

Upcoming Events at Natureworks

518 Forest Road (Rte. 22), Northford 203-484-2748 naturework.com
Retail Hours: Monday– Saturday 8:30 am-6:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 8th Wake up the Garden for Spring 10-11am

Join Nancy for the very first garden walk of the season and learn how to cut back perennials, feed the soil with our “Magic Formula”, and prune summer blooming shrubs. **FREE**

Saturday, April 8th Lettuce and Alyssum Bowls, 1-2pm

Come learn about the different varieties of lettuce we carry and then choose and plant your own container to cut and cut again for home-grown organic salad.

Registration required: \$25 includes 3 lettuce plants, alyssum flowers, bowl, soil and expert instruction.

SIGN UP ONLINE, stop in or call 203-484-2748

Thursday, April 13th Urban and Suburban Meadows Movie Screening 6:30 pm

Location: Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Rd, Northford (where Rte. 17 and Rte. 22 meet)

Natureworks' first ever movie night! We'll bring the organic popcorn, you bring all your questions for a fun night with a screening of our essential meadow movie guides: Urban and Suburban Meadows with clips of Catherine Zimmerman, Doug Tallamy and more. Screening will be followed by a Q&A with Natureworks Meadow-maker, Diane St. John.

Stop in or call the library to reserve your seat, space limited to 35. **(203) 484-0469**

“With over 48 million acres of lawn in the U.S., Urban & Suburban Meadows is a film aimed at helping people just say NO to thirsty, pesticide ridden, energy consuming lawns.”

Visit <https://themeadowproject.com/> for more about this amazing resource to help bring nature home!

Saturday, April 15th Meet-n-Greet our April Pollinators 10-11am

Join our new monthly series of meeting our pollinators month by month. Early in the season, we're seeing our important mason bees at work. Learn about the very important early blooming flowers that provide the nectar and pollen for our native pollinators. The session will end by the insect hotel where we'll teach you how to spot mason bees. **FREE**

Sunday, April 16th Natureworks is CLOSED Easter Sunday



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Although every day is Earth Day at Natureworks, we spend the week of the Earth Day holiday celebrating!



Keep an eye out for the first of our Facebook live video series which we'll kick off with our Earth Day story and other organic gardening tips and tricks.

Thursday, April 20th - Facebook Live Thursdays! Open 'til 7

Catch us filming (and maybe get roped into the video) at the shop which is now open until 7 on Thursdays, or tune in on Facebook for a fun and informational video! **Visit our Facebook page for more info! FREE**

Friday April 21st - Pollinator Hero Planting

All day long we'll have cowpots, soil and some of our favorite pollinator seeds for children to come by and plant up their very own Pollinator Hero Cow Pot! **FREE**

Saturday, April 22nd What's On, with Nancy 10-11 am

The gardening industry is abuzz with seminars on the ecological role of plants in the landscape. Books such as *Planting in a Post Wild World* and *The Garden Revolution* explain in great detail how to better understand the ecology of your property and manage plant communities. Nancy will offer a simplified explanation of the very important movement and help you to apply it to your own yard. Don't miss this! **FREE**

Plant a Potato Smart Pot 1:00-2:00 pm Pre-registration required. Fee: \$30

Pull up a chair and plant a potato smart pot with us. Fee includes an entire bag of potatoes to fill a 15 gallon smart pot (and probably a few extra), organic soil and 15-gallon smart pot. We'll give you everything you need to know to grow the happiest, healthiest potatoes you've ever grown (in a container!).

Sunday, April 23rd Enjoy an Organic Lawn and a Mini Meadow, too! 1-2pm

Join the organic land care movement and grow a healthy lawn for you, your family and pets. Join Natureworks store manager Diane St. John and learn how to have a beautiful organic lawn. If you have one, bring your soil test for interpretation. (if you don't have a soil test, stop in and ask us how to take one too!) She will also introduce the idea of a "mini-meadow" and explain how simply allowing the grass to grow it can eventually become a beautiful, sunny little meadow in an area of your existing lawn! **FREE**



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Friday night, April 28th CT Horticultural Society Spring Auction 7:15 pm

Location: Bethany Covenant Church at 785 Mill Street Berlin, CT

Nancy will once again be an auctioneer at this fun event. Bid on a wide array of rare and unusual plants while learning from some of the biggest plant geeks in CT all about why they are so special! You will understand why some of the coolest plants in Nancy's home garden came from this auction! All proceeds go to the CHS Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to horticulture students. (Nancy was a recipient back in the 70's and look where it got her....)

Saturday, April 29th Wickedly Wonderful Wildflowers and Native Plants for your Spring Garden 10-11 am

Fresh from the CHS Auction the night before, a tired but happy Nancy will share with you her love of the very special wildflowers and native plants that YOU can add to your shady beds. Of course, all of our wildflowers are nursery propagated. **FREE**

Late April and early May is prime time for spring ephemerals and native wildflowers.

Sunday, April 30th Raised Bed Gardening with Sue Lavelle from Coast of Maine 1-2pm

Sue Lavelle is an invaluable resource from Coast of Maine (Our favorite organic compost company) who will guide everyone on how to create a raised bed garden from A-Z. Everything from pre-planning to building materials, calculating soil amounts and fertilizing guidelines, this class is the whole package. With Sue's help, you will know everything there is to know about how to have a successful raised bed garden. Sue started with Coast of Maine in 2013, and has been in the horticultural industry since the mid-eighties, we value her education so much!



