

# GARDENING FOR NATURE

## A FIVE PART SERIES

### native plants and the home landscape

#### **Saturday June 10, 12 noon – LIVE in the Knippenberg Center for Education** **From Buzz to Chirps and Flashes: Creating a Garden Paradise for Pollinators**

Presented by Lourdes Osorio

Create a garden that buzzes with life and attracts butterflies, bees, and other insects. This presentation discusses how gardeners can create a healthy habitat for a variety of insects and birds right in their garden! Garden design, maintenance, and native plant selection are addressed as well as specific host plants and what insects they support. Join the growing number of home landscapes that are improving our world through their gardens.

#### **Thursday July 13, 6:30 PM - LIVE in the Knippenberg Center for Education** **The Magical World of Fireflies**

Presented by Lourdes Osorio

Probably no living creature immerses humans into a magical realm as much as fireflies, or lightning bugs, do! Yet, few of us know much about them or how to protect them. As their numbers decline worldwide and face extinction, learn what steps you can take to protect them. Learn about their life cycle, what makes them glow, how they have inspired humanity throughout the ages, and best gardening practices to protect them. After this fascinating lecture, we will walk a section of the arboretum (weather permitting) to look for fireflies and learn more!

#### **Thursday August 10 at 7:00 PM - ZOOM** **Native Groundcovers: Living Mulch**

Presented by Leah Brooks, Mt. Cuba Center, Delaware

Although mulch is a commonly used groundcover, a beautiful tapestry of foliage and flowers is more visually dynamic and ecologically valuable. Discover a selection of tough, versatile native plants to use as groundcovers in a variety of growing conditions. Gardeners of all levels will benefit from this addition to their gardening expertise.

#### **Thursday October 19 at 7:00 PM - ZOOM** **Beyond Monarchs & Honeybees: The Case for Diversity**

Presented by Dr. Randi Eckel, Toadshade Wildflower Farm, Frenchtown, NJ

Butterflies and honeybees have been getting a lot of press – and a lot of folks have stepped up to help them, which is good. But with more than 10,000 species of native butterflies, moths and bees in the US, as well many other creatures that depend upon native plants, it is critical that we look beyond just two species! This presentation examines communities, specialists and the critical role of diversity in our midst.

#### **Thursday November 2 at 7:00 PM – ZOOM** **Native Plants for Beautiful Moths!**

Presented by Rachel Mackow, Wild Ridge Plants, Pohatcong Township, NJ

Draw beautiful moths to your garden with our native wildflowers, trees, and shrubs. Just like butterflies, the larvae of moths use native plants as hosts. The adults of many moths can utilize the nectar of native flowers, as well. These mysterious winged creatures — the Luna moth, Hummingbird Clearwing, and others — will increase your enjoyment of your native gardens. This program will also help you to distinguish moths and butterflies.

**\$10/members \$20 non/members** Register at [www.laurelwoodarboretum.org](http://www.laurelwoodarboretum.org)

Registration opens about a month before each program. Confirmation and zoom links will be sent.