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Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization, offers 100 Programs for Fall 2021/Winter 2022, including new programs on climate resilience, environmental ethics, multicultural plant perspectives

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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, announces 100 programs for the Fall 2021/Winter 2022 season, including more than 30 never offered before. Most programs are available in a virtual format; in addition, half will be offered in-person throughout New England, with preparations in place to switch from in-person to online if needed. Program registration is open effective immediately at www.NativePlantTrust.org.

"We are delighted to offer an exciting range of in-person and online learning opportunities this season. Building on the release of our ground-breaking report with The Nature Conservancy on saving plant diversity as the climate changes, we are especially excited to announce a symposium on climate resilience on October 29 with some of the region's most innovative conservationists," notes Courtney Allen, Director of Public Programs at Native Plant Trust. "Also of great importance are new programs that invite us to consider botany and horticulture through various ethical, cultural, and time-frame lenses, such as People & Plants of the World with Wambui Ippolito and Understanding Plants over Time with Dr. Noel Kingsbury. Wherever you are, whatever your plant passion is, we look forward to welcoming you."

Native Plant Trust offers a depth and breadth of resources to support first-hand exploration of plants, as well as access to innovation and research in botany and horticulture. Among the 30 new programs this season are:

- A virtual symposium on **Climate Resilience** on October 29, 2021.
- Programs exploring a diversity of plant perspectives, including **People & Plants of the World, Environmental Ethics, and Understanding Plants over Time**.
- Workshops on **tracking your plantings and seed conservation**.

- Virtual versions of all basic core courses for the Native Plant Studies Certificate.
- In-person field and landscape studies, including **Collective Gardening** in Burlington, Vermont; **New Takes on Historic Landscapes at Bedrock Gardens** in Lee, New Hampshire; and **Native Plants for Native Birds** in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Native Plant Trust will also offer updated versions of its most popular programs, including:

- The **University Herbaria Series** in collaboration with Harvard University, Brown University, University of Connecticut, and University of New Hampshire.
- The **Library Conservation Talk Series**, in collaboration with libraries across Massachusetts.
- The annual **Botany Story Slam**.
- Advanced practitioner favorites **Building the Green Industry** and **Native Plants for Professionals**, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association.

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.

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.

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