



Join us at the 2019 Montreat Native Plant Sale!

Seven local nurseries will be offering a wide variety of native and other plants for your home and garden.

Experts will be on hand to provide planting and gardening advice. Kids will be entertained at the Montreat College “Be a Tree” hands on activity table as well as salamander activities.

Informative programs are planned throughout the day, including programs on tree health, creative stormwater management, and a special “Salamander Saturday” exhibit and presentations complete with a half hour creek walk. Arrive early to sign up for the special Salamander Night Hike at 9:00pm (limited to 15 participants).



Appalachian Creek Nursery



HIGH COUNTRY NURSERY



Denise Anthes Wildflowers



Field Venture Farms



MONTREAT NATIVE PLANT SALE AND ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

April 27 9am - 2pm

Moore Center Field

Nurseries and Vendors

Appalachian Creek Nursery has been in the garden and landscaping business for over a decade. They offer a selection of tried and true garden performers, as well as many new varieties that excel for easy care, long blooming periods, and year-round interest.

Carolina Native Nursery grows nearly 200 species of eastern U.S. native shrubs, perennials, ferns, and grasses. They specialize in seed-grown Rhododendrons, azaleas, and mountain laurels indigenous to the southern Appalachian mountains.

Denise Anthes offers unique wildflowers, including dwarf crested iris. Denise will also offer her co-authored book, *A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Eastern United States*, a beautifully illustrated publication on wildflowers. She will sign your copy.

Field Venture Farms is a small, local farm in Marion, North Carolina operated by Josh Holbrook, an Environmental Science professor at Montreat College. FVF specializes in rare pepper varieties, figs and pomegranates using sustainable agriculture methods.

High Country Nursery specializes in fine and unusual landscape plants and uncommon specimen trees. These include Japanese maples, conifers, roses, cherries, blueberries, gardenias, paw paws, figs and other edible fruits, cold hardy tropicals, select indoor and outdoor plants.

In-Site Out Design, specializing in landscape design, installation, and maintenance, partners with **Gardens of the Blue Ridge** to offer a wide variety of native wildflowers, perennials, and shrubs. Native trees and shrubs are also available by special order.

Ten Thousand Villages offers thousands of beautiful handmade items from developing countries throughout the world, including jewelry, art, textiles and exquisite gifts of all kinds.

Earthaven Landscapers Collective includes **Useful Plants Nursery**, a permaculture-based nursery specializing in perennial plants that produce useful foods and/or medicines, which are well-adapted to our region and **Beautiful Green Landscaping** offers permaculture-based garden consults, installation of edibles and medicinals, sacred spot development, and maintenance of gardens

Programs and Presentations

9:00 am - Arbor Day proclamation reading by **Montreat Mayor Tim Helms** and presentation of **Tree City USA** recognition to Town of Montreat

9:30 - 1:00 pm - Musical entertainment by **Rhiannon and the Relics**

10:00 - Salamanders of Montreat by Montreat College's **Josh Holbrook**, followed by a half hour creek walk with Josh

10:30 - Renee Fortner, RiverLink, will share about creatively dealing with storm water

11:00 - Ranger Dillon Michael, NC Forest Service, will speak on **Tree Health for Homeowners**

Noon - Hellbender Conservation in Montreat presentation by a **student of Josh Holbrook**

1:00 pm - Doug Gillis, American Chestnut Tree Foundation, presenting on chestnut tree restoration efforts and its current status and progress

1:30 - Raffle drawing. *Winners need not be present*

9:00 pm -- Salamander Night Hike (Limit: 15 participants) with **Josh**. Says Josh, "we might see 100 salamanders on any given night!"

Exhibitors

- **American Chestnut Foundation** representative, **Doug Gillis**, will explain about the restoration effort of the American Chestnut tree
- **Extension Master Gardeners** of Buncombe County will be on hand to answer questions and give advice on gardening
- The **Hemlock Restoration Initiative** will explain the work that is being done to stop the Hemlock decline
- **"Be a Tree" and other Children's Activities** staffed by Montreat College students and faculty
- The **Montreat Landcare Committee** will share information both on preferred native plants and on invasive plant species to avoid
- **National Wildlife Federation** will provide information including how your yard can become a Certified Wildlife Habitat
- The **North Carolina Forest Service** will be distributing information on its **Firewise** initiative
- A **Montreat Environment** table will offer information on forests, fires, floods and a tree inventory plan
- **Salamander Saturday** exhibit will offer information on native salamander populations, with sign ups for a creek expedition at 11:00 am (see below) and an evening salamander night hike Saturday evening (see below)
- The **Montreat Ranger Hut** will be open with information about the area and other resources like bear-wise materials, Parkway brochure, Montreat Outdoors brochures and Ranger Rick materials

**Breakfast and Lunch by
J. Lee's Chicken Shack**