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## Native Plant Trust to screen documentary *Mardi and the Whites*

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(Framingham, MA) Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, is pleased to announce that it will screen the documentary *Mardi and the Whites* on Saturday, October 15, at 3:30pm at Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA. A film made and directed by Paula Champagne, featuring Dorchester, MA, resident Mardi Fuller, *Mardi and the Whites* chronicles the deep relationship that outdoorswoman Mardi Fuller has built with New Hampshire's White Mountains, which has also been complicated by the overwhelmingly white hiking and outdoors community.

Mardi says that she is "thrilled to share my experiences as a Black outdoorswoman with this audience, at such an iconic local garden venue, and in partnership with Native Plant Trust, an organization committed to land stewardship and community education. My hope is that my story will shed light on patterns of exclusion in outdoor institutions and lead audience members to consider ways they might participate in the movement to improve access to nature for marginalized groups. I'm looking forward to a meaningful conversation and I know I will be inspired by the setting."

The screening will be followed by a conversation and reception with Mardi, and attendees are welcome to arrive early at Garden in the Woods and enjoy a stroll through the garden before the program. To register for this event, please visit [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org). Garden in the Woods is located at 180 Hemenway Road in Framingham, MA.

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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. We are based at Garden in the Woods, a renowned native plant botanic garden that attracts visitors from all over the world. From this flagship property in Framingham, Massachusetts, 25 staff and many of our 1,500 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. Native Plant Trust also operates a nursery at Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts and manages 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](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

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