



Prince William Wildflower Society SUMMER WILDFLOWER GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, July 23, 2022

12 Noon – 5 p.m.

The Prince William Wildflower Society welcomes the public to a summer garden tour, an educational event to highlight the use of native plants in the garden. Neither garden is purely native, and the gardeners battle with deer damage and invasive plants. Visit the gardens in either order between the hours of noon and 5 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a water bottle. For further information, contact Nancy Vehrs at nvehrs1@yahoo.com.



HANCOCK GARDEN

10565 Pineview Road, Manassas, VA 20111

This two-acre property contains a variety of gardens with an emphasis on butterfly host plants. Only in the last four years has attention focused on the use of native plants and removal of nonnatives. An experimental garden in the front yard is designed to deter deer by using native plants that are not to their taste. By the drive's little hill, a fern garden stops erosion. To the right of this is a new native shade garden. In front of the house is a pollinator garden, a canoe garden, and, next to the house, a container garden with natives. On the far side of the house is the owner's beloved Hosta Garden. This past

spring, the Spotted Wintergreen that popped up in the swing area last year returned. Beyond that is the whimsical walk-through garden that contains natives, non-natives, and a few more hostas. The trellis garden in the far back has three native vines. Most of the native plants are labeled with common and botanical names. The garden includes three small above-ground frog ponds and three active birdbaths. Trees in and around the yard include Tulip Poplar, Hickory, Dogwood, Black Cherry, Oaks, Beech, PawPaw, American Holly, young Sassafras and Redbud, and a Silky Dogwood. Certified as a Monarch Waystation and a Certified Wildlife Habitat, the yard is surrounded on three sides by woodland. This garden was on tour last year, and 2023 sees the addition of more native plants. In the backyard, a "Firefly Habitat" and a wildlife pond are currently under construction.

WILLING GARDEN

12170 Breckinridge Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Adrian Willing – owner and operator of the [Bee American, Plant Native LLC](#) native landscaping consultancy – opens his garden for our PWWS/VNPS tour. Bee American was recently featured by the [Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council](#) (CCLC) blog, sold plants at the Manassas Bee Festival, and will offer more plants at future local native plant sales. His property is a one-acre suburban lot bordering one of the largest remaining private forests in PWC (the Delaney Tract). Adrian has incorporated a diverse mixture of regionally native perennials, shrubs, grasses, and understory trees; preserved his remaining tree canopy coverage; and reserved space to produce seasonal fruit and vegetables for his family. His efforts are focused on environmental sustainability, creating new pollinator and bird habitats, conservation of our native wildlife, native plant seed production for nursery purposes, and positive educational outcomes, all while balancing the typical American family requirements for green turf and play spaces for his young twin toddlers. Highlights this time of year should be Milkweed, Joe-Pye-weed, Turtlehead, Blue Vervain, Cardinal Flower, Blue Lobelia, Early Goldenrod, Mountain Mint, several Monardas, and various Asters. One free native plant will be offered to each visitor. *Light refreshments will be available in this garden.*

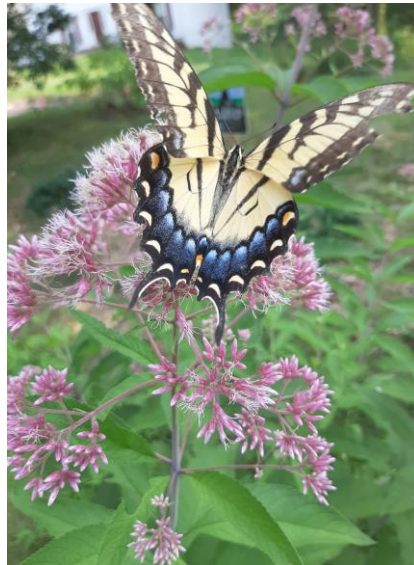


Basic Directions to the gardens on Sunday, July 23, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Use your favorite mapping program or the general directions below. Watch for small brightly colored directional signs near the gardens. Both gardens are in Prince William County, south of the City of Manassas, and convenient to the Prince William Parkway. Start at either garden. Carpooling is recommended. The Willing Garden has two Level-2 electric charging ports available for those with EVs/PHEVs .

Hancock Garden: From the intersection of Liberia Avenue, Wellington Road, and Prince William Parkway in the City of Manassas, proceed south on Prince William Parkway (Rt. 294) toward Woodbridge for one mile. At the stoplight, turn right onto Moore Drive. Buckhall United Methodist Church is on the corner. At the cemetery on the left, turn right to stay on Moore Drive. Turn right onto Pineview Road. 10565 will be on the right. It is the house that is set back from the road with a large front yard. Parking at the end of the driveway is limited to four or five cars.

Willing Garden: From the Prince William Parkway, near the county government center complex, turn onto Davis Ford Road at its intersection with Hoadly Road. After the traffic signal, take the first left onto Wade Lane. Turn left onto Breckinridge Lane. 12170 will be the third house on the right after Cleburne Lane. Park in the driveway or along the side of the road.



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