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PRESS RELEASE ... FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Catawba rhododendron

TWO RHODODENDRON GARDENS IN SOUTH COUNTY *Sun., MAY 24, 2009*

Locations: South Kingstown 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. | North Kingstown 11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is pleased to announce two fine rhododendron gardens are available for you to visit. Each has many rhododendrons and some azaleas, and the visit is timed for the peak of rhododendron blooming season. Both gardens have many other plants in addition, and you will see native plants and other perennials in both of them. The Johnsons' garden is large and contains many mature rhododendrons plus specimen trees, handsome Climbing Hydrangeas, and a variety of other plants as companions. Dorothy Swift's garden is small and contains a number of rhododendrons that ought to be in bloom. In addition, she has many other plants to enjoy, including trillium, shooting star, primroses, Asian jacks, lewisias, Virginia bluebells, bloodroot, tree peonies, numerous native plants in small numbers and late blooming bulbs. The garden of Bill and Kay Johnson in South Kingstown will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dorothy Swift's garden in North Kingstown will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are welcome to bring your bag lunch and beverage and enjoy it on Dorothy's patio.

Fee: \$5.00 (Members) \$7.00 Nonmembers)

Pre-registration required at least 48 hours in advance, except where noted. Our programs fill up fast so be sure to send in your payment to secure your spot. For more information and to register call 789-7497 or e-mail office@riwps.org.

Registered participants will receive directions to the site and more details by e-mail or telephone.