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Discover Talbot County’s Native Gardens on Adkins Arboretum’s Third Annual Native Garden Tour

On Sat., May 9, when the vibrant blue false indigo is in bloom, Adkins Arboretum brings its [second annual native garden tour](#), [“Celebrating Natives,”](#) to Talbot County.

“Celebrating Natives” is a different kind of garden tour, one that focuses on sustainable approaches to Eastern Shore gardening. The Talbot County Senior Center at Brookletts Place is the hub of this self-guided driving tour of outstanding gardens in and around Easton, St. Michaels, Bozman and Tilghman. The tour not only highlights the beauty of the gardens but emphasizes their importance in a biodiverse landscape.

The tour features eight unique gardens, each demonstrating varying commitments to native plantings and uses of sustainable practices such as rain barrels and composting. The gardens range from a small quarter-acre space that began as a blank slate, to a multi-acre waterfront property showcasing a living shoreline and thriving native trees, to a garden slowly transitioning from exotic plants to natives.



The first garden tour of its kind on the Eastern Shore, “Celebrating Natives” exemplifies the Arboretum’s mission of teaching about and showing by example the importance of using native

plants in restoring balance to the ecosystem and fostering community relationships. Native plants are those that grew and thrived on the Eastern Shore before the introduction of European settlers. Because these plants have adapted naturally to the region's ecology of climate, insects and wildlife, they are a better choice than non-native plants.

"Celebrating Natives" will take place rain or shine on Sat., May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at Brookletts Place on the day of the tour. A list of local restaurants will be provided. For more information or to order tickets, visit adkingsgardentour.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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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 additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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