



"Your Home, Like A Precious Jewel, Needs The Proper Setting."



# The Glenwild Gardener



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Though there are fewer and fewer of you receiving this newsletter, I'm so glad you still want it! It's a pleasure to write and see the words on actual paper. My husband likes reading on his Kindle now, and though I've used it, and found it acceptable, I much prefer reading out of a paper book. I admit, I am having lots of fun with our facebook page and the e-newsletters though. It makes it so easy to keep up with everything and to share it with you. Most of you are receiving the e-mails, or seeing my frequent facebook updates, and I do hope more of you sign up. You'll find extra specials and coupons too. (Go to our website to start).

It's going to be a great year. I can feel a great optimism in all of you who come in. Is it because of the enormous amounts of snow this winter? The anticipation of getting our hands in the dirt is stronger than ever. I hope you all have a more prosperous year in 2011, and a more bountiful and beautiful garden, with more available time to enjoy it. No matter how caught up we can get with work, errands, technology, deep sadnesses and all other stress, gardening can bring you back to yourself. Spend time with plants. Spend time with dirt!

Next time you're in, say hi to our new employees, Nick and Mari. We have a great team again this year! I have so much gratitude for you all—thank you for coming in and shopping our little store.

*Jedie MacKenzie Brooks*

*"The secrets are in the plants. To elicit them you have to love them enough."*

*George Washington Carver  
1864-1943*

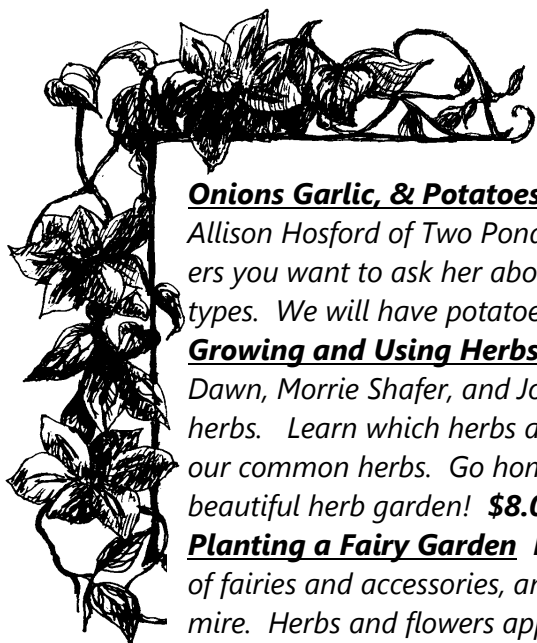
## Native Plants

What is a native plant? According to the New Jersey Native Plant Society, "Native species means, with respect to a particular ecosystem, a species that, other than as a result of an introduction, historically occurred or currently occurs in that ecosystem". We have been learning more about native plants these past few years, and are becoming quite enamored of them. The best part is how they keep our whole eco system thriving. The birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife thrive on native plants. Some of the beautiful plants we've brought to this area take away a spot that could've provided food and shelter for our animals and insects. I do love some of the non-natives, but I'm much more aware now of the beauty and need for our native plants. Having just ordered a ton of these plants for the nursery this spring, from trees to perennials, and spent A LOT of time reading about each one, I am really excited to spread the word! Look for the native plant class coming up in June-check the store, website, e-mails, or facebook.



*"In China, it is considered auspicious to be born in a rabbit year, as this is the sign of longevity. Deriving their essence from the Moon, this sign is great for farmers and those who are tied to the land. The Moon brings Water, and this feeds the pure Yin Wood of the Rabbit."*

*So, I hope this means it'll be a good year for gardeners!*



## Class Schedule 2011

**Onions Garlic, & Potatoes April 9th, Saturday 1:30pm** Allison is back again! Organic farmer Allison Hosford of Two Pond Farm