience! Brochure available on the web at www.nativeplantcenter.org, or phone (914) 606-7715 if you’re interested in coming!

55 VARIETIES OF NATIVE PLANTS
LARGEST SELECTION OF NATIVE PLANTS IN THE TRI-STATE AREA
GET YOUR FREE COPY OF THE 2010 PLANT PRE-SALE LIST AT WWW.NATIVEPLANTCENTER.ORG OR PHONE (914) 606-7876.
PRE-SALE ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
TURN YOUR GARDEN INTO A BIRD OASIS WITH SELECTIONS FROM THE 2010 NATIVE PLANT SALE ~ PRE-SALE ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10

by Darrin Duling, Director

It’s that time of year again! The 2010 Wildflower and Native Plant Pre-Sale and Sale will be chock-full of attractive and useful plants that will be a fantastic addition to your gardens and landscape. From small spring ephemerals to summer meadow flowers and sturdy trees and shrubs, there will be something for everyone. Beginning in mid-January through February 10, the Pre-Sale will offer the opportunity to order plants in advance for pickup beginning April 20 - 24. Last year’s Pre-Sale was our best ever, and we think that this year’s will be even better. Take advantage of this great opportunity to beautify and enhance your environment by planting natives. The Regular Plant Sale will be held at Westchester Community College’s Valhalla Campus on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Each of the plants in this year’s sale holds particular value as a food and/or habitat provider for various forms of wildlife. The 2010 Pre-Sale list has quite a few selections that are especially attractive to birds as sources of nectar, fruit, seed, nesting material and shelter. Here are suggestions for some that you may want to try:

Everyone’s favorite feathered-jewel, the hummingbird, solely feeds on nectar. Starting in April the pendent, coral-red, flowers of wild columbine (Aquilegia canadensis) are an irresistible magnet to these little creatures. This charming plant will also readily seed itself in odd corners of your landscape. A bit later in the spring season, cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis) produces blazing red spikes of flowers that tend to stop people dead in their tracks. It is especially useful in moist areas. Around the same time, spotted bee balm (Monarda punctata) forms curious layered inflorescences of lavender bracts interspersed with yellow flowers dotted with purple. As summer draws out, bold spikes of dense blazing star (Liatris spicata) are exclamation points in borders and meadows, and the intense flowers of blue vervain (Verbena hastata) spin out the flowering season right into autumn. In addition to feeding the hummingbirds, these plants provide a seed source for many other bird species.

Fruit-producing plants in our list include woody and herbaceous specimens: Solomon’s plume (Smilacina racemosa), a woodland perennial, follows its foamy clusters of cream-colored flowers with pale red berries spotted with purple. We may have to outrun the birds in early summer to taste the delicious berries of thicket-forming lowbush blueberry (Vaccinium angustifolium) whose leaves turn bright red in autumn. When the foliage of Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) turns blazing scarlet in the fall, it is a signal to migrating birds that its clusters of small blue fruit are ripe and ready. Lastly, and perhaps most excitingly, this year we are able to offer purple-leaved common chokecherry (Prunus virginiana ‘Schubert’s Red’) a spectacular small tree with rich burgundy-colored foliage, and large quantities of small fruit. It is a great accent plant for the landscape.

Copious amounts of seed are on the bird-buffet from these selections: thin leaved sunflower (Helianthus decapetalus) a perennial relative of our native sunflower. A newly-discovered selection of largeflower tickseed, Coreopsis grandiflora ‘Presto’, will produce abundant amounts of flowers on a compact plant that is perfect for containers, as a groundcover or in the front of the border. Tall meadow rue (Thalictrum pubescens) has bold, fern-like foliage and is topped by clouds of white flowers in May. A pair of native grasses, purple muhly (Muhlenbergia capillaris) and pumpkin grass (Sporobolus heterolepis) provide material for nesting, as well as seed.

View Pre-Sale Catalog at www.nativeplantcenter.org, and place your order today.
**SPRING FIELD TRIP**

Get Back to Nature  
Visit the Recently Opened  
Angle Fly Preserve

Free to NPC Members  
Non-NPC Members $10

Take advantage of a private guided tour of Angle Fly Preserve in Somers, New York, a 654-acre sanctuary holding the last natural brook-trout spawning stream in Westchester County. We will walk along trails through a mosaic of forest, field and wetland habitat. Our guides will be naturalists Bob MacGregor, director of operations for Somers Land Trust and his wife, Pat, who is chairperson for the Reynolds Pond Habitat Restoration at the Preserve.

