

EDGE^{of the} Woods

Native Plants

Bring life to your
landscape with
native plants



---scroll down for info on tomorrow's free talk on plants for wet area, Organic Vegetable Sale, our June Bog Garden Workshop and more ---

Wet Lawn or Garden? No Problem!

Have you noticed water collecting in your garden or lawn? Are there depressions here and there where water lingers for a day or two after a heavy rain?

You may think of these water logged areas as a problem. Instead, you have an amazing opportunity to grow a fun palette of native plants. It's called a 'Rain Garden'. The bonus is that many of these plants are also bird and butterfly host plants.

If you're not lucky enough to have a spot that collects water in your garden, dig a shallow depression in the ground. A little research on the internet using the term 'rain garden' will provide you with more than enough information on how to size and place a rain garden. Remember, you can keep it simple. It does not have to be an engineering project. A simple depression in the ground can suffice.

The plants below can tolerate the short periods of standing water that occur in a rain garden, and won't mind being drier if rain is scarce:

Redbud Tree - beautiful pink flowers, early spring

Fringe Tree - fragrant white fluffy bloom late spring

Swamp Rose - a brambly care free rose that sets hips in the fall that are relished by birds

Winterberry Holly - drops its leaves and holds bright red berries through the winter

Joe Pye - mauve blooms that are butterfly magnets

Swamp milkweed - a well behaved, fragrant milkweed that provides larval food for the monarch butterfly caterpillars

Golden Alexander - a cheery yellow blooming perennial, moves about by seed and fill in gaps in the moist garden. Pictured above.

Any plants you place in the path of the water as it runs across your yard will help slow the runoff. The water that collects in the rain garden will slowly re-charge the groundwater table. The plants will provide visual delight through four seasons, and provide habitat for birds and butterflies as well. That's a win-win-win-win proposition!



SATURDAY AT THE NURSERY

Mt. Moriah, a first year market garden and community sponsored agricultural project will be on hand selling organic vegetable seedlings and early spring produce.

EDGE Horticulturist Liz Stauffer will lead a conversation about plants for wet areas in your lawn or garden at 11 am.

Pictured above: Purple Dome New England Aster, one of the plants that will tolerate a wet area.

Coming June 7 6:30 PM Bog Garden Workshop

Create a container bog garden, using the fascinating plants that are adapted to the highly acidic, water logged, nutrient poor soil of bogs. Your container bog garden will contain a pitcher plant (a carnivorous, or 'bug eating' plant), a native orchid, and other plants to round out the palette. When complete, place it anywhere in full sun -how about as a centerpiece on your picnic table? This amazing educational garden is a great conversation starter and will last from year to year. The registration fee of \$50 includes everything to begin your container bog garden - plants, container, soil mix. Enrollment is limited to 10. Call 610-395-2570 to register early to reserve your place and plants.



Hours May 2012

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 am - 5 pm
Thursdays and Fridays 9 am to 7 pm
Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm
Sundays 11 am to 3 pm
Mondays - open by appointment.
Open Monday May 28 (Memorial Day) 10 am - 2 pm

Garden Tours

No Fee or Registration Necessary. If you plan on coming in a group of 5 or more, we'd appreciate a call in advance.

Tuesdays 10 am
Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

Located on Route 100, 1.7 miles North of Fogelsville/Tilghman Street.

[Directions](#)



Mark your Calendars...

Our Tenth Season is loaded with educational opportunities.

All of our events are held outside, please dress for the weather. Bring a lawn chair if possible.

May 19: Wet Lawn - No Problem! Edge of the Woods Horticulturist Liz Stauffer will discuss native plants for wet areas. 11 am

June 7 (Thursday) 6:30 PM: Create a Bog Garden Planter. We'll provide the container, plants and soil and guide you through the process as you create a mini-bog garden for your deck or patio. Each bog garden will contain a pitcher plant as well as several other unique native plants. \$50 fee, please call in advance to register.

June 9: Top Ten Native Edibles: Edge of the Woods Horticulturist Liz Stauffer will spark your imagination with an amazing palette of native edibles. 11 am