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### Native Plant Trust Announces 2022 Opening Date for Garden in the Woods, Registration for 100 Programs for Spring/Summer 2022 Open Now

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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, will open its renowned botanic garden, Garden in the Woods, to the public for the 2022 season on Sunday, April 17. In a garden often described as magical, visitors will find naturalistic plant collections that showcase New England native plants with complimentary specimens from across the country.

"Garden in the Woods encompasses 45 acres sculpted by retreating glaciers into eskers, steep-sided valleys, and a kettle pond. Here you'll find inspiration for your own garden and a new appreciation for the plant life of our region," notes Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture at Native Plant Trust.

Along with the Garden opening, 100 educational programs, including many new this season, are now open for registration. Programs are offered in person and online. Register now at [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

"As we plan for the season of warmer weather and nature's renewal, we are providing a range of formats for accessing the outdoors and expert knowledge in botany and horticulture, from field studies spanning New England to expanded online certificate courses," offers Debbi Edelstein, Executive Director at Native Plant Trust. "It is our pleasure to create lifelong learning opportunities for the Community. We thank you for continuing to learn with us."

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Program highlights include:

- Live author talks with Uli Lorimer featuring his forthcoming book, **The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden** (Timber Press) on June 10 and September 14, 2022
- Cultivating Native Mosses (May 1, 2022)
- Rewilding with Native Trees (May 6, 2022)
- Trillium Week May 9-15, 2022, including a chance to explore Garden in the Woods after hours, during Twilight Trilliums, with live music and Decanted Wine Trucks
- Writing in the Garden (May 22, 2022)
- Orchids of New England (July 23, 2022)
- Online versions of Native Plant Studies Certificate courses
- New field and landscape studies across the region.

Many programs are eligible for continuing education credits for professionals in conservation, horticulture, landscape, and arboriculture. For more information and to register for programs, visit [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

## 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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