

SHS Native Plant Walk - Sunday, 4/28/13



Join fellow garden enthusiasts to explore the best Pennsylvania native plants for your garden with Claire Spampinato's **GO WILD! Gardening with Native Plants** presentation, then take a guided walk in the woods to see some favorite spring-blooming wildflowers.

- Sponsored by the Swarthmore Horticultural Society, this event is FREE for SHS members; \$5 suggested donation for non-members.
- NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Schedule

1-2 pm: Power Point Presentation at Delaware County Cooperative Extension Education Center (in Smedley Park). 20 Papermill Rd., Springfield, PA 19064

2-2:30 pm: Drive to Ridley Creek State Park, off Gradyville Rd., to Picnic Area #9

2:30 – 3:30 pm: Guided walk @ Ridley Creek State Park along short, unmarked loop off White Trail for the most concentrated, diverse selection of spring-blooming native plants in our area.

Directions: Please carpool!

To talk: From Swarthmore, drive west on Baltimore Pike to Smedley Park entrance (right on Papermill Rd.), located just before reaching I-476 / Blue Route. Take first left to Delaware County Cooperative Extension Education Center

To Guided Walk: From Smedley Park, drive west on Baltimore Pike, then north on Providence Road. (Be sure to take left fork just past Rose Tree Park to STAY on Providence Road.) Turn left on Gradyville Road, and left at the second Ridley Creek State Park entrance. Make the first left, just past the stables and the mansion that serves as Park Headquarters. Follow signs to Picnic Area # 9. Restrooms are available at Parking Area.

Presenter Claire Spampinato holds a Masters degree in horticulture from Penn State and has worked as a horticulturist, landscape designer, and educator for 20 years. She originally created this presentation and reference material for the statewide Penn State Master Gardener program as part of her masters thesis in horticulture.



Event is rain or shine; dress appropriately & wear sturdy shoes, as trail can be muddy.