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Save the Date! Our Annual Markham Native Plant Sale: May 9, 2015

Our large **Annual Spring Native Plant Sale** will be taking place on Saturday, May 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Markham Civic Centre. Parking is free. It is Canada's largest one-day native plant sale. We hope to see you there!

Preordering is now available. Click [here](#) to go directly to the plant list. Pickup for preorders will be at the Markham Civic Centre, May 9th only.

There will be two smaller sales in Toronto, one in the east end on May 16 & 17, 2015 and one in the west end on May 24, 2015. See [here](#) for details of all three sales and FAQ about preordering.

The plants at our sales are from NANPS approved ethical growers. All of our plants are neonicotinoid free.

The North American Native Plant Society will be very busy in the coming months. We will be hosting several speakers, workshops and plant sales and we will be appearing at a number of events and Seedy Saturdays. For a complete list of our upcoming events, please check out our [Spring, 2015 Event Flyer](#). We hope to see each and every one of you in the coming months!

The 2014-15 NANPS Seed Exchange

The 2014-15 North American Native Plant Society Seed Exchange is available on our web-site. The seed list is updated as they arrive. Please click [here](#) for the most recently updated list (updated Feb. 1, 2015).

The 2014 North American Plant Society Annual Report

Please click on the link below to read the North American Native Plant Society's Annual Report covering the period October 20, 2013 to November 15, 2014

[NANPS 2014 Annual Report](#)

Lorraine Johnson to Speak on Growing Edible Native Plants

The North American Native Plant Society is proud to present noted author and native plant expert **Lorraine Johnson** at the North York Central Library Auditorium (5120 Yonge St., Toronto) on **Monday, March 30th** at 7:30. Lorraine will be speaking on the topic "**Flowers and Food: Growing Edible Native Plants**". This talk is the first of two presentations that will be video recorded, edited and made available online thanks to generous funding from The McLean Foundation.



Photo by Andrew Leyerle

Lorraine is the author of more than 10 books, including *The New Ontario Naturalized Garden*; *100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants for Canadian Cities*; and *The Gardener's Manifesto*. Her most recent books are *City Farmer: Adventures in Urban Food Growing and editor for the Canadian Gardener's Guide* and has travelled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada to research native plant landscapes and design. She continues to work as a consultant on various landscape projects and has also been involved in urban agriculture since the early 1990s. Most recently, she was the lead writer of the document "GrowTO: An Urban Agriculture Action Plan for Toronto," the recommendations of which were accepted for further study by Toronto City Council in November 2012.

Over the years, Lorraine *has been involved with* many organizations, including the North American Native Plant Society from 1995 to 2002 (President from 1998 to 2001). Lorraine is currently at work on a book tentatively titled *From Barnyard to Backyard: The Urban Livestock Revolution*.

In this illustrated talk, Lorraine Johnson will combine two timely and popular subjects—urban agriculture and native plant gardening—and inspire gardeners to grow edible native plants on their own properties.

Location: North York Central Library Auditorium (5120 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario (at the North York Centre subway stop))

When: Monday, March 30 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Admission: General Admission \$8, NANPS Members / Guests \$5

Margaret Atwood

We are pleased to welcome Margaret Atwood as a new Honorary Director of the North American Native Plant Society. Margaret Atwood has written more than forty volumes of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and children's literature. She has been acknowledged with numerous literary awards and honours including the Booker Prize, Governor General's Award and Giller Prize. She has received honorary degrees from 24 academic institutions and is a Companion of the Order of Canada. She is also an unflinching advocate for environmental issues.



Community Canoe Projects

What's a Community Canoe Garden? NANPS has been working in conjunction with the David Suzuki Foundation's Homegrown National Park project and helping to convert old canoes into pollinator-friendly native plant gardens. NANPS has provided funding and plenty of volunteers to assist in the creation of the canoe planters. Community Canoe Gardens have been installed in a number of parks, school yards etc. The photographs below are from a planting that took place in July, 2014 in Toronto's Stanley Park.



Photos by Adam Mohamed of NANPS and Jode Roberts of the David Suzuki Foundation

Healing Gardens Workshop - April 25th

On **Saturday, April 25**, NANPS will be hosting a special all-day workshop in Toronto from 9:00 to 4:00 pm.

