



Plan to join us at the 2018 Montreat Native Plant Sale

Five local nurseries will be offering a wide variety of native and other plants for your home and garden. They include Appalachian Creek Nursery, Carolina Native Nursery, Field Venture Farms, High Country Nursey and In-Site Out Designs.

Gardening and plant experts will provide a wealth of information concerning gardening and native plants and trees. Exhibitors include Extension Master Gardeners of Buncombe County, Hemlock Restoration Initiative, Montreat College and Montreat Landcare.

Informative and entertaining programs are planned throughout the day, including programs by the North Carolina Forest Service, The American Chestnut Foundation, The North Carolina Arboretum and the Montreat Tree Board.



Town of Montreat Tree Board



HIGH COUNTRY NURSERY



HEMLOCK RESTORATION INITIATIVE



Appalachian Creek Nursery

**Breakfast and Lunch by
Something Fun Catering**



**MONTREAT
NATIVE
PLANT SALE
AND ARBOR
DAY
CELEBRATION**

April 28 9am - 2pm

Moore Center Field

Nurseries and Vendors

Appalachian Creek Nursery -

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 - 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.

Field Venture Farm - Field Ventures Farm 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 - High Country Nursery in Fairview, NC 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 - 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.

Professional Landscape Solutions - offers a wide range of landscape supplies and landscape equipment sales and repair services. They pride themselves on being knowledgeable and professional.

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.

Programs and Presentations

9:00 Arbor Day Activities - Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Tim Helms and presentation of Tree City USA recognition to the Town of Montreat by Lucy Cohn-Still of the North Carolina Forest Service

10:00 North Carolina Forest Service - North Carolina's forest land is one of the greatest influences on the state, providing economic value and adding immeasurably to the quality of life for its residents. The NC Forest Service's primary purpose is to ensure adequate and quality forest resources for the state to meet its present and future needs. Lucy Cohn-Still, an NCFS Urban Forestry Expert, will teach us how to promote the health of our trees, including when and how to prune them.

11:00 The American Chestnut Foundation - Doug Gillis, President of the Carolinas Chapter, will explain The American Chestnut Foundation's Strategic Plan which focuses on science and technology, restoration, promotion and outreach, and organizational advancement. Doug will explain how actions to implement the strategies involve the Carolinas, presenting opportunities for people to be involved in the restoration effort.

12:00 Montreat Tree Board - the Town of Montreat will provide a demonstration of tree pruning techniques and the new town equipment that the staff uses for the maintenance of the public trees.

1:00 The North Carolina Arboretum - Jonathan Marchal will give a presentation on *eco-Explore*, an incentive-driven science enrichment program that engages kindergarten through eighth-grade students in guided and self-directed citizen science activities. Students engage as active participants of the scientific method as they record observations of organisms found in their neighborhoods, libraries and at the Arboretum.

Exhibitors

Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteers of Buncombe County - visit their table ~ ask questions, get advice, and explore trends and best ideas in gardening. Bring samples of plants and insects for identification and problem diagnosis. Learn about upcoming Master Gardener programs and pick up soil test kits.

Hemlock Restoration Initiative - Outreach Associate Sara deFosset will be on hand to discuss the issue of hemlock decline, how it is being addressed and to answer questions and provide resources to homeowners about managing their trees.

Montreat College - Montreat College students will be on hand to teach about the structure and function of trees by facilitating a craft activity for children to "Become a Tree".

Montreat Landcare Committee - will share information both on preferred native plants and on invasive plant species to avoid, as well as National Wildlife Assoc. materials concerning certification of backyard habitats.

Montreat Nature Center - Jason Nanz, Montreat Wilderness Director, will be on hand to answer questions about the Montreat Trail System and wilderness activities.

North Carolina Forest Service - The NCFS will provide information on Firewise and other urban and community forestry programs.

The American Chestnut Foundation - The American Chestnut Foundation's mission is to return the American chestnut tree to its native range. Restoring the tree involves the most complex rescue effort of any plant species ever undertaken.

Montreat Tree Board - the Tree Board will provide brochures and flyers for best practice tree maintenance and will also have information and examples of how to make your own fabric pots!