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Adkins Arboretum Celebrates Publication of *Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping: The Essential Green Guide* *Public launch reception to be held April 8*

What if, one step at a time, we could make our gardens and landscapes more eco-friendly? *Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping: The Essential Green Guide*, the first book written specifically for Chesapeake Bay-region gardeners, shows homeowners, garden designers, gardeners and landscapers how to do just that. Meet the author and celebrate the release of this landmark book on Wed., April 8 at Adkins Arboretum.

Written by Barbara W. Ellis with principal photographer Neil Soderstrom, and published by University of North Carolina Press in association with Adkins Arboretum, *Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping* is an important resource for aspiring earth-friendly gardeners. Mid-Atlantic gardeners—from beginners to advanced—will find the essential tools for taking steps to make their gardens part of the solution through long-term planning and planting.

Featuring more than 300 color photographs in addition to helpful planting plans, diagrams and lists of recommended plants for all sites and soils, *Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping* is the ultimate resource for all gardeners who wish to hone their craft and take part in making our world a healthier and more beautiful habitat for all creatures.



Barbara W. Ellis

This indispensable guide is “an important, valuable and timely resource for Chesapeake gardeners, and the only book of its kind in the region,” said Mollie Ridout, director of horticulture for the Historic Annapolis Foundation. “The volume’s structure and practical how-to nature will make it useful both to readers just starting their gardening endeavors and to experienced gardeners inspired to bring their landscapes into more conformity with their natural contexts.”

Barbara W. Ellis is the former managing editor of gardening books at Rodale Press and publications director at the American Horticultural Society. She is the author of *Covering Ground: Unexpected Ideas for Landscaping with Colorful, Low-Maintenance Ground Covers*, among other books. She lives and gardens in Kent County.

Join Ellis at Adkins Arboretum on Wed., April 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. to learn about creating welcoming gardens and landscapes that are earth and Bay friendly, and to pick up a signed copy of this long-awaited new book. Admission is free, and the reception is open to the public. Copies of *Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping: The Essential Green Guide* may be purchased in advance at adkinsarboretum.org.

Cutline: Kent County resident Barbara W. Ellis is the author of the newly released *Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping: The Essential Green Guide*. The first book written specifically for gardeners in the Chesapeake region, this important resource was published in association with Adkins Arboretum. Ellis will discuss the book and sign copies at a launch reception at the Arboretum on Wed., April 8. Photo by Sarah Ruckelshaus.

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

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