



RHODE ISLAND WILD PLANT SOCIETY

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PRESS RELEASE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, WALKS AND FIELD TRIPS – June – July

Upcoming June-July Programs & Walks

Advance Registration is required for all events.

THE RHODE ISLAND WILD PLANT SOCIETY'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE

University of Rhode Island, Kingston - Flagg Road

Saturday, June 6th, 9 AM – Noon

Best Native Plant Sale in RI!

Unique sale of native wildflowers, shrubs, ferns, pond plants and more. Ecologically grown for you by RIWPS members. Visit www.riwps.org <<http://www.riwps.org>> for more info.

A VISIT TO NORCROSS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Monson, MA

Wed., JUNE 10, 10 am to 2 pm + travel time

Instructor: LESLIE DUTHIE Min.: 6, Max 15 Registration and payment **REQUIRED** by June 3

Leslie Duthie was the excellent speaker at our Jan. 09 General Meeting. She will be our walk leader from 10 to 12 noon. We can have our lunch in the picnic area and then check out some more of the 6000 acres sanctuary on our own. There are walking trails, wooded hills, wetlands, lakes and streams. The purpose of the Sanctuary is the active conservation of wildlife; this is accomplished by preservation of habitats and propagation of native plants. The gardens and walking trails represent habitats found throughout New England. There are natural history exhibits and museums on the property. We will get to Monson by carpooling. Registration and payment is required by June 3, so that there is time to arrange the cars and drivers from different parts of RI. Please indicate if you are willing to drive when you register. www.norcrossws.org. Moderate walk.

Fee: \$5. Members, \$7. Non-members, plus share of the gas.

FERNS IN THE LANDSCAPE ASRI

Bristol, RI

Sat., JUNE 13, 10 am to 12 noon

Instructor: CHERYL CADWELL

Our native ferns can be found in all types of habitats and they add a rich dimension to any landscape. In this workshop you will learn ways to use ferns in the landscape, as well as how to grow, identify and propagate them. The session will be a training for those signed up for the ASRI woodland garden project. Easy walk.
Fee: Member rate, RIWPS or ASRI; registration required, but pay at the door.

SIN AND FLESH BROOK

Tiverton, RI

Sun., JUNE 14, 9:30 am to 12 noon

Leader: GARRY PLUNKETT, Habitat Manager, Tiverton Open Space Comm.

The loveliness of this meandering brook belies its lurid name, given to it in colonial times, following a bloody encounter between resident Pocasset Indians and a Quaker preacher in transit to Newport. The stream flows through the beautiful eighty-acre maritime hardwood forest of Fort Barton Woods, a site reeking with history and plant diversity. Streamside wetlands, vernal pools, and glacial upland soils provide an opportunity to see an excellent array of wild flowers and native ferns. **NOTE:** the walk is over 2 1/2 miles of terrain that is rugged so it requires good stamina and sure-footedness and sturdy shoes. Strenuous walk.

Fee: Members: \$5. Non-members: \$7. Min. 4, Max. 12.

PLANT FORM – A SERIES OF THREE WORKSHOPS JULY 11 "Bud, Flower, Leaf & Stem"

Leader: HOPE LEESON, Ecologist and staff RINHS

SEPT. tba "Flower, fruit, rhizome & root" **NOV. tba** "Bark, bud, branch & architecture"

Three 3-hour workshops on **Saturdays, 9:30 to 12:30**

At first glance, many plants have similar characteristics, and it can often be difficult to distinguish one green plant from another. This series of three workshops will combine classroom and field observation in order to help the budding botanists sort through the terminology describing plant forms and learn what to look for in order to be able to identify plants on their own. You may sign up for one, two or all three, but only session one is open at this time. The others will be listed as open in a late summer Program News message about Aug. 1. A hand lens and a Newcomb's *Wildflower Guide* would be useful, but not required. Easy.

Locations tba; Min. 5, Max. 15 **Fee:** (for each session) Members: \$8.

SUMMER EVE PADDLE ON THE WOOD RIVER

Tues., JULY 14, 5 to 7:30 pm

Leader: DENISE POYER, Program Director, Wood-Pawtucket Watershed Assoc.

Mid-summer is the perfect time to see blooming wetland plants and late day is a wonderful time to enjoy the Wood River.

Join Denise Poyer on this easy paddle to look for floating hearts, pickerel weed, button bush, and many other beautiful and interesting water dependent plants. Along the way we may observe dragonflies, damselflies, ducklings, great blue herons and beaver. This event is open to WPWA and RIWPS members only. Single person kayaks are available for rent for an additional \$10. This paddle is suitable for beginners.

Fee: \$10. Limit: 12. Preregistration required **at least 48 hours in advance.**

To register, contact Denise Poyer at 401-539-9071 or email denisep@wpwa.org. Address is 203 Arcadia Rd., Hope Valley, RI 02832