



Prince William Wildflower Society
31st SPRING WILDFLOWER GARDEN TOUR
Sunday, April 30, 2017
12 noon – 5 p.m.

The Prince William Wildflower Society welcomes the general public to its annual spring garden tour, an educational event to highlight the use of native plants in the garden. In a departure from our usual homeowners' gardens, one of this year's gardens is a garden designed and maintained by the Master Gardeners of Prince William. The Teaching Garden serves as an outdoor classroom used to teach best practices for landscaping with the goal of protecting water quality. None of our featured gardens uses natives exclusively. Visit these gardens on **Sunday, April 30** any time between the hours of **noon and 5 p.m., rain or shine**. Start at any of these gardens and use your favorite online mapping program or the general directions on the reverse. Watch for small bright pink directional signs near the gardens. For further information, or additional copies of this flier, please contact Nancy Vehrs at 703-368-2898, email nvehrs1@yahoo.com, or go online at www.vnps.org/princewilliamwildflowersociety.



ARRINGTON GARDEN

8388 Briarmont Lane, Manassas 20112

In this large naturalistic garden, paths curve through shady areas where woodland phlox, wild geranium, and ferns grow along with unusual natives including merrybells, trillium, yellowroot, and goldenseal. Native groundcovers such as green and gold, crested iris, foamflower, and several varieties of creeping phlox are used throughout the garden. In addition to the native oaks, hickories, and beeches, woody plants include sweet shrub, red buckeye, fothergilla, oakleaf hydrangea, and several spring-blooming native azalea species. Pink-flowered bristly locust may

be blooming along the driveway. A small pond is landscaped with moisture-loving species. There are beehives in a former orchard that provides a play area for visiting grandchildren. Rehab space for ailing plants and beds for wildflowers grown for the PWWs plant sale are inside a fenced area. Turf grass is a low priority in this garden, and lawn areas and grassy paths contain moss, violets, and various other native and non-native species.

DAVIS GARDEN

10563 Crooked Branch Ct, Manassas, VA 20112

A large willow oak is the focus of the front yard on this typical suburban corner lot. Beds encircle the trees and shrubs and include spiderwort, dwarf crested iris, Christmas fern, wild blue phlox, green and gold, and violets. Golden ragwort and spiderwort bring spring color to a rain garden anchored by a small black gum tree on the cul-de-sac side. Inside the fence, blue star, Jacob's ladder, and summer phlox surround calycanthus shrubs, and pussytoes circle a dogwood. Canada violets bloom beneath a pin oak in the whimsical driftwood bed. A primrose garden by the house includes natives such as wild geranium, bellwort, and yellow violets. Bleeding heart blooms under azaleas surrounding the deck. A small vegetable garden grows on the southeast side of the house. Later blooming natives are planted throughout the property to ensure color and support wildlife during the growing season.



TEACHING GARDEN

Benedictine 9535 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow 20136
Monastery/Linton Hall School



Originally settled by the Linton family in the 1760s and known as "Lintonsford," the property became the home of the Benedictine Sisters in 1894. The Monastery generously supplies the water and land for the Teaching Garden, a project of the Master Gardener volunteers begun as a produce garden in the year 2000. The Native Plant Garden "broke ground" in the fall of 2003. Today it covers about 1600 square feet and is part of the much larger teaching garden that also incorporates natives in its many

themed beds. **Note: Refreshments will be served at this garden.**

Basic Directions to Gardens on Sunday, April 30, noon- 5 p.m.

Start at any garden:

Arrington Garden: From Dumfries Rd., Rt. 234 (coming south from City of Manassas or PW Pky) 0.5 miles after the traffic light at PW Pky & Brentsville Rd., turn left onto Smith Lane (before Lake Jackson Dr. and the Occoquan River), then immediate right onto Briarmont Ln. Proceed a half mile and the garden is on the left. Park on Briarmont. Transportation will be available for those who need a ride up the steep driveway.

Davis Garden: From Manassas, Take Rt. 234 Business/Dumfries Rd south. Turn right at Hastings Dr, drive .7 miles, then left onto Lucasville Rd. Drive .5 miles, turn left onto Hersh Farm Lane. Go .2 miles and garden is on the left corner at Crooked Branch Ct. (Neighborhood is on the back side of the PW Fairgrounds.)

Teaching Garden: From I-66, take the Rt. 234 bypass (exit 44), turn right onto Balls Ford Rd, continue straight across Wellington to Devlin. Turn left onto Linton Hall Rd and make a U-turn at Country Mill Dr. Follow below. From Woodbridge, take the Prince William Pky, take the Rt. 28/Nokesville Rd South exit. Go 1.9 miles and turn right at the light onto Linton Hall Rd. Proceed 1.8 miles to the Benedictine Monastery entrance on the right. Upon arrival at the entrance to the Monastery, proceed straight past Linton Hall School to the traffic circle, bear right, and exit the circle at about 10:00 onto a service road. Proceed to the parking area on the left. The Teaching Garden is located across the service road from the parking area.



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A Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

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Annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. – noon

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church grounds

8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110

(Corner of Sudley Rd and Plantation La, near the post office, TD Bank, and Pr. Wm. Hospital)

Many of the wildflowers, native trees, and shrubs you see in our gardens will be offered for sale at our Annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale, **Saturday, May 13**, 9 a.m. until noon, on the grounds of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manassas. Both sun and shade-loving native plants, shrubs, and trees will be available. Be sure to arrive early for the best selection! All plants offered for sale have been propagated by members or shared from their gardens—none have been collected from the wild. For more info about the sale or to volunteer, call Nancy Arrington, 703-368-8431, narrington1@verizon.net or Nancy Vehrs, 703-368-2898, nvehrs1@yahoo.com.