

-SPRING 2021 PRESERVE CONSERVATION DAYS- GARVIES POINT MUSEUM & PRESERVE

Our mission is to conserve and preserve our natural environment here at Garvies Point Museum for this and future generations.

Non-native invasive plants compete with native ones that wildlife depend on.

We encourage the removal of these plants as well as including native plants in your own gardens.

Visit our website to learn about our NATIVE PLANT SALE on Sat May 1

The invasion of aggressive, non-native plants (and animals) is a major problem across the globe. Whether they were introduced intentionally through gardening or accidentally in trade; they disrupt the natural balance of our ecosystem by crowding out native wildflowers, shrubs & trees that our wildlife depend on. Learn how to identify non-native plant species and their native look-alikes, plus important invasive removal techniques.

Saturday, March 20, 2021 – 10am - 2pm

Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) &
English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)

Vine, semi-evergreen, blooms May

Both popular in home gardens and are both aggressive and smother any plants, shrubs and trees in their path. They WILL kill trees they climb up. Creates dense groundcover in forests preventing native wildflowers from flourishing. Easily pulled from ground, easy to recognize this time of year due to evergreen leaves.

Saturday, April 17 – 10am - 2pm

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)
Biennial plant, seed pods develop by May

Known to crowd out native wildflowers and herbaceous plants in forest communities. The presence of Garlic Mustard in an ecosystem is known to greatly diminish the diversity of species.

Saturday, May 15 – 10am - 2pm

Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)
blooms late summer

With a highly invasive root system, this perennial can rapidly crowd out native plants. A dense canopy up to 15 feet tall can develop and very little plant life can grow underneath its shade.

Saturday, June 12 – 10am - 2pm

Porcelain Berry (*Ampelopsis glandulosa*)
blooms June-August; fruit develops by August

Porcelain berry, a highly invasive vine that smothers plants & trees, is easily identified by its multi-colored fruit in late summer/fall. Fills niche of native fox grape (same family *Vitaceae*) which is a valuable food source for birds and wildlife.

A perfect opportunity for scouts, environmental groups, students & anyone who just wants to give back to their community. Volunteers are welcome at any time from 10a-2p. We recommend volunteers bring work or garden gloves (we have some available), a hat, wear socks (to pull over pants), sneakers, light colored clothing, and a bag lunch with water if you desire. **Water and light snacks will be provided.** Sponsored by the **Friends of Garvies Point Museum & Preserve**

If you cannot make these dates, feel free to contact us with a specific date for you or your group to volunteer.

Contact Veronica at 516-571-8010 or vnatale@nassaucountyny.gov

with any questions and **please RSVP**



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