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Trillium Week Blooms at Garden in the Woods, Programs Highlight Trillium Collection

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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, celebrates the extraordinary during its annual Trillium Week, May 1-8, 2021 at Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA. Known for their delicate beauty, trilliums are woodland plants highly prized by both gardeners and conservationists, in part because even in the wild it takes four to seven years for the plants to reach flowering age.

Native Plant Trust's Garden in the Woods is home to the most extensive trillium collection in New England.

"There are few wildflowers as charismatic as the Trillium. Their unique beauty is associated with honor, purity, and devotion and they are a wonderful element of the spring flora of this country. Trilliums require patience and a steady hand as they are slow growers that build strength and reserves year after year," notes Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture at Native Plant Trust. "Their seeds are dispersed by ants, and new plants seem to creep into the woodland at a glacial pace, yet do not fail to delight when discovered in new places. Our collection of Trillium at Garden in the Woods became a Nationally Accredited Collection in 2013 through the Plant Collection Network of the American Public Gardens Association because of the breadth of taxa represented and the quality of our specimens. It is an honor to be recognized for this achievement and encouragement for the staff to continue to develop the collection with the highest standards of horticulture."

Trillium Week, which also coincides with peak bloom time for many other beautiful spring plants at the Garden, features daily in-person guided tours, a new trillium self-guided app tour, and a virtual workshop on trillium care. Several species of trillium will also be available in limited numbers for purchase. The festivities will begin on May 1 with Twilight Trilliums, an evening virtual event featuring plant-inspired poetry by January Gill O'Neil and celebratory spring music by classical guitarist Sarah Badlissi. For more information about Trillium Week, please visit www.NativePlantTrust.org.

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.

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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