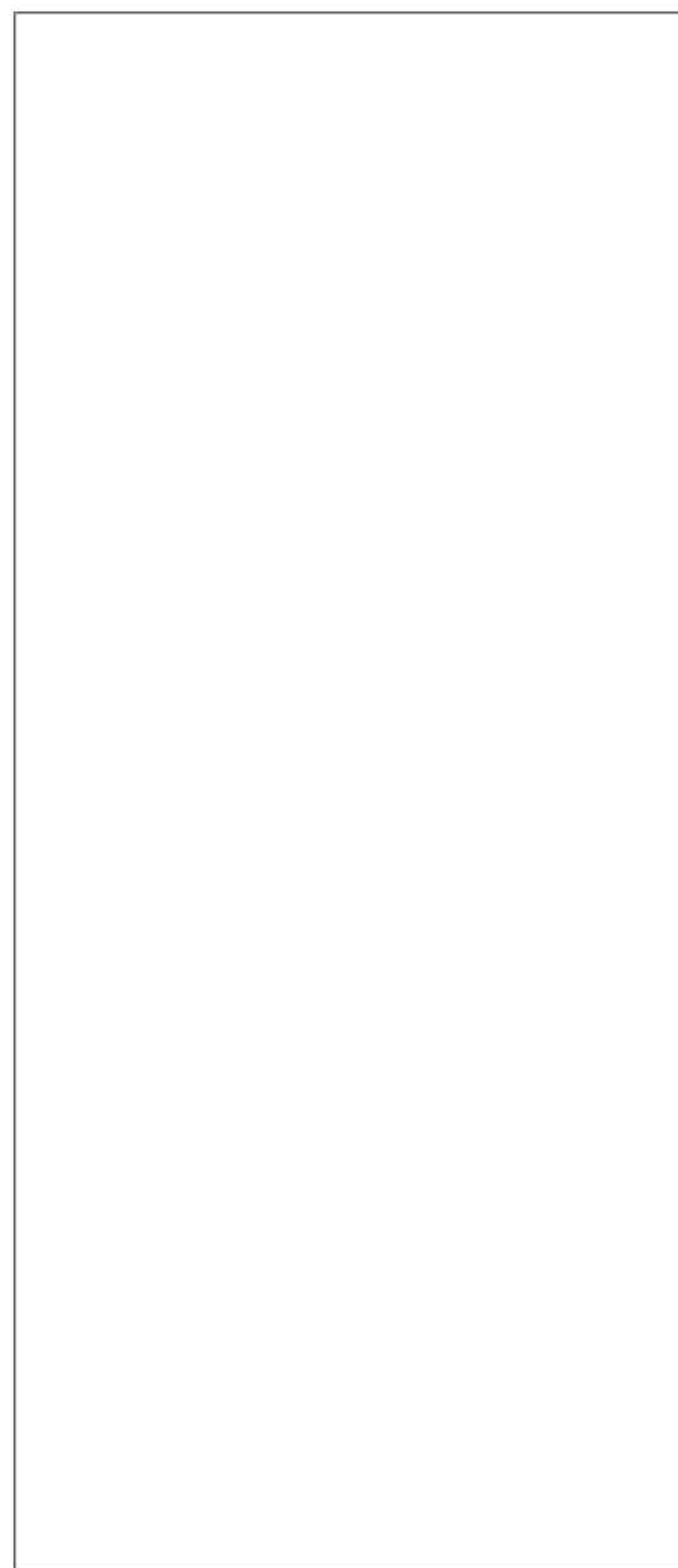
Consider creating a sacred garden as part of your own personal journey or as a special healing place (such as a memorial, peace or meditation garden).

The Healing Gardens Workshop was developed by the *Naturalized Habitat Network*. While many landscapes may offer restorative qualities, a healing garden is designed with healing and well-being as its main focus. Each garden will be unique. It may be designed to foster physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, or exist as a meditation, peace or memorial garden. The workshop will draw on an eclectic mix of landscaping disciplines, including Japanese and European Monastic gardening, along with First Nations healing traditions. It will also draw inspiration from nature itself, so as to incorporate elements of our natural heritage and its native plants. Discussion will include the review and selecting of suitable native trees and shrubs, grasses and wildflowers.

Workshop presenter: Dan Bissonnette, Program Coordinator for the [Naturalized Habitat Network](#)

Workshop Location: Room 212, The Big Carrot, 348 Danforth Avenue, Toronto (at the Chester subway stop)

Pre-registration is required for this event. Visit the [Eventbrite page for this event to register](#). If you prefer, you may print off the [Healing Gardens registration form](#) and mail it in to us along with your cheque for payment.



Our 2014 Award Winners

The North American Native Plant Society recently held its Annual General Meeting in Markham, Ontario on November 15, 2014 where we announced the winners of this year's awards.

Congratulations to the Red Mountain Campus of Mesa Community College in Mesa, Arizona for being awarded the Founders Conservation Award. You can find out more about Red Mountain Campus' efforts to restore and maintain native plant populations on their grounds by watching this short acceptance video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Pyh-X8h33A&feature=youtu.be>

We would also like to congratulate Angelique-Marie Mori, Alan Bell and Paul Foster, each of whom were awarded a Garden Award for their inspiring efforts to create native plant habitat in urban settings.

Rolf Struthers and Vivienne Denton were also recognized with Volunteer of the Year Awards for their contributions to the society. Rolf has done an outstanding job processing our memberships and maintaining our membership base while Vivienne has supported NANPS in several ways, particularly as a long-time supporter of our seed exchange.

Join us!

Please consider supporting our efforts! Membership in the North American Native Plant Society is only \$25 a year (\$10 for students!). For your membership fees you will receive four issues of The Blazng Star, our e-newsletter The Local Scoop, members-only access to our seed exchange, and pre-order privileges at our annual native plant sale. You will also support our other activities that include the preservation of our two conservation properties (Shining Tree Woods and Zinkan Island Cove), the Dr. Barbara Fallis Lecture Series, plant rescues, restoration projects, education materials as well as advocacy and promotion for the inclusion of native plants in green spaces.

You can join NANPS using our [online membership form](#) (use Visa, Mastercard or PayPal).

Thank you for your support! Peter Kelly, Executive Director

