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Adkins Arboretum Announces Spring Native Plant Sale

Adkins Arboretum, offering the Chesapeake gardener the largest selection of native plants for more than 20 years, announces its **Spring Native Plant Sale weekend, April 24–26**. The sale benefits the Arboretum’s education programs and affords the public an opportunity to learn about the Delmarva’s native plants and their connection to a healthy Chesapeake Bay.



Plants for sale include a large variety of native perennials, ferns, vines, grasses and flowering trees and shrubs for spring planting. 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. Native honeysuckle entices hummingbirds, while tall spikes of purplish flowers grace blue wild indigo. Milkweed provides critical energy for monarch butterflies on their winter migration to Mexico, and native azaleas present a veritable rainbow of colorful blooms.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fri., April 24 and Sat., April 25, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sun., April 26. **Presale orders may be placed at adkinsarboretum.org through April 2.** Simply place your order, and your plants will be ready for pick-up during the sale weekend. Following the sale, plants will be for sale at the Visitor’s Center through fall.

The Arboretum gift shop will be open during the sale weekend and will offer books and nature-inspired gifts for gardeners.

Leon Andrus, Adkins Arboretum's first benefactor, lived to the age of 101. In honor of his long and fulfilling life, the Arboretum is seeking 101 new members during its spring membership drive. New members, including those who join at the sale, will receive a \$10 discount on membership in addition to a generous member discount on plants, books, and gifts. The drive runs through May 23.

For more information, call 410-634-2847, extension 0 or visit adkinsarboretum.org.

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 offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. For more information, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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