**NATIVE NOTES**

Darrin Duling

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**Visitors enjoying the gardens of Judy & Michael Steinhardts’ estate.**

In September, 125 garden-lovers attended our private tour of three very special properties: Cantitoe Corners, Martha Stewart’s farm, transported us into a world of lush, organically-maintained gardens set within a picturesque landscape. Everyone was busy taking notes as there was so much to take in! Our group enjoyed a delicious lunch, catered by TABLE, in the lovely gardens of Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts. We also went on “safari” at Judy & Michael Steinhardt’s estate, where we encountered fantasy gardens and a private menagerie showcasing rare and exotic plants and animals from all over the world. At the end of the day, everyone was buzzing with excitement from all of the amazing things seen. I would once again like to extend our thanks to our hosts for their generous hospitality and to our attendees, who made it so much fun!

— For those of you who love to explore world-class gardens with a group of keen plant-people, join the trip to Washington, DC.

Our second Acorn Award was presented in October to Gregory Long, president of The New York Botanical Garden, at a reception in the home of Phyllis and John Warden. The evening was delightful and included early tours of the Warden’s gardens. Mr. Long said that he looked forward to increased collaborative ventures between The NPC and his Garden. Guests enjoyed chatting with Martha Stewart, last year’s Acorn Award recipient. Thanks to all who made this a memorable experience, most especially the Co-Chairs for the event: Laura Blau, Phyllis Warden and Lucille Werlinich.

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I am thrilled to report that one of The NPC’s Steering Committee members and Chair of the Native Plant Sale, Carolyn Summers, has authored a book that will be released by Rutgers University Press early this spring. Entitled: *Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East*, Carolyn offers a thoughtful and well-balanced view combining her own personal experience with exhaustive research. This book will find pride of place on our shelves. Congratulations, Carolyn, we are so proud of you! Be sure to attend Carolyn’s lecture on April 16. Register on the adjacent page today. Space is limited – you won’t want to miss it. Books available.

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2010 NPC Community Outreach visits include an appearance at the Garden Club of Yorktown, the Greenburgh Nature Center and the Rye Nature Center.
Member Donations Contribute 22% of The NPC Operating Budget - Join Today!

Help fulfill Lady Bird Johnson's vision of a more naturally beautiful America. Past contributions have enabled us to enter the new millennium with the assurance that our native plants will be a permanent part of local landscapes.

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Help support the educational programs and operations of The NPC.
Benefits include:
- 10% discount on NPC Symposia and Lectures
- Discount on Pre-Sale plant order - EARLY Entry into Regular Plant Sale in April
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- Invitation to NPC Members Only Field Trips

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$250 Advocate
Benefits include all the above plus:
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- An invitation to the Director's Tour of our Demonstration Gardens

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Assume a leadership role in The Native Plant Center
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Educating people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants in the Northeast.
The Native Plant Center’s 2010 Spring Lecture Series
Need Professional Development Hours?
We’re Offering 12 PDHs From LA CES This Spring!

The Living Landscape: Broadening Your Horizons
Jay Archer
Friday, March 26 at WCC 10 - 12 noon

Environmentalist and landscape designer Jay Archer will explore ways in which we can move on from traditional landscape practices to eliminate potentially harmful pesticides, reduce lawn areas and introduce native plants to attract birds, butterflies and beneficial insects. He will also discuss the dynamics of water in the landscape environment and give firsthand tips on how to build a safe and comfortable outdoor space that conserves and protects our precious natural resources. PDHs - 2

Designing Your Garden with Northeastern Flora: A Personal View
Carolyn Summers
Friday, April 16 at WCC 10 - 12 noon

Author and landscape designer Carolyn Summers will present an informative review of current research that reveals the many ways in which indigenous (native) plants form the basis of the food web and support a healthy landscape. She will then offer a selection of striking design alternatives using native plants in place of more commonly used exotics in a variety of traditional styles. Copies of Carolyn’s newly released book, Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East, will be on sale at the lecture. PDHs - 2

Spring Landscape Conference
Turning Gray to Green: Developing Urban Natural Spaces and Native Plant Gardens
Monday, March 15 at WCC 8:30 - 4 p.m. (Snow Date - Friday, March 19)

