

October Garden Events @



518 Forest Road, Rte 22, Northford

on the web at naturework.com

Retail Shop Hours:

Monday – Saturday , 9am -5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm



Saturday, October 1st

9:30-10:30 am **Multiplication by Division: How to Divide Perennials in the Fall**

As the weather cools down in October, it is time to dig and divide your spring and summer blooming perennials. Nancy will explain which perennials need division, how often to do it, and the basic techniques based on the type of plant and root system that it has. This workshop is timed so that you can understand the process and work on your own gardens for the rest of October into early November.

11:30 am-1:30 pm **Learn to Dye using Beautiful Plant Materials with Jude Hsiang**

Jude Hsiang is bringing her expertise to Natureworks and will guide you through the process of dyeing your own silk scarf. During this workshop, Jude will have samples and finished items to inspire you in your own creations. A "recipe" for dyeing and a resource list will be provided for all participants. Jude will also demonstrate activities that can be done with kids. She is a UCONN Certified Advanced Master Gardener and a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. She serves on the boards of the Connecticut Botanical Society and Experiment Station Associates.

Registration in advance is required. FEE: \$35, you will be provided with a silk scarf to dye and bring home. Class limited to 12 participants. There is a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 2nd 11:30-1:30 for this event. Call 203-484-2748 to register.

Saturday, October 8th & Sunday, October 9th ALL DAY BOTH DAYS!

7th Annual Bulbs for Breast Cancer Fundraiser: Raffles, Refreshments and more!

10% of all bulb sales during this weekend will be donated by Natureworks to After the Storm, Inc. a local non-profit group that assists cancer survivors to heal emotionally, physically and spiritually. They are well known for distributing funds to local hospitals for these special programs. Make your bulb buying dollars count while creating a beautiful spring garden.

Saturday, October 8th

9:30-10:30 am **Falling in LOVE with Bulbs**

Join Nancy as she introduces you to her favorite bulbs, many of them little known, underused, and quite unusual. She will then teach you how to decide where to place your bulbs in your gardens and borders for maximum color and effect. End the workshop by picking out some bulbs with Nancy so she can share her tricks of the trade to ensure success.

Sunday, October 9th

1:00-2:00 pm **Monarchs and Milkweed – Be Ready for 2017**

Join us for a discussion of the 2016 monarch season here in Connecticut. Learn how to prepare your butterfly garden for success in 2017. Since the process appears somewhat involved, we will demonstrate how we sow, stratify and grow common milkweed from seed.

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Saturday, October 15th 9:30-10:30 am Fall Garden Walk

Did you know that fall is actually our favorite time to plant? Join Nancy for a walk through the beautiful Natureworks Demonstration Gardens. She will point out the many flowers in bloom. This will help you to see just how exciting and colorful *your own gardens* and landscape can be at this special time of year. Fall blooming bulbs, colorful berries, perennials, shrubs, annuals, brilliant foliage, and ornamental grasses are all part of the display in our October gardens. Add plants NOW to create your own spectacular fall masterpiece.

Sunday, October 16th 1:00-2:00 pm Grow rganic Kids Pumpkin Planting

Plant a pretty pansy in a pumpkin! We've done this workshop before and it's always a blast. The pumpkin is a festive October container and biodegradable fall container that can then be planted into the ground. The pansies will over-winter and greet you with smiling faces next spring!

Registration in advance is required. FEE: \$15. Class limited to 15 participants. Call 203-484-2748 to register.

Saturday, October 22nd 9:30-10:30 am Playing with Pumpkins

This is one of the most enjoyed fall events of the season. We supply you with a small sugar pumpkin. You carve it out, add a bit of floral foam, and then take a walk with Nancy through the gardens and pick flowers, seed pods, and foliage. We return to the tent and Nancy will show you how to make a basic flower arrangement! Bring your friends and have a ball. It is our way of saying "thank-you" to our wonderful customers for a great gardening season.

Registration in advance is required so we have enough supplies. Call 203-484-2748 to register. FEE: *please bring a \$5 cash donation for the North Branford Food Bank*

Saturday, October 29th

7:00-9:00 am Early Bird Sale Coffee and a free \$5 gift card for those who shop before 9 am.

9:30-10:30 am Fall Gardening School: Getting your Garden Ready for the Dormant Season

This is our last official garden walk of the season. Nancy will teach you which plants to cut down and which plants to leave up and why. She will demonstrate hilling up roses, Wilt-Prufing, and many other late fall chores that need to be done for the health of your garden. We will celebrate all of the remaining color in our gardens on this last day of October.

11:00–11:30 am I Dig Dahlias & Other Tender Bulbs with Jane Ketterer

Jane is an expert at planting, growing, digging and storing tender bulbs. As the frost arrives, it's time to dig up your dahlias, and other tender bulbs so that they can be dried and prepared for winter storage. Learn all about it from the expert!