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Adkins Arboretum Offers Landscape Design Workshop March 28

Register for Adkins Arboretum’s Landscape Design Workshop on Sat., March 28, and learn how to transform your property into an attractive landscape with year-round interest and beauty.

Offered again by popular demand, this all-day workshop will address typical challenges of homeowners in the Chesapeake Bay region. Three experienced landscape designers and avid gardeners will lead this intensive planning session. Come with your challenges and dreams, and leave with a landscape plan, ideas and confidence to transform your home landscape for your enjoyment and pride.

Topics include analyzing the challenges and opportunities of your property; developing a plan for circulation and unique features; designing “rooms” for outdoor living; choosing materials for patios and walks; incorporating sustainable practices; and selecting ornamental plants. The designers will offer practical advice on getting started; tackling wet areas; laying out a path; screening an undesirable view; and plants recommended for specific conditions. Step by step, participants will develop their own landscape designs.

Workshop leaders are Arboretum Executive Director Ellie Altman; landscape architect Barbara McCilton, formerly of the Baltimore landscape architecture and land planning firm Daft, McCune, Walker; and landscape designer and native plant enthusiast Chris Pax, a graduate of
the George Washington University sustainable landscape design master’s program.

The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. The fee is $125 for Arboretum members, $145 for non-members, and $175 for member couples. Advance registration is required. Bring lunch, a property plat, photos and other documentation of your property. Continental breakfast, break refreshments, worksheets and handouts will be provided. Register online at adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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.