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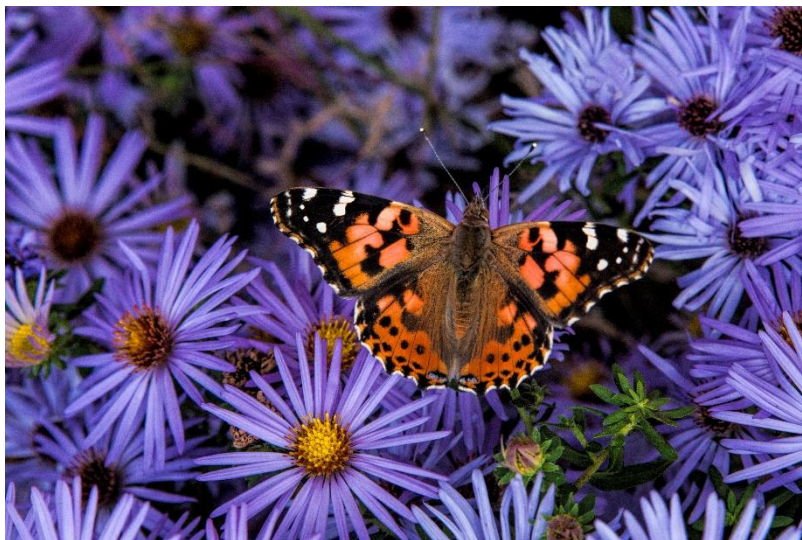
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Adkins Arboretum Announces Fall Open House and Native Plant Sale

Enjoy fall in the garden! Adkins Arboretum will hold its annual Fall Open House and Native Plant Sale Fri. through Sun., Sept. 8–10 at the Arboretum in Ridgely, Md. The sale will be held at the Visitor's Center.

The Arboretum offers the Chesapeake region's largest selection of ornamental native trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns and grasses. Many native plants produce seeds, flowers and fruit in fall that attract migratory

birds and butterflies. Brilliant orange butterfly weed and stunning red cardinal flower attract pollinators 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.



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 Fall Open House and Native Plant Sale, Sept. 8–10. Photo by Josh Taylor Jr.

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.

The Open House begins on Fri., Sept. 8. Shopping hours begin at 10 a.m., and the public is invited from 4 to 6 p.m. for light fare, live music, a cash wine and beer bar, a silent auction and shopping in a fun and festive atmosphere. Plant sales continue Sat., Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. Members receive a significant discount on plant purchases. Presale plant orders will be accepted at adkinsplants.com through Sun., Aug. 20 and may be picked up anytime during the Open House weekend.

Several education programs coincide with the Open House weekend. On Sat., Sept. 9, veteran birder Wayne Bell will lead a migratory bird walk beginning at 8 a.m., and award-winning floral designer Samantha McCall will present Earth-Friendly Floral Designs from 1 to 2 p.m. Advance registration is requested for the bird walk and required for the floral design workshop at adkinsarboretum.org.

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. Lead designer Chris Pax will offer a free drop-in program from 11 a.m. to noon on Sat., Sept. 9. She'll discuss plants for sale and where to plant them, and will be available to answer questions afterward.

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

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