



Red Wakerobin (*Trillium erectum*) Dan Jaffe © Native Plant Trust



Jewelled Wakerobin (*Trillium simile*) Dan Jaffe © Native Plant Trust

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Native Plant Trust Announces eighth annual Trillium Week, May 8-14, 2023; Registration for Twilight Trilliums after-hours event 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 celebrate its eighth annual Trillium Week at Garden in the Woods May 8-14, 2023.

"There are few wildflowers as charismatic as trilliums. They are instantly recognizable and widely cherished by gardeners and wildflower enthusiasts alike," notes Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture at Native Plant Trust. "Our collection of trilliums at Garden in the Woods became a Nationally Accredited Collection in 2013 through the American Public Gardens Association because of the breadth of taxa represented and the quality of our specimens. It is an honor to be recognized for this achievement and encouragement for the staff to continue to develop the collection with the

 Headquarters & Garden in the Woods 180 Hemenway Road Framingham, MA 01701 highest standards of horticulture. Please join us during our Trillium Week, when these plants take center stage."

Trilliums are relatively easy to cultivate, but like so many things in nature, do require patience. From seed it may be five to seven years before a trillium will bloom; clumps with six blossoms may be 50 years old or more.

During Trillium Week there are guided tours of the award-winning trillium collection at Garden in the Woods on May 10, 12, 13, and 14. A self-guided audio tour of the collection is available on the Native Plant Trust website for download.

Twilight Trilliums is the signature event celebrating trilliums and provides an opportunity to stroll the gardens after hours while enjoying beverages and light refreshments from Decanted Wine Trucks, a local, women-owned business. The event will feature live music by guitarist/composer John Baboian. John has been a member of the faculty at Berklee College of Music since 1980, is a voting member of The Recording Academy (the Grammy's), and has been a featured performer on over 20 recordings. His compositions and arrangements have been featured on shows including HBO's The Sopranos.

Tickets are \$30 members, \$36 nonmembers. For more information and to register for Twilight Trilliums, please visit: <u>https://www.NativePlantTrust.org/education/classes/</u>

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, 30 staff and many of our 2,000 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.