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**Join Us on Free Field Walks**

Join The Native Plant Center on field walks this fall to learn about native plants on location at these partnering organizations. No pre-registration is necessary. Rain cancels the event.

**WALK**: Native Wildflower Meadow at Greenburgh Nature Center  
**WHEN**: Monday, September 18, 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
**WHAT**: The three-year-old meadow features native perennials and grasses, an outdoor classroom, and beehives. An arbor is transformed with netting in July into a live butterfly exhibit.  
**WHERE**: Meet at the Manor House, Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale, NY.

**WALK**: Rockefeller State Park Preserve  
**WHEN**: Saturday, October 14, 9–10 a.m.  
**WHAT**: Explore the meadow and woodlands surrounding Swan Lake. Learn about native plants and invasive species and what Rockefeller Preserve is doing to promote and manage both.  
**WHERE**: Meet at the Welcome Center, Rockefeller Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville, NY. There is a $6 per vehicle parking fee.

**WALK**: John Jay Homestead  
**WHEN**: Saturday, October 21, 9–10 a.m.  
**WHAT**: Explore the gardens around the house as well as the adjacent meadow and woodlands to discover how to incorporate native species into your own back yard.  
**WHERE**: Meet in the main parking lot at the John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay Street (Route 22), Katonah, NY.

Learn about native bees such as this digger bee approaching a penstemon flower. Tim Stanley

**Bee Smart: Discover the Benefits of Pollinators**

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**Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Bees** ($40) kicks off the day with a fascinating look at bees by Tim Stanley, founder of Native Beeology, which teaches an appreciation of native pollinators.

Explore how to develop a garden that supports native pollinators in **Planting for Pollinators** ($55) with Kim Eierman, founder of EcoBeneficial!, which promotes ecological landscaping and the use of native plants.

In **Conservation of the Wild Bees of Rockefeller Preserve** ($25), Susan Antenen, manager of the preserve, tells how the preserve is assisting populations of pollinators through a special photographic project and colorful online guide. Students who register for one or more of the **Understanding Pollinators** classes are invited to a free field walk on campus to study insects up close. Learn to use a sweep net to gently catch and release pollinators and identify their favorite flowers.  

**Earn up to 4.5 LA-CES credits. To register, call 914-606-6830 and press 1.**
Getting Ready and Giving Thanks

Our Fall Issue is where we recognize our many donors who make it possible for The Native Plant Center to operate. In fact, they—you—have been generous for nearly two decades now: Next year we will celebrate our 20th anniversary!

Our supporters give in a variety of ways: unrestricted gifts, memberships, plant purchases, program and event attendance. Rosedale Nurseries, Inc., for the past eight years, has hosted a weekend benefit for us, donating a percentage of all sales on a particular Saturday and Sunday. Some people donate a portion of ticket sales to their garden tours or underwrite large expense items or ensure our future by significantly increasing our endowment. Others give in-kind such as mounds of wood chips for mulching the gardens or refreshments for events. Many give of their time, volunteering for a specific event or continually throughout the year. We are grateful to each of you for your help. We couldn’t have come this far without you.

This year we offer special thanks. In preparing for our 20th milestone, we undertook the renovation of the garden behind the Stone Cottage, our headquarters. Many people helped in creating this oasis, most especially Ken Uhle, a landscape architect who donated his talents and time in creating the design and overseeing the project. The garden looks fabulous, thanks to Ken. Come see for yourself.

One of the new elements of the garden, a steel arbor to showcase native vines, was created by artist Domenic Belli, who also kindly gave of his time. In-kind support was also received in the form of: construction specifications by a licensed planner, removal rescue (for reuse elsewhere) of plants, and wall repairs and installation of plumbing and electric by the College’s Physical Plant department. The project contractor, Manzer’s Landscape and Design, also deserves thanks for the many months and calls and meetings and patience necessary to complete the job.

The Native Plant Center received a grant of $20,200 from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust toward the creation of the garden. However, we need individuals like you to help with the remainder of the cost. We hope you will continue to champion The Native Plant Center and its future by supporting this garden with a donation. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Passing the Torch: We thank Guy Pardee for his dedication and leadership as co-chair of the Steering Committee. New co-chair Angel Morris (right) has been active in gardening and environmental initiatives in Rye and with the Garden Club of America for two decades and is a long-time Native Plant Center supporter. —Carol Capobianco

Ken Uhle has been a landscape architect for 30 years, the past 25 with the Westchester County Parks Department. He offered his professional services at no charge to The Native Plant Center to design the new Stone Cottage garden (see page 3). He has since become a member of the Steering Committee.

