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Author Ruth Kassinger to Present *A Garden of Marvels* March 30 at Adkins Arboretum

In *A Garden of Marvels*, author Ruth Kassinger introduces the basic botany of plants—flowers, roots, stems and leaves—and explains how they function together. Combining science and botanical knowledge with reflections on her personal quest to become a better gardener, Kassinger reveals a journey of discovery that offers fresh and unexpected insights into the natural world.

On Sun., March 30, Kassinger will present *A Garden of Marvels* at Adkins Arboretum. This witty and engaging history traces the progress of early botanists who discovered that flowers are all about sex, leaves eat air, roots choose their food, and other secrets of plants. The talk is interwoven with stories of today's extraordinary plants, including one-ton pumpkins, truly black petunias and the world's only photosynthesizing animal. The talk begins at 1 p.m. and is \$15 for Arboretum members, \$20 for non-members. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition to penning *A Garden of Marvels*, Ruth Kassinger is the award-winning author of eight science and history books for young adults. Her first book for an adult audience, *Paradise Under Glass*, chronicles her journey of creating a conservatory at her suburban home. Her science and health writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *National Geographic Explorer*, *Health* magazine, *Science Weekly* and other publications.



*Author Ruth Kassinger will present **A Garden of Marvels**, an engaging history that traces the progress of botanists, on Sun., March 30 at Adkins Arboretum.*

Advance registration is requested for this unique and fascinating program. Register online at adkinsarboretum.org or call 410.634.2847, ext. 0 for more information.

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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 is the region's resource for native plants and education programs about nature, ecology and wildlife conservation gardening. Through its [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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