

RI WILD PLANT SOCIETY -- PRESS RELEASE

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The RI Wild Plant Society Invites you to the Best Native Plant Sale in Rhode Island

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9 a.m. - Noon - Rain or Shine

Flagg Road, on the URI campus in Kingston.

WHY SHOULD YOU COME TO THIS PLANT SALE?

You want to “Go Green” but you aren’t sure what to do. Use native plants in your garden. Natives are adapted to the particular combination of soil, temperature, and rainfall in Rhode Island. They require little, if any, supplemental water, fertilizer, pesticides, or other chemicals. This provides economic benefits (through reduced energy costs, water and maintenance), ecological benefits (by enhancing ecosystem stability and reduced chemical use), and aesthetic benefits (through the natural beauty native plants provide), a win-win situation for the gardener and the natural community.

GREAT SELECTION - This plant sale is unique because it features a wide variety of wildflowers and native shrubs often not available in local nurseries. There are plants available for every location wet places (bogs), dry places (drought tolerant), acid soils (rhododendrons and laurels), and shady areas. This is a great opportunity to replace plants lost during our hard winter.

Here are just a few examples: *Trilliums, Bloodroot, Columbine, Asters, Bleeding Heart, Wild Blue Phlox, Virginia Bluebells, Jack in the Pulpit, Mayapple, Solomon’s Seal, Christmas Fern, Maidenhair Fern; bog plants, PLUS tons of gorgeous native laurels, azaleas and rhododendrons.*

Knowledgeable members of the RI Wild Plant Society will be on hand all day to answer your questions and give out plant information.

OUR PLANTS ARE REASONABLY PRICED - Our volunteer Seed Starters have mastered the art of plant propagation on a shoestring budget, donating seeds and cuttings from their own gardens to produce the large range of perennials, ground covers, and native species offered in the sale. Plants also come from RIWPS members who graciously dig plants from their own gardens, making native plants accessible to everyone.

RARE AND COLLECTIBLE PLANTS - One of our best-kept secrets is the Silent Auction featuring collectible and specimen plants. Every year "hard-core" gardeners turn out to try and out-bid each other for the rare, mature and collectible specimen plants we collect each year for the auction. Bidding starts at 9:00 am and ends at 10:30 am.

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is dedicated to the study, conservation, cultivation and restoration of Rhode Island's native plants. The Chairman of the 2009 Plant Sale Committee is Marcia Pena. The members are: Karen Asher, Shirley & Bob Anderson, Cheryl and Lou Cadwell, Dick Donnelly, Joan Pilson, Dorothy Swift and Jules Cohen.

Come early for the best selection. The 2009 Media Sponsor for this sale are South County Independent Newspapers and the North-East Independent Newspaper. The 2009 Business Sponsors are Belmont Market in Wakefield and Dave's Marketplace in North Kingstown. Please support our sponsors. Thank you.

For more information please go to our website, www.riwps.org. *All the proceeds of this sale go directly to the RI Wild Plant Society's education and conservation programs. Questions? Please call 789-7497.*

The flowers below will be available for sale:

Jack in the pulpit
Bloodroot
Native Columbine
Blue Woodland phlox
Tiarella
May Apple

Pictures of the flowers above and of past plant sales provided upon request.