

## Prince William Wildflower Society 32<sup>nd</sup> SPRING WILDFLOWER GARDEN TOUR Saturday, April 20, 2019 12 noon – 5 p.m.

The Prince William Wildflower Society welcomes the general public to its nearly annual spring garden tour, an educational event to highlight the use of native plants in the garden. None of our featured gardens uses natives exclusively. Visit these gardens on **Saturday**, **April 20**, any time between the hours of **noon and 5 p.m.**, rain or shine. The Endrikat and Wheatcraft gardens have been on previous tours; the Beaverson garden is on tour for the first time. Start at any of these gardens and use your favorite online mapping program. Watch for small bright pink directional signs near the gardens. For further information, or to print additional copies of this flier, go online at <u>www.vnps.org/princewilliamwildflowersociety</u> or call Nancy Vehrs at 703-368-2898, email <u>nvehrs1@yahoo.com</u>.



### **BEAVERSON GARDEN**

13280 Lawrence Lane, Bristow

This property offers a lesson in contrasts. The front is a typical suburban yard, but behind the fence is a certified Audubon-at-Home habitat garden planted primarily with native shrubs and perennials. Huge boulders, a large pin oak, silver maple, and a collection of mature eastern red cedar trees anchor the garden beds. A fringe tree is the focus of a bed that also includes several viburnums, mountain laurels, pinxter azalea, and native grasses. Amidst the cedars and pin oak grow an American hornbeam, dogwood, redbud, spicebush, columbine, wild bleeding heart, bloodroot, mayapples,

and much more. The sweet bay magnolia island contains inkberry hollies, Virginia sweetspire, amsonia, and native summer perennials such as rattlesnake master, milkweed, and Joe Pye weed. The north hillside border features a maple, elderberries, and red twig dogwoods. An easement beyond the back fence adds to a sense of wildness.

### ENDRIKAT GARDEN

8419 Cabin Branch Court, Manassas

A planting of bulbs, shrubs, and perennials, including native columbine, defines the entrance to this large, dry woodland garden. Mayapples, cardinal flower, closed gentian, Virginia bluebells, and sensitive ferns grow in a wetter area at the beginning of the driveway. Beds beside the driveway and in front of the house are planted with dwarf crested iris, phlox, violets, green and gold, spring beauty, lyreleaf sage, wild geranium,



dogtooth violets, toothwort, and hepatica. Native shrubs such as azaleas, winterberry holly, fothergilla, strawberry bush, witch hazel, spicebush, and several viburnum species are included in the beds. Green and gold, butterfly weed, native trumpet honeysuckle, purple coneflower, and beardtongue grow in the front sunny bed. Foundation beds feature native sweet pepperbush, viburnums, and perennials such as wood poppies, twinleaf, wild bleeding heart, turtlehead, Jacob's ladder, maidenhair fern, and bluebells. Woodland beds behind the house contain additional wildflowers and shrubs. Near the street is a small, sunnier area maintained as a wildflower meadow.



#### WHEATCRAFT GARDEN 8655 Weir Street, Manassas

In a surprisingly wild setting in the city, mature hardwoods provide shade for a woodland garden behind the house and for a dramatic slope down to a small ravine. An observation deck overlooks this area and a circular path leads through it. Redbuds, dogwoods, and clumps of Christmas fern occur naturally on the steep slope. Colorful Virginia bluebells, wood poppy, toothwort, wild geranium, white violets, and blue

woodland phlox can be seen from the path. More wildflowers, including columbine, Jacob's ladder, bleeding heart, trillium, and nonnative hellebore, are planted beside paths leading through the garden. Both native wisteria and trumpet honeysuckle cover the trellis leading into the back yard. Serviceberry and viburnum are planted near the house, and a large bed planted with bulbs, native shrubs, and perennials at the front of the property provides additional color. Throughout the property whimsical decorations delight visitors. *Refreshments will be served at this garden.* 

## Basic Directions to Gardens on Saturday, April 20, noon- 5 p.m.

#### Start at any garden:

**Beaverson Garden**: <u>From Rt. 28/Nokesville Rd</u>, turn right on Linton Hall Road, turn left on Worthington Dr at traffic signal. Take second left onto Lawrence Lane. House is near the end of the street on the left.

**Endrikat Garden**: Home is located just off the Prince William Parkway not far from Liberia Ave. From <u>Woodbridge</u>, go north on the PW Parkway, turning left at its intersection with Liberia to stay on the Parkway. Turn right on Lake Jackson Road, then immediate left onto Cabin Branch Court. From <u>Gainesville</u>, take the PW Parkway/Rt. 234 bypass south. Turn left to continue on Parkway toward Woodbridge, then turn left onto Lake Jackson Drive. Take immediate left onto Cabin Branch Court. House is on the left.

**Wheatcraft Garden**: <u>From I-66</u>, go south on Sudley Road, Rt. 234. Turn left onto Grant Avenue at traffic signal. Turn left onto Weir Street. <u>From Woodbridge</u>: Take the PW Parkway toward Manassas; turn right onto Liberia Avenue and cross Rt. 28. Turn left onto Portner Avenue. Turn right onto Weir Street. Continue on Weir, crossing Grant Avenue. House is on the right at the cul-de-sac.

# **Annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 11, 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 11**, 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! 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, 703-408-7446, <u>narrington1@verizon.net</u>, or Nancy Vehrs, 703-368-2898, email <u>nvehrs1@yahoo.com</u>.



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