

The News From Native Plant School

June 2012



Native Plant School is a partnership between Shaw Nature Reserve, Grow Native! and Wild Ones Natural Landscapers. Classes are held in the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve.

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Upcoming classes:

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2012 Schedule

Thur or Sat, June 14/16, 1-4 p.m.
Rain Gardening for Home Owners
(Gilberg)

Thur or Fri, July 12/13, 1-4 p.m.
Small Flowering Trees, Shrubs and
Vines Part 2 (Woodbury)

Fri, Aug. 17, 5-7 p.m.
Book Review 1 Noah's Garden/Stein
(Chapters 1-6) (Gilberg/Woodbury)

Friday, Sept. 7, 4-8 p.m.
[Fall Wildflower Sale and Open Garden](#)

Thur, Sept 13, 1-4 p.m.
Reconstructing Tallgrass Prairies
(Woodbury)

Nature Connection:



Ever wonder if timber rattlesnakes occur in the St. Louis Region? These are photos taken of the common habitat (a patch of aromatic sumac in the woods) and a close up of a coiled timber rattler named Hyde. Hyde is one of an estimated hundreds of timber rattlers living in the St. Louis region west of St. Louis. Hyde is monitored by pit viper field researchers Wayne Drda and Josh Higgens. Perhaps one will eventually be spotted at Shaw Nature Reserve. Keep your eyes to the ground and call SNR staff if you become the lucky first to find one of these snakes.



Thur-Fri, Oct. 11/12, 1-4 p.m
Small Flowering Trees, Shrubs and
Vines Part 3 (Woodbury)

Fri, Oct. 12, 5-7 p.m
Book Review 2 Noah's Garden/Stein
(Chapters 7-13) (Gilberg/Woodbury)

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first-ever discoverer of this rare species.



June Native Plant Highlight

Indian pink (*Spigelia marilandica*)
The magnificent red, tubular buds of Indian
pink (*Spigelia marilandica*) open in early
summer to reveal bright yellow star-shaped
flowers. When in bloom, it attracts the
attention not only of visiting hikers but that
of hummingbirds as well. *Spigelia* grows
about two feet tall and is native to woodlands
in the Ozark region of Missouri. It is a well-
behaved, clump-forming shade perennial
that is deserving of a prominent place in
woodland gardens.



Picture-Perfect Pollinators



The Missouri Botanical Garden, Sophia M. Sachs
Butterfly House and Shaw Nature Reserve are
celebrating National Pollinator Week, June 18
through 24, by dedicating the entire month of June
to Picture-Perfect Pollinators. Capture snapshots of
butterflies, birds, bees and other pollinators in your
own backyard, neighborhood or favorite locale and
share your photos on the Missouri Botanical
Garden's Flickr account at [http://www.flickr.com/
groups/1381284@N20/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/1381284@N20/)

Gardening Tips:

Vigorous, unwanted limbs should be removed or shortened on new trees. Watch for forks in the main trunk and remove the least desirable leader as soon as it is noticed.

Cultivate and mulch. Mulching will reduce about 70 percent of the summer yard maintenance.

Continue to water new plantings deeply as needed. Apply at least one inch of water each time.

Softwood cuttings from new growth of many shrubs will root if propagated in a moist shady spot.

Fall blooming perennials can be cut back to reduce flopping.

Collect seeds from spring blooming plants and store in indoor stratification or outdoor flats.

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