

Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society

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Hardy Plant Society Fall Gardeners' Market

Saturday, September 9, 2023
8:30am - 12:30pm

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Venue: Farm, Home and Youth (formerly 4H)
1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA 19426

As was done last year, DVFWS will set up a table and engage with shoppers to bring attention to our organization and recruit new members. Rick will bring plants from Gardner's Landscape Nursery (Chester Springs) as give-a-ways to the first several members we sign up. We're also looking for three volunteers to assist with engagement with shoppers at the table. Below are the volunteer time slots we'd like to fill:

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

There are 11 top notch vendors participating in this sale, so don't miss an opportunity purchase some fabulous plant material for your fall gardening plan.

Above:
APOCYNACEAE
Asclepias tuberosa
Butterfly milkweed

Right:
ALLIACEAE
Allium sp.

Photos by
Link Davis



Field Trip Reports

If you have ideas and thoughts about field trips, please reach out to David Lauer:
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The Laurels Preserve - May 27, 2023

This was our second visit to The Laurels – a Brandywine Conservancy preserve in southern Chester County. We visited the preserve last October.

This time around we had a rather small turnout, Karen and Brian Mohn and myself. The three of us had the pleasure and benefit of being ushered around the preserve by Clint Mautz and his wife, Rebecca. Clint is head of maintenance at the preserve and was our tour guide in October 2022, as well. It was gratifying to learn that Clint was eager to do the DVFWS tour again as he expected to increase his plant knowledge by being around our plant “experts.”

Here are a few highlights of our hike:

Noteworthy species in bloom: Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*); Pinxterboom (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*); Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*); and Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphylum*). One Jack-in-the-pulpit had to be 24 to 30 inches tall!

Of course, we identified any number of ferns and wildflowers. Ferns of note were: Christmas (*Polystichum acrostichoides*); Cinnamon (*Osmundastum cinnamomeum*); Interrupted (*Osmunda claytoniana*); and Rattlesnake

(*Botrychium virginianum*).

Just days before the field trip DVFWS members, David and RoseLynn Malarek, graciously offered to host lunch at their beautiful Brandywine Valley property. So, after our hike, we were joined by the Whitefield's for lunch at the Malarek's and a tour of their spectacular gardens.

- Rick Reynolds



Along the path at The Laurels preserve - Photo by Rick Reynolds

About DVFWS

The purpose of DVFWS shall be to encourage the enjoyment of ferns and wildflowers by cultivating and propagating them in the home and garden; by studying them in their wild habitats, gardens and conservatories; by promoting their conservation and preservation; and by providing a forum for the exchange of information and expertise.

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Pollinators at work - two-spotted bumble bee above and wasp below taken at French Creek Park in Berks County - photos by Link Davis

Membership

Membership in DVFWS is open to anyone who is interested in ferns and wildflowers. Three general membership meetings are held each year and a number of field trips are scheduled each year to areas rich in botanical interest. The Newsletter is published quarterly. Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome and may be e-mailed to: Kendra Schieber at kenschieb@yahoo.com

Membership is \$10 for individuals or \$14 for two members at the same address per year or \$28 and \$39, respectively for three years. Dues are payable to DVFWS and mailed to:

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Fern Walk - Willow Grove Avenue - Chestnut Hill - Philadelphia
Photo by Chrissy Steele