

# Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

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## PRESS RELEASE

### JANUARY 2009 PROGRAMS & WALKS

#### **RIWPS PROGRAM & GENERAL MEETING**

North Kingstown Free Library, 100 Boone Street, North Kingstown, RI

**Saturday, January 10, 2009**

*1:00 pm Business Meeting; 1:30 pm Refreshments & Fellowship; 2:00 pm Program*

Guest Speaker: **LESLIE DUTHIE – “Propagation Techniques for Native Plants”**

Learn the ins and outs of propagating native plants from ferns to wildflowers to native trees and shrubs. The lecture will cover seed and spore collection, storage, time and temperature for germination, and hardwood and softwood cuttings. Native plants are generally easy to grow and some basic techniques are sufficient for propagating many different kinds of plants. Bring your questions on those plants you find “difficult to grow”. Free and open to the public – bring a friend. No registration required.

#### **WINTER WALK IN WEETAMOO WOODS – NEW 2008 TRAIL**

Tiverton, RI (Specific directions provided at time of registration)

**Sunday, January 18, 2009 ~ 1-3 pm** (snow date: Sunday, January 25)

Leader: GARRY PLUNKETT

This 650-acre preserve of maritime hardwoods and wooded swamp is at the heart of an on-going effort to protect an unusually large, unfragmented forest on the southern New England coast. Its primary natural community is coastal oak-holly forest that surrounds a remnant Atlantic white cedar swamp. We'll practice winter tree and shrub ID, while checking out footprints from the past – cellar holes, slab bridges and the remains of a 19<sup>th</sup> century sawmill and stone arch bridge on Borden Brook. Moderate walk.

Fee: \$5 for members, \$7 nonmembers.

Advance registration required 48 hours in advance. Call Jackie at RIWPS office 401-789-7497

#### **WATER LILIES – A SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION**

Peace Dale Library, Peace Dale, RI

**Saturday, January 24, 2009 ~ 2 pm** (snow date: Sunday, January 31)

Leader: SINDY HEMPSTEAD

Sindy will present a slide show illustrating her adventures in learning about the biology and ecology of water lilies. In addition, members are invited to bring up to 10 slides each to share with the group.

Fee: \$5 for members; \$7 nonmembers.

Advance registration required 48 hours in advance. Call Jackie at RIWPS office 401-789-7497

#### **NATURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN (co-sponsored with Blithewold)**

Blithewold Mansion & Garden, Bristol

**Saturday, January 24, 2009 ~ 2-4 pm**

Instructor: CHRIS KALINA

Join us for an afternoon of nature study. Children will explore a variety of nature printing techniques and create a hand-made nature field guide.

This program combines nature exploration with creative arts. Each field guide will be unique and individual. Dress appropriately as we will be using acrylic paints. Appropriate for students in grades 3 through 5.

Fee: \$10 plus \$5 material fee to be paid on the day of the workshop. Advance registration required. Register at <http://www.blithewold.org>

For additional information or questions, contact Jackie at the RIWPS office – 401-789-7497.