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Schuylkill Center Celebrates Spring with their Annual Native Plant Sale April 28 & 29, with a member preview on April 27

PHILADELPHIA, PA: The Schuylkill Center hosts their annual native plant sale on April 28 and 29, featuring a spectacular selection of over 150 species of wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, trees, and vines, as well as warm-season grasses. This annual event is a rite of spring for many local gardeners, who are looking to stock up on hardy plants that require less water, maintenance, and attention than ornamentals. Native plants also foster biodiversity while creating habitat for birds, pollinators, and beneficial insects.

All selections are native to this region and have been lovingly cared for by our staff and greenhouse volunteers. In addition, heirloom varieties of vegetable and herb starts will be provided by [Teens4Good](#), a local non-profit that supports urban youth farming.

Knowledgeable volunteers and plant experts will be available to answer all of your questions and help you find the plants you need to make your landscape burst with color, texture, and year-round interest.

Members enjoy [*an exclusive preview and botanical cocktail hour*](#) on Friday, April 27 from 5:00–7:30 pm. Enjoy this botanical happy hour, chat with staff, ask your gardening and native plant questions, get 10% off plants, and celebrate the warmer weather. For membership inquiries, contact 215-482-7300.

On Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 am, Executive Director Mike Weilbacher will lead a walk through the springtime forest to hunt for trillium, trout lily, spring beauty, Solomon's seal, Virginia bluebells, shooting stars, and so much more. The 90-minute hike will follow the course of Ravine Loop—the single best place to see wildflowers here—as visitors learn the secrets behind wildflower names and their life histories. A perfect companion to the native plant sale: come walk, then shop our native plants.

What: *Native Plant Sale*
When: Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:30 am–4:30 pm
Sunday, April 29, 2018, 9:00 am–1:00 pm
Cost: FREE
Where: Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education
8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128

About the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

The Schuylkill Center was founded in 1965 as the nation's first urban environmental education center. Its 340-acres of fields and forests serve as a living laboratory to foster appreciation, deepen understanding, and encourage stewardship of the environment. Reaching over 36,000 Philadelphia-area residents each year, the Schuylkill Center offers a diverse collection of educational programs, including programs for school, continuing education for teachers, Pennsylvania's first Nature Preschool, and a full calendar of events for the public. For more information: www.schuylkillcenter.org.

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