

Wildscape Update *John Dycus*



Let's hear it for the hummingbirds and butterflies, diminished in number though they may be, flitting about in their late-summer diaphanous cavort.

Soon the wonderful fall weather will kick in with its colorful blooms and bird calls, completing the magic of autumn.

In this glorious setting, the wildscape plant sale is straight ahead — Sept. 27, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Arlington Parks and Rec greenhouse in Randol Mill Park. A kiosk at the wildscape and handouts will provide more information. A list of the plants for sale and directions to the greenhouse are at *thewildscape.org*.

Spading these native plants into your backyard is a big step toward enticing the aforementioned hummingbirds and butterflies to visit. Every Wednesday morning, plant sale manager Josephine Keeney is at the greenhouse to propagate plants with wildscape volunteers. She also checks a couple of times a week to be sure everything's getting watered adequately.

Indigenous plants accustomed to the area's temperature swings and fickle rainfall can be difficult to find. Thousands of plants are needed to restore the four-acre wildscape to a natural habitat after being overrun by the awful invasive privet. Income from these sales provide the wildscape's share of matching grants, tools and other essentials.



Molly wants YOU at the plant sale. Your eyes are getting heavy. Your wallet is getting lighter. But you're okay with it because Molly wants YOU at the plant sale.

Don't Forget the Wildscape Mini-Classes (tentative schedule)

Month	Subject	Speaker
Sept	Attracting Butterflies	Josephine Keeney
Oct	Native Landscape Maintenance	Lucy Harrell
Nov	Water Conservation	Greg Schadt
Dec	Native Trees & Their Care	Heather Dowell
Jan	Propagating Native Plants	Pat Lovejoy
Feb	Good Critters in Our Soil	Ann Mayo

