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Adkins Arboretum Native Plant Nursery to Host Special Night-Out Event, Open House

Adkins Arboretum's Native Plant Nursery will open its doors on Fri., Sept. 9 for a [Night Out at the Nursery](#) event. The public is invited for light fare, live music, a cash wine and beer bar, a raffle, a silent auction and shopping in a fun and festive atmosphere. The Nursery offers the Chesapeake region's largest selection of ornamental native trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns and grasses.



Native asters add color to the fall garden and provide nectar for numerous butterfly species, including this painted lady. A selection of asters will be available at Adkins Arboretum's Native Plant Nursery Fall Open House and Plant Sale on Sat., Sept. 10. Photo by Josh Taylor Jr.

Following the Night Out event, the Nursery will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 10 for a [Fall Open House and Plant Sale](#). All members, including those who join during the Open House, receive a significant discount on plant purchases.

Brilliant orange butterfly weed and stunning red cardinal flower attract pollinators such as bees, birds and butterflies to the garden, while native asters add subtle shades of purple and blue. Redbud and dogwood dot the early-spring landscape with color, and shrubs such as aronia and beautyberry provide food and habitat for wildlife.

Fall is the best season for planting. Trees and shrubs planted in fall have a chance to set roots before the heat and stress of summer. The Arboretum participates in the Marylanders Plant Trees program, an initiative by the State of Maryland to encourage residents to plant native trees. The program offers a \$25 coupon toward purchase of native trees that retail for \$50 or more.

Open House visitors can also learn about the Arboretum's Native Landscape Design Center, a unique offering that pairs homeowners with a landscape designer to create a beautiful and affordable native landscape that benefits wildlife and the environment.

Proceeds from plants sold at the Fall Open House benefit the Arboretum's education programs. For more information, call 410-634-2847, extension 0 or visit adkinsarboretum.org.

Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. For more information about programs, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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