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New England's native plants

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Native Plant Trust announces ninth annual Trillium Week, May 12-19, 2024; registration for Twilight Trilliums after-hours event open now

(Framingham, MA) Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, will celebrate its ninth annual Trillium Week at Garden in the Woods, its native plant botanic garden in Framingham, May 12-19, 2024.

“There are few wildflowers as charismatic as trillium. Instantly recognizable and widely cherished by gardeners and wildflower enthusiasts alike, they are a wonderful element of the spring flora of this country,” notes Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture at Native Plant Trust. “And, like so many things in nature, you must have patience to enjoy trillium, as they grow slowly. From seed it may require five to seven years before it will bloom; clumps with six blossoms may be 50 years old or more. 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. Please join us during our Trillium Week, when these plants take center stage.”



Trilliums have a unique beauty symbolically associated with honor, purity, and devotion. Although relatively easy to cultivate, trilliums do require patience and a steady hand, as they are slow growers that build strength and reserves year after year.

Program highlights include free drop-in tours of the award-winning trillium collection (May 15, 17, 18, and 19). A self-guided audio tour of the trillium collection at Garden in the Woods is available on the Native Plant Trust app, which can be downloaded from any app store

Twilight Trilliums is the signature event celebrating trilliums and provides an opportunity to stroll the Garden after hours. Garden admission and light refreshments are included with registration. “We are once again excited to welcome the public to our annual evening program celebrating our beloved trillium collection,” says Bess Paupeck, Director of Public Programs at Native Plant Trust. “Enjoy light refreshments and the sounds of jazz as you wander through the garden on a spring evening, experiencing the beauty of spring ephemerals.”

Tickets are \$34 members, \$40 nonmembers. For more information and to register for Twilight Trilliums, please visit: www.NativePlantTrust.org.

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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. From our base in Massachusetts, staff and 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. We welcome visitors from all over the world to Garden in the Woods, our renowned native plant botanic garden in Framingham. We also operate a nursery at Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts and manage 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.