



Press Release, August 25, 2017 :

“1st Annual Native Plant Fair in Eureka Springs on September 30, 2017”

The Native Plant Garden Project, in partnership with The Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists and The Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Commission announces the 1st Annual Native Plant Fair in Eureka Springs on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

This free event is a fundraiser for the Native Plant Garden Project, a community volunteer project establishing a natural habitat & pollinator site in downtown Eureka Springs. The fair will take place at the new Eureka Springs Community Center, at 44 Kingshighway, from 9 am to 5 pm.

A Native Plant Sale will present area vendors including The Native Plant Garden Project, Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists, Lorna Trigg of Fire Om Earth, and Ozark Soul from Branson, MO.

Several affiliated Natural Resource organizations will exhibit and share information including; Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists, The Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Commission, Carroll County Master Gardeners, Arkansas Native Plant Society, Eureka Springs Pollinator Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, Eureka Springs Permaculture Society, Audubon Society, D’Coda of the Ozark Herbal Academy, Ozarks Water Watch, and Community Solar Partners.

A schedule of talks by noted botanical experts includes Steven Foster, herbalist, nature photographer, and senior author of 3 Peterson Field guides; Scott Woodbury, Manager of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit, MO, a division of The Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, MO; and Theo Whitsell, Botanist & Ecologist with The State of Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission.

There will also be a raffle of a beautifully crafted Walnut salad bowl (Value \$165) made from native repurposed wood by local woodturner Les Brandt, of Huntsville, AR.

Lunch will be available at the Eureka Springs Farmer’s Market also taking place at the Community Center, other nearby restaurants, or bring your own.

A nature hike to nearby Lake Leatherwood City Park with the guest speakers will conclude the event.

Presentations will be held in the Eureka Springs Community Center’s Highlander Room, and **Seating Is Limited**, so registration is highly recommended and more schedule information is available at the web site below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eureka-springs-first-annual-native-plant-fair-tickets-36948654420>