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.

Please register and pay online

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)

Thu-Fri, Oct. 11/12, 1-4 p.m.
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 ever discoverer of this amazing 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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