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Adkins Arboretum Announces 2016 Native Plant Nursery Opening, New Hours

Adkins Arboretum's Native Plant Nursery, offering the Chesapeake gardener the largest selection of native plants for more than 20 years, marks its 2016 season with new weekend hours and a special Opening Day sale for members on Sat., April 30. All members are invited, and new members are welcome to join on the day of the sale.

Following the members' sale, the Nursery will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through July. The Nursery will close August 1 and will reopen for September's Fall Open House.

Plants for sale on the Opening Day and throughout the growing season include a wide selection of landscape-quality perennials, ferns, vines, grasses, and flowering shrubs and trees. Native flowers and trees provide food and habitat for wildlife and make colorful additions to home landscapes, whether in a perennial border, a woodland garden or a restoration project.

The Arboretum is a participating nursery in the Marylanders Plant Trees native tree discount program. For any native tree valued at \$50 or more, shoppers will receive a \$25 discount. Some of the special larger trees available for this discount



Flowering dogwood (Cornus florida) is among the flowering trees for sale at Adkins Arboretum's Native Plant Nursery. Following an Opening Day sale for members on Sat., April 30, the Nursery will be open through the growing season. Photo by Ann Rohlfing.

include birch, dogwood, buckeye and several cultivars of redbud.

The Arboretum gift shop will be open during the Nursery Opening Day and will offer books and nature-

inspired gifts for gardeners. Members receive a 10% discount on plant, gift shop and book purchases. Members at the Contributor level (\$100) and above receive a 20% discount on plants.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum is the region's resource for native plants and education programs about nature, ecology and wildlife conservation gardening. For more information, visit <u>adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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