

Mountain Maryland Native Plant Festival 2014

May 10th at New Germany State Park from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Schedule of Activities & Programs *(as of April 3)*

Time	Rec Hall (digital presentations geared for teens & adults)	Lake House & Outside Stage (activities & demonstrations geared for children & adults)		Driveway to Lake House	Parking Lot #4
10:00	(break)	Let's Pull Together ☼ (protect an endangered butterfly by pulling garlic mustard)			
10:30	Native Plants: Let's Dig Deeper Christine Campe-Price, Certified Virginia Master Naturalist				
11:00	The Soil in Your Backyard Ashley Bodkins, University of MD Extension	(break)	Make a Card, Plant a Memory ☼ (create your own plant-able greeting card)	Scavenger Hunt for New Germany Natives ☼ (explore the park and find native plants with special features)	Visit information & education displays where local experts will answer your questions about native plants and related topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegheny & Garrett Counties' Bird Club • Friends of New Germany State Park • Frostburg Grows • Garrett County Master Gardeners • Maryland Native Plant Society (<i>Western Mountains Chapter</i>) • Mountain Laurel Garden Club • Savage River Watershed Association
11:30	Native Plants for Birds & Pollinators Liz McDowell, Maryland Native Plant Society	Birds Count...Why You Should Too! (tally birds for "May Count" during this easy walk with Mary Huebner, AL and GA Counties Bird Club)			
12:00	Waging War on Invasive Weeds Ron Boyer Elk Ridge Native Plant Preserve				
12:30	(break)	(break)			
1:00	Super-Tough Wildflowers Ian Caton, Enchanter's Garden Native Plant Nursery	Alien Invaders ☼ (search for exotic plants in the park)			Support our guest vendors by purchasing plenty of native plants! Clear Ridge Nursery, Inc. (woody plant specialist) Enchanter's Garden Native Plant Nursery (herbaceous plant specialist)
1:30					
2:00	(break)	Bee Aware Hop Cassidy, Hop's Bees			
2:30	(break)				
3:00	Event ends! <i>Thanks for coming!</i>				

☼ - **Especially kid friendly** and led by New Germany State Park staff!

☺ - **Drinks, snacks & lunch items available for purchase all day at the Lake House!**

Discover the important connection between native plants, people and wildlife at the first annual *Mountain Maryland Native Plant Festival!*

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A large variety of plants native to the mid-Atlantic will be available for sale (cash or check only) from these select regional native plant nurseries. Advance orders are appreciated!

- Clear Ridge Nursery, Inc
Union Bridge, Maryland
www.clearridgenursery.com
- Enchanter's Garden Native Plant Nursery
Hinton, West Virginia
www.enchantersgarden.com

Speakers include:

- Ashley Bodkins, University of MD Extension
The Soil in Your Backyard
- Ron Boyer, Elk Ridge Native Plant Preserve
Waging War on Garrett County's Invasive Weeds
- Christine Campe-Price, Certified Virginia Master Naturalist
Native Plants: Let's Dig Deeper
- Hop Cassidy, Hop's Bees
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- Ian Caton, Enchanter's Garden Native Plant Nursery
Super-Tough Wildflowers
- Liz McDowell, Maryland Native Plant Society
Native Plants for Birds and Pollinators

Activities include:

- Birds Count...Why You Should Too!*** (tally birds for "May Count" during this walk with Mary Huebner, Allegany & Garrett Counties' Bird Club)
- Alien Invaders*** ☼ (search for exotic plants invading New Germany)
- Let's Pull Together*** ☼ (protect an endangered butterfly by pulling garlic mustard)
- Make a Card, Plant a Memory*** ☼ (create your own plant-able greeting card)
- Scavenger Hunt for New Germany Natives*** ☼ (find native plants with special features)
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Experts from local conservation organizations will help answer questions about adding natives to your landscape, as well as other topics:

- Allegany & Garrett Counties' Bird Club
- Friends of New Germany State Park
- Frostburg Grows
- Garrett County Master Gardeners
- Maryland Native Plant Society (Western Mountains Chapter)
- Mountain Laurel Garden Club
- Savage River Watershed Association

New Germany State Park & the Western Mountains Chapter of the Maryland Native Plant Society are co-sponsoring this free event. Your support of participating native plant nurseries through your plant purchases is deeply appreciated! For your convenience, drinks, snacks & lunch items will also be available for purchase at the Lake House. For more information visit www.dnr.maryland.gov or www.mdflora.org

