

# Agenda for Native Plant Performers: Significant and Beautiful Alternatives

Friday, April 6

*Please join us at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and to connect with the instructors and other attendees.*

9:00                      Brief introduction with Irene Brady Barber

**9:05-10:30            Invasive Plants: Digging Deeper with Nancy Olmstead**

- Characteristics of non-native invasive plants and risks to our landscapes
- Methods and specific applications to treat areas where invasive plants persist
- Preventing establishment of invasive plants

*Nancy Olmstead is an invasive plant biologist for the Maine Department of Agriculture. Her sole responsibility is managing and identifying strategies to prevent the further establishment of invasive plants in the state of Maine. She works closely with public interest groups as well as ecologists on the monitoring and removal of non-native invasive plants in Maine.*

**10:30-12:00        Native Plant Selection and Cultivation: Woodies with Shawn Jalbert**

- Preferred cultural conditions needed for specific plants
- Non-native and invasive plant alternatives
- Plant habits, rate of growth, habitat services and propagation

*Shawn Jalbert propagates native plants at his wholesale nursery, Native Haunts, in Alfred, Maine. Shawn grows from seed, cuttings, and root divisions and consults with landscapers, designers, architects, engineers and public interest groups about ecological restoration projects.*

**12:00-1:00        Lunch (provided)**

**1:00-2:30            Native Plant Selection and Cultivation: Herbaceous with Heather McCargo**

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*Heather McCargo, native plant propagator, landscape architect, horticultural educator and principal owner of Wild Seed Project, will highlight underused or misunderstood herbaceous native plants, where they grow, and seasonal adaptations and growth habits. She will also explain the significance of landscaping with seed for a more resilient, healthier ecosystem.*

**2:30-3:00            Panel Discussion**

Presenters will be available for in-depth discussion and further Q&A by the students. This is an opportunity for the three presenters to coordinate and delve deeper into their specialties as directed by attendees' questions.