



Bog Gardens and Gardening – A Native Plant Symposium

The Delaware Native Plant Society will host its 8th Annual Symposium in the Visitors Center Auditorium at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, 2591 Whitehall Neck Road Smyrna, DE 19977 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2012. The symposium will focus on Bog Gardens and Gardening. This symposium sponsored jointly by the Delaware Native Plant Society and the Bombay Hook Garden Keepers.

Participants will learn about the types of bog plants, many rare and choice, that grow in our region and how they can be used effectively in the landscape.

Bill will discuss Delaware native bog plants and ecology and Jason will discuss how to grow them successfully in the garden. He plans to bring plants for sale.

Noted botanist Bill McAvoy will present a program on native white cedar bog Delaware species in their native habitats. A lot can be learned about their culture and adaptability to cultivation from where they grow in nature. McAvoy is the Botanist with the Delaware Natural Heritage Program where he takes primary responsibility for planning, coordinating, and conducting inventories for rare plant species in Delaware. He specializes in coastal plain flora He has served both as Vice President and President of the Delaware Native Plant Society and has participated in previous symposia on Ferns, Hardy Native Orchids, Trees and members of the Rhododendron and Aster families.



Jason Austin with one of his planters

Jason Austin, Manager of Rare Find Nursery, will present a program titled "Carnivores in Captivity." He is a graduate from the Ornamental Horticulture Program at Delaware Valley College. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of native plants and perennials. One of his passions is carnivorous plants which grow in bogs. He's responsible for the Bog Workshops that have been enjoyed by many of the Rarefind Nursery customers. Day to day he manages all the greenhouses and oversees the growing the nursery's incredible selection of choice and rare plants.

A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch are being provided. Please note that reservations are limited and are available on a first come, first served, space available basis. The symposium is free and is open to the public but registration is required. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder by phone at (302) 653-6449 or by e-mail at qcsjr@comcast.net.

The Delaware Native Plant Society has a statewide membership and was organized in 1998 and encourages the use of and works to preserve, conserve, restore, and propagate native plants and native plant communities in Delaware. For more information about the Society, visit its website at www.delawarenativeplants.org.