

35th Annual Lahr Native Plant Symposium

Native Plants: Forces for Conservation and Community

Saturday, March 26, 2022

The 35th Annual Lahr Symposium will continue Lahr's tradition of presenting subject matter experts on ecological, botanical, and horticultural advancements in a daylong virtual program. Join Arboretum staff to learn and find inspiration from our invited speakers. This year's program will highlight the role of public gardens in native plant awareness and explore research on the ways that woodland wildlife impact dispersal and evolution of oak species. We will also learn about the EcoType Project, a model collaboration between botanists, organic farmers, and nursery growers, that has begun to improve the seed supply chain for ecotypic plant material. Concurrent sessions will feature presentations on native herbs, using local species in garden design, and an overview of restoration efforts on Kingman Island.

Plenary Sessions:

Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture, Native Plant Trust

Sefra Alexandra, the Seed Huntress and EcoType Project Coordinator, CTNOFA: the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut

Michael Steele, Ph. D., Professor and H. Fenner Endowed Chair of Biology Research, Wilkes University

Concurrent Sessions:

Matt Sarver, Principal, Sarver Ecological

Christopher Puttock, Chesapeake Natives

Erin Holden, Agricultural Science Research Technician, U.S. National Arboretum Herb Garden

Register [Here](#)

Annual Native Plant Sale

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 9AM to 2PM

**Location: The National Arboretum on Meadow Road
adjacent to the Herb Garden entrance**

Please be prepared to wear a mask when browsing plants and interacting with vendors.

Thank you for your interest in National Arboretum programs.