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May Highlights:

8:00-9:00 am **Early Bird Sale** Coffee and a free \$5 gift card for those who shop before 9 am.

Mother's Day is May 14th

Memorial Day is May 29th



Saturday, May 13th ASK A VEGGIE HEAD! Day

It's our second and favorite time for VEGGIE HEADS. The staff will don veggie hats of their own creation to keep everyone smiling during Veggie Pickup time. Got a question? Find the nearest VEGGIE HEAD and ask them! Sip refreshing cucumber water while shopping our large selection of organic vegetable seedlings and all the supplies for you to be the most successful organic gardener in 2017.

Vegetable Gardening Questions Answered All

and also on Saturday, May 13th

What's On, with Nancy...The latest in Dwarf Tomatoes and other Patio Project Veggie Plants 10-11 am

We're so excited by our first year of being able to provide organically-grown dwarf tomatoes. Bred for their manageable size and excellent heirloom flavor, this is the kind of tomato every home gardener has been after for years! Learn about these unique varieties (featured in the book Epic Tomatoes) some other easy veggies perfect for weekend patio projects! **FREE**

Saturday, May 20th Less Work, Less Problems, More Veggies! Easy Vegetables to Direct Sow 1-2 pm

Join Natureworker, Jillian for an easy how-to grow some of your favorite vegetables directly in the ground with seed. This method helps you avoid pests, get greater yields and boosts your overall success for crops like beans, squash, and watermelon. Get over your fear of seeds this year-we can help! **FREE**

Sunday, May 21st Meet-n-Greet our May Pollinators and the Flowers They Love 1-2pm

Join our new monthly series of meeting our pollinators month by month. Learn about the essential May pollinators that keep some of our favorite flowers and veggies pollinated all-season long! Natureworks favorite May bloomers will be highlighted and discussed. **FREE**

Thursday, May 25th Bloom On, Baby Facebook Live Thursdays!

Saturday, May 27th What's On with Nancy...The Power of Flowers 10-11am

By now, your perennial garden is up and starting to really explode. How do you sustain that color through the end of the fall? The easiest way is to really study succession of bloom that's coming and embellish it with *really cool annuals and tropicals*. Nancy will lead you through that process in the Natureworks gardens, introducing you to a wagon load of exceptional plants and explain why she is placing them in key spots in all of our demonstration gardens. **FREE**

Monday, May 29th Natureworks is CLOSED Memorial Day



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Father's Day is June 18th

June 19-25 Pollinator Week

Summer Solstice in 2017 will be at 12:24 AM on Wednesday, June 21st

Saturday, June 3rd Edibles Everywhere! 10-11am

You don't need a dedicated vegetable garden to grow food, small fruits, and delicious herbs. Learn how to incorporate edible flowers and beautiful, delicious edibles into your already existing gardens, patio pots and anywhere else! It's time to turn the landscape into a yummy paradise. **FREE**

Saturday, June 10th Double Your Color with Half the Work 10-11am

June is THE time to practice the important perennial pruning techniques described in our bible The Well Tended Perennial Garden. Learn how to pinch perennials to double (or triple) the color AND dramatically reduce staking. Timing is everything. Nancy says "if you are not walking out of the garden in mid-June with tarp loads of debris from this technique then you are not *brave* enough!" **FREE**

Thursday, June 15th 5-6pm and Saturday, June 17th 10-11am —THE JUNE PRUNE

Don't miss our most famous garden walk! June is the time to prune all of your spring blooming shrubs such as lilacs, rhododendrons, weigelas, and forsythias. Join Nancy and learn how to: time your pruning so you don't cut off next year's flowers, renewal prune for overgrown plants, as well as shape plants to increase the amount of flowers for years to come! We'll be well stocked with sharp pruners, sickles and sharpening stones for all your pruning needs! **FREE**

Sunday, June 18th Kassie's Crash Course for Feeding Your Veggies (and other plants, too!) 1-2pm

Learn all about why it's so important to keep your veggie beds, containers and other planted areas well-fed in June. Kassie will show everyone our very favorite and always successful fertilizers and amendments for keeping your plants happy and healthy as they head into the hot summer months.



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June 19-25 Pollinator Week!

Thursday, June 22nd Five-minute Facebook Live Topic:

Get Ready Because Here They Come! Preparing for Migrating Monarchs

Saturday, June 24th Meet-n-Greet our June Pollinators with Natureworks Signature Pollinator:

The Monarch 10-11 am

Join our new monthly series of meeting our pollinators month by month. Learn about the important June pollinators and our favorite June blooming plants. We'll be talking about why you need plenty of milkweed for monarch caterpillars and nectar flowers for monarch butterflies. **FREE**

Sunday, June 25th All about the Monarch Butterfly 1-2pm

What can YOU do to help the monarch butterfly? Plenty!! Learn about their life cycle, their food sources and more. Based on what we see in the gardens, there is even a chance you'll get to take a close look at monarch eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises. This year, join us in raising the next generation. We have everything you need to raise monarchs this year! **FREE**

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