In envisioning the design and planting scheme, Ken was looking to create an aesthetic, cohesive landscape that worked well with the architecture of the Stone Cottage and would be transferable to home landscapes. “That is where the New American Cottage Garden concept began,” says Ken. “I thought the original garden had a great structure to it, so I really just wanted to refine some of the spaces and blend them together.”

One of his favorite elements is the water garden. “I think every garden needs a water feature. They add so much with sound and movement, but also are great for wildlife. And there are some really cool native marginal and aquatic plants we can display.”

Visitors are inspired by the design and plant selections. “I am hoping we can erase the stigma that landscaping with native plants means an unkempt garden,” says Ken. “There is such a variety of plants, that you can be as refined or wild as you want to be.”
The teaching garden behind The Native Plant Center’s headquarters has a wonderful new look. What was once a series of themed beds has been redesigned into a single, cohesive garden that can be replicated by gardeners and landscapers. The New American Cottage Garden uses native plants in familiar elements of a home garden such as a perennial bed, shrub border, and water feature. The lawn has been replaced with shrubs and groundcovers to further illustrate sustainable gardening principles.

The design for the new garden was created pro-bono for The Native Plant Center by landscape architect Ken Uhle (see page 2), who also worked closely as project manager throughout the construction and installation process. A main attraction is the renovation of the central bed to showcase natives in a formal display that appeals to gardeners with a more traditional sensibility. Among the other highlights is the widening of bluestone paths to make them all ADA accessible, the addition of extra seating, and the addition of an arbor and water garden to feature native vines and native water-loving plants.

The garden’s location at a hub of the campus provides an ideal educational opportunity to feature the ornamental and environmental benefits of native plants. The more than 800 new plants throughout the garden represent 59 species and cultivars, and include species taught in our Go Native U continuing education classes so that students can see the plants firsthand. Though finishing touches are still under way, people are already using and enjoying the space, awed by its beauty, composition, and color. The garden’s official unveiling will be during the Center’s 20th anniversary in 2018. Stay tuned for details.

Please help us in the revitalization of the garden for our 20th anniversary using the enclosed envelope.

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**New Look Invigorates Stone Cottage Garden**

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**Go Native U Fall 2017 Classes: Register Today!**

**Core Classes**

Native Perennials: Summer/Fall  
Fri., Sept. 29, 10 am–12 pm, $55.  
Barbara Fischer.

Introduction to Native Plants and Landscapes  
2 Fri., Oct. 20 & 27, 11 am–2:30 pm  
(30-minute lunch break), $130.  
Carolyn Summers.

Native Trees and Shrubs  
2 Fri., Dec 1 & 8, 11 am–1 pm, $90.  
Carolyn Summers.

**Elective Classes**

Back-to-School: Understanding Pollinators  
See cover story for description.

Native Herbals: Their History and Uses  
Thurs., Sept. 28, 6–8 pm, $55.  
Clare Pierson.

NEW! Fern Identification in the Field  
Class meets at Zofnass Westchester Wilderness Preserve parking lot.  
Sat., Sept. 30, 12–3 pm, $80.  
Tate Bushell.

Designing Native Plant Gardens  
2 Tues., Oct. 3 & 10, 7–9 pm, $90.  
Lynn Becker.

Forest and Shrubland Ecology in the Field  
Sun., Oct. 15, 1–4 pm, $80.  
Tate Bushell.

NEW! Landscape for Life  
Learn about sustainable landscaping, soil health, native plants, invasive plants, gardening for wildlife, and more.  
4 Sat., Oct. 28–Nov. 18, 10 am–12:30 pm, $195.  
Kim Eierman.

NEW! Mosses and Lichens Workshop  
Learn to identify common species and how they are used by wildlife and in gardening. Create a living field guide. Part of the class will be held outdoors.  
Fri., Nov. 17, 10 am–1 pm, $80.  
Taro Ietaka.

NEW! Easy and Amazing Native Plant Combinations  
Learn how color, form, texture, and bloom time as well as natural plant communities inform successful plant choices for year-round interest.  
Sat., Dec. 2, 10–11 am, $35.  
Michael Hagen.

Most classes offer Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA-CES) credits. Classes meet in Classroom Building Room 100 unless otherwise noted.

To register, call 914-606-6830 and press 1. A percentage of the tuition to Go Native U supports the work of The Native Plant Center.
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