Relentless urban sprawl is stimulating an increasingly critical need for the preservation, restoration and creation of natural spaces and gardens within our towns and cities. Grassroots organizations often spearhead the initiative on projects that fulfill this need. Our presenters, representing the Big Three cities of the Northeast, will offer their insights into the particular challenges, pitfalls and tremendous rewards that are associated with this type of development. Brochure available online. PDHs - 5

Topics and Speakers:
Working from the Ground Up: Stories from a Grass Roots Organization
Gretchen Schneider, AIA, Boston Natural Areas Network
Greening New York City One Block at a Time: Challenges, Opportunities and Progress
Amy Gavaris, vice-president, New York Restoration Project
Making a Pot from the Shards: What it Really Takes to Restore Native Plant Communities and Habitats
Carol Franklin, ASLA, Andropogon Associates

Saturday Seminar
Spend a Morning with the National Wildlife Federation
David Mizejewski Curtis Fisher
Saturday, April 10 at WCC 10 - 1 p.m.

Join representatives from the National Wildlife Federation for a fun and informative morning. NWF Media Spokesperson and Naturalist, David Mizejewski, will present: Designing a Wildlife Garden for the Home Landscape, in which he will show you how to create a beautiful nature-friendly landscape that is an integral part of your daily life. Next, Curtis Fisher’s lecture: Safeguarding the Northeast’s Wildlife, Natural Resources and Communities in a Warming Climate, outlines how NWF’s Northeast Regional Center is working on regional, state and local strategies to make ecosystems more resilient to climate change, and adopt policies that protect wildlife and people in our area. The National Wildlife Federation will also staff an information table to answer questions and distribute educational publications. PDHs - 3
**Native Plant Center Speaker Bios**

Jay Archer is a product of the New York Botanical Garden School of Professional Horticulture. He has studied at Rutgers University Center for Urban Ecology and has worked as an interpretative naturalist for The Nature Conservancy and Audubon. Jay has lectured extensively on stormwater management, wetland restoration and ecological landscape design and management. Jay is also an instructor at NYBG and an erosion and sediment control professional.

Curtis Fisher is the regional executive director for NWF’s Northeast Regional Center. He oversees programs that connect families to nature, promote global warming solutions, and protect wildlife, natural resources and communities from the impacts of global warming. He serves on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Northeast Landscape Conservation Cooperative Steering Committee and is co-chair of the NY Climate Action Council’s subcommittee on climate adaptation.

David Mizejewski is a naturalist, author, blogger and media personality with National Wildlife Federation. He holds a degree in Human and Natural Ecology from Emory University and is an expert on wildlife, our environment and green lifestyles. David is dedicated to helping others understand the wonders of the natural world and how to live sustainably. He regularly appears on a variety of national television networks.

Carolyn Summers is an adjunct professor for Continuing Education at Westchester Community College and a technical assistant to The Native Plant Center. She holds a Landscape Architecture degree from City College of New York and works with government and non-government organizations on environmental/landscape projects. Carolyn maintains native plant demonstration gardens that she has created on her two family properties. Her first book hits the shelves in April.

**Turning Gray to Green - Conference Speaker Profiles**

Carol Franklin is a founding principal of Andropogon Associates, Ltd., a firm widely renowned as a leader in exploring sustainable landscape initiatives. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and her range of project work includes prominent municipal parks, historic sites and public gardens. Carol is a nationally recognized expert in sustainable design and has given lectures and keynote addresses throughout the world.

Amy Gavaris is executive vice president of the New York Restoration Project which is dedicated to reclaiming and restoring New York City parks, community gardens and open space. Amy has managed NYRP’s programmatic, planning and design initiatives, open space redevelopment and major capital projects. In addition, Amy is overseeing several special restoration projects in post-Katrina New Orleans.

Gretchen Schneider is an architect, educator, writer, and community gardener. She is principal of Schneider Studio, a multidisciplinary design practice that works with individuals and organizations to understand, celebrate, and improve their neighborhoods. Schneider is a registered architect in Massachusetts and Associate Editor of ArchitectureBoston, and will be speaking on behalf of the Boston Natural Areas Network.

**Native Plant Center 2010 Registration Form**

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Field Trip to Angle Fly Preserve 
NPC members - Free $ N/A 
Member Registration Required (### of members) 

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