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Adkins Arboretum Offers Free Admission, More on Sat., Sept. 24 for Smithsonian Museum Day

Adkins Arboretum will waive admission fees and offer special activities on Sat., Sept. 24 in recognition of *Smithsonian* magazine's twelfth annual Museum Day. A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, Museum Day reflects the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian

Institution's museums in Washington, D.C. Doors of museums and cultural institutions nationwide will be open free of charge.

The public is invited on Museum Day to explore the Arboretum's 400 acres of native woodlands, wetlands, gardens and meadows along five miles of trails. Violist

Nevin Dawson will perform at 2 p.m., and children's activities will be offered throughout the day. Visitors also may enjoy a guided walk with docent Margan Glover, audio tours that provide lessons about the region's natural history, the eighth biennial Outdoor Sculpture Invitational exhibit, and *Four Seasons*, an exhibit of paintings by Julia Sulliff. A wide variety of ornamental native perennials, trees, shrubs and grasses will be for sale for fall planting at the Native Plant Nursery. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Photo by Kellen McCluskey

For more information about Adkins Arboretum, visit adkinsarboretum.org. For information about Smithsonian Museum Day, visit smithsonianmag.com/museumday.

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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, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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