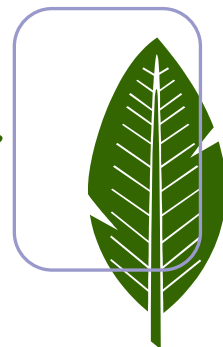
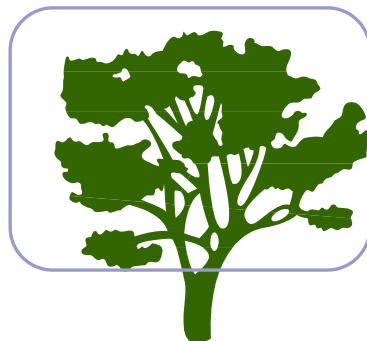
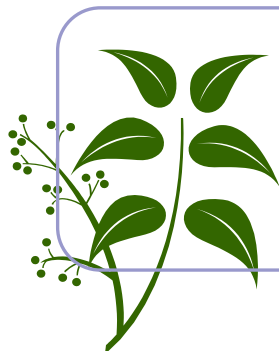


NATIVE PLANT FEST OF THE ALLEGHENIES

DATE: MAY 22, 2010 TIME: 10:00–4:00

Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center



Come to the **Native Plant Fest of the Alleghenies** to learn how native plants can augment your garden, enhance wildlife habitat, and provide a sense of place! Local and regional nurseries will sell a wide variety of showy native perennials, shrubs and trees. A workshop will be offered along with a special keynote presentation from **Douglas Tallamy**, entomologist, and author of *Bringing Nature Home*. Dr. Tallamy's presentation will focus on the vital role of native plants in the ecosystems that sustain us. Contact Natural Biodiversity at 814-509-6036 for more information or to register.

Schedule of Events

- 10 am - 4pm Native Plant Sale FREE and Open to the Public
- 11 am Children's program begins
- 11 am WORKSHOP: Part I: *Gardening with Natives: How To's, Which One's and Why For's* / Part II: *Battling Botanical Bullies with Native Plants* (\$5; Free for JAHA and Natural Biodiversity Members)
- 1:30pm **Douglas Tallamy's** Presentation followed by a book sale and signing (\$5; Free for JAHA and Natural Biodiversity Members)



This event is part of the UN World Environment Day Pittsburgh 2010 Celebrations and Outdoor Heritage in the Alleghenies.

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WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Douglas Tallamy—1:30 pm

Because our gardens are part of the terrestrial ecosystems that sustain humans and the life around us, we must keep them in working order. Tallamy will discuss the important ecological roles of the plants in our landscapes, emphasize the benefits of designing gardens with these roles in mind, and explore the consequences of failing to do so. Gardening in this crowded world carries both moral and ecological responsibilities that we can no longer ignore.

As a child, Douglas W. Tallamy learned first-hand about the finality of suburban development as practiced today. Having recently moved with his family into a new house in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, he spent his summer days exploring the "wild" places that surrounded him. One of his first discoveries was a small pond where thousands of pollywogs wiggled near its shoreline and he took great delight in watching them grow each day. One day as he watched, a bulldozer crested nearby piles of dirt, and — in an act that has been replicated around the nation millions of times since — proceeded to bury the young toads and all of the other living treasures within the pond. Tallamy is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, where he has written more than 65 research articles and has taught insect taxonomy, behavioral ecology, and other subjects. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities.

GARDENING WITH NATIVES: How To's, Which One's and Why For's—11:00 am

This workshop presents an overview of practical ways and specific plant ideas for “going native” and increasing biodiversity in your yard or elsewhere. “How to’s” will include simple ideas such as: planting natives in pots; creating hedgerows, rain gardens and native plant islands; up through basic ideas for actual habitat gardening. “Which one’s” will give you ideas for which plants to use in wet spots, full shade, dry hillsides and other kinds of growing situations. “Why for’s” includes thoughts about our personal land stewardship goals, relationships toward and with the plants we choose to grow and a big plug to take the “Biodiversity Booster” pledge!

Kathy McGregor is the working owner of SYLVANIA NATIVES, a social enterprise nursery, established in 2000, that exclusively grows and sells plants native to Western Pennsylvania. She loves growing Western PA native plants and is an advocate for returning natives plants to our landscapes to restore a grounded sense place for ourselves and as a active practice of commitment to sustaining biodiversity. Kathy previously taught high school, was a union organizer, headed several nonprofit organizations and operated a nonprofit management consulting business. She's currently landscaping the family's new urban yard — where the only thing growing was scruffy grass — with native perennials, shrubs and trees.

Battling Botanical Bullies with Native Plants—11:50 am

There are many native alternatives to the exotic invasive plants commonly used to landscape our homes, school and businesses. Take a closer look at the native plants of the mid-Atlantic and discover their value for both wildlife and people. Guidelines on obtaining and growing native plants in your own garden will be presented, along with questions you should ask when buying native plants from commercial nurseries and greenhouses. Discover how you can enhance and preserve regional biodiversity by "going native".

Liz McDowell has over 30 years of experience in education and the environment. She earned her MS in Wildlife Management at the Appalachian Laboratory at Frostburg University in 1983. Liz's varied career has included park naturalist and resource biologist for the MD Department of Natural Resources, environmental specialist for the MD Department of the Environment, science teacher at Northern Garrett High School and owner-operator of Elk Ridge NatureWorks. She currently coordinates the Western Mountains Chapter of the Maryland Native Plant Society, serves on the boards of the Allegheny Highlands Conservancy and Savage River Watershed Association, and assists with the Frostburg University Arboretum Task Force.