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Native Plant Trust Reopens Garden in the Woods to the Public with Timed Ticketing, Offers Spring Gardening Programs

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(Framingham, MA) Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, announces the opening of its renowned botanic garden, Garden in the Woods, on April 11 for the 2021 season.

"We are so pleased to be able to open Garden in the Woods on time this year and to invite the public to find joy and solace in nature's spring renewal," notes Debbi Edelstein, Executive Director. "We have all the required safety protocols in place, including timed ticketing and capacity limits, and we appreciate everyone's support for rules that enable us to welcome you back."

All visitors will need to purchase a timed ticket in advance of their visit through Native Plant Trust's website, www.NativePlantTrust.org. Admission is free for the majority of Native Plant Trust's members, who will still need to go online to reserve a time. Garden in the Woods will be open daily from 10am to 5pm (last timed ticket 4pm). To maintain a safe environment for visitors and staff, the number of people in the Garden will be limited each day according to state requirements. For safety, there is no parking at the Garden or on Hemenway Road: parking is available on neighboring streets. Plant sales will also be by appointment only. Please visit www.NativePlantTrust.org, for details. In addition, staff will post videos and photos of what's in bloom on the website and social media; follow Native Plant Trust on Facebook and Instagram @NativePlantTrust.

For those unable to visit Garden in the Woods in person, the Public Programs department is offering an abundance of virtual program. All 100+ programs are currently virtual, although we anticipate that some will be held in-person later this spring.

Garden-related programs include:

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Headquarters & Garden in the Woods
180 Hemenway Road
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- A virtual *Beauty of the Wild* book talk with author Darrel Morrison
- Designing with Native Plants
- Gardening for Pollinators
- Creating Native Plant Palettes for Beauty and Biodiversity
- Storm Water Site Analysis
- New England Lilies
- New England Roses
- Shade Gardens: Embracing the Dark Side
- Deer-Tolerant Landscapes
- A Meadow Gardens Landscape Study in Concord, MA

To register for programs or for more information, please visit www.NativePlantTrust.org.

ABOUT NATIVE PLANT TRUST

Native Plant Trust is the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants. We save native plants in the wild, grow them for gardens and restorations, and educate others on their value and use. We are based at Garden in the Woods, a renowned native plant botanic garden that attracts visitors from all over the world. From this flagship property in Framingham, Massachusetts, 25 staff and many of our 1,500 trained volunteers work throughout New England each year to monitor and protect rare and endangered plants, collect and preserve seeds to ensure biological diversity, detect and control invasive species, conduct research, and offer a range of educational programs. Native Plant Trust also operates a nursery at Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts and manages six sanctuaries in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont that are open to the public. Native Plant Trust is among the first organizations worldwide to receive Advanced Conservation Practitioner accreditation by London-based Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), which included an endorsement by an International Advisory Council representing six continents. Please visit www.NativePlantTrust.org.

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