



Prince William Wildflower Society
35th SPRING WILDFLOWER GARDEN TOUR
Sunday, April 28, 2024
12 noon – 5 p.m.

The Prince William Wildflower Society welcomes the public to its annual spring garden tour, an educational event to highlight the use of native plants in the garden. All featured gardens use a mix of native and nonnative plants. Visit the gardens in any order on Sunday, April 28, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m., rain or shine. **Note special parking instructions for the Montgomery Garden.** For further information, please contact Nancy Vehrs at 703-434-0009, email nvehrs1@yahoo.com.



LIGA GARDEN

13081 Dove Tree Court, Manassas, 20112

Set in a neighborhood with tall, mature hardwoods, this garden is a work in progress and evolving. The owners have been adding natives to their mostly shade garden since they moved in eight years ago. They have created two pathways, including the one with stepping stones as pictured, where they gave up on grass and filled the area with natives. During the time of the tour, natives such as golden groundsel, wild ginger, wood poppy, Jacob's ladder, native azalea, and dwarf iris will be in bloom. *With the exception of the driveway hill, this garden is mostly level.*

MILES GARDEN

7308 Chestnut Meadow Court, Manassas 20112

This naturalistic garden, certified by Audubon at Home, is planted with a broad collection of native grasses, sedges, shrubs, ferns, trees, and perennials. Mulched pathways meander through a wide variety of plantings where spring bloomers include pussytoes, Carolina lupines, meadowsweet, viburnums, golden ragwort, golden Alexander, Virginia bluebells, Jacob's ladder, dwarf crested iris, and more. Foundation plantings include fothergilla, boxwoods, and native inkberry hollies. The



side garden features spring wildflowers such as Eastern columbine and pussytoes as well as ferns and native shrubs and flowering trees, such as ninebark, Virginia sweetspire, redbud, sweet bay magnolia, and mountain laurels. Stepping through the garden gate into the backyard, trumpet honeysuckle and virgins bower adorn the fence and a small bed of peonies adds a traditional touch. The rear gardens include pinxter azaleas, mountain laurel, American hazelnuts, and Eastern bluestar, as well as later-blooming perennials and shrubs such as iris versicolor, cardinal flower, buttonbush, black chokeberry, NJ Tea, NY ironweed, elderberry, turtleheads, soft rush, witch hazel, asters, and goldenrods. Outside the back fence, a native hedgerow is in progress, with Carolina allspice, inkberry, Joe Pye, Gro-low sumac, sassafras, pawpaw, and newly-planted native persimmons. *Please note: This garden is on a slope, with uneven mulched and lawn pathways, flagstone and lawn steps, and a sloping gravel driveway. Walking sticks are recommended.*



MONTGOMERY GARDEN

8330 Geller Circle, Lake Jackson, Manassas 20112

Nestled between woods, house, and the lake, this garden is an eclectic mix of native and nonnative plants, found objet d'art, and scavenged materials. Shade-loving ferns figure prominently with a wide variety of them scattered throughout this property. Early blooming hellebores in several colors begin the spring season, followed by flowering bulbs. A redbud in bush form sits at the corner of the parking area. Azaleas fill the area between the porch and the road, and a fall-blooming camellia anchors the corner of the walkway. Recently added stone-filled wooden steps lead down to the walled area which is filling in with king fern, wood poppy, and other perennials. Many native plants are planted along the new steps. Trillium, yellow trout lily, Dutchman's breeches, wild ginger, and pinxter azalea on the other side of the house represent the very first wildflowers planted here

over 40 years ago. This garden was previously featured on the 2021 tour. *Please note: garden is on uneven ground with loose stone pathways, stone steps, wooden steps, and concrete steps. Walking sticks are recommended; please bring yours if you have them. A few will be available to lend.*

Basic Directions to the three gardens on Sunday, April 28, Noon – 5 p.m.

Use your favorite mapping program or the general directions below. Watch for small directional signs near the gardens. All three gardens are in the area to the south of the City of Manassas and easily accessible from Dumfries Road/Route 234. **Note special instructions for the Montgomery Garden in Lake Jackson.** Start at any garden; they are listed in alphabetical order here and start with the southernmost garden.

Liga Garden: From Manassas, Take Rt. 234 Business/Dumfries Rd south and turn left onto Meadowgate Drive. Proceed .2 miles, then turn left onto Brookmead Drive. Continue .2 miles to a right turn onto Lynncrest Drive. Proceed .1 miles and turn left onto Dove Tree Court. House is on the right at **13081 Dove Tree Court**. From Dumfries, drive north on Dumfries Rd/Rt. 234, turning right onto Brookmead Drive. Proceed as above.

Miles Garden: From Manassas, drive south on Dumfries Rd/Rt. 234. Turn left at the traffic signal onto Purcell Road at the 7-11. Proceed 1.3 miles, then turn left onto Kahns Road. Drive .9 miles, turning left onto Chestnut Meadow Court. **7308 Chestnut Meadow Court** will be on the left. From Dumfries, drive north on Dumfries Rd/Rt. 234, turning right onto Purcell Road. Proceed as above.

Montgomery Garden: From Manassas, go south on Dumfries Rd./Rt. 234. Turn right onto Coles Drive (past Meadows Farms Nursery) and drive .2 miles. (Coles is a horseshoe so if you miss it you can take the second turn and follow directions from the south.) Just before the fire station, turn right onto McGrath Rd. and drive .4 miles. Turn left onto North Point Rd and go .2 miles. **Turn left to enter Geller at the first sign, which is immediately after Cecil Road. It is a steep grade but doable even in a small car. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and park as close to the green house with purple shutters as you can. Garden is 8330 Geller. Each successive car should park behind the previous car in the middle of the road. Neighbors know not to use the road. When you are ready to leave, head out on Geller in the direction you are pointed. This is very important: do not approach from the opposite direction. As you leave, there is a significant dip in the road. To avoid scraping your undercarriage, stay to the LEFT side of the road.** From Dumfries Rd/Rt 234 from the south, turn left at the traffic signal at Coles Dr. just after crossing the Occoquan River at Lake Jackson. Drive .2 miles and turn left onto McGrath Rd. Follow instructions above from McGrath.

Annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. – Noon

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church grounds
8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110

(Corner of Sudley Road and Plantation Lane, near the post office, TD Bank, and Prince William Hospital)

Many of the native plants, including wildflowers, ferns, trees, and shrubs, you see in our gardens will be offered for sale at our Annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale, **Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. – noon** on the grounds of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manassas. Plants for both sun and shade will be available. Plants have been propagated by members or shared from their gardens; none have been collected from the wild. Some commercially propagated plant plugs will also be available. Pay by cash, checks, or credit card. VNPS members receive a 10 percent discount on plant purchases. Join at www.vnps.org/join. For more info, to volunteer, or to donate plants, contact Nancy Arrington at 703-408-7446, narrington1@verizon.net, or Nancy Vehrs at 703-368-2898, nvehrs1@yahoo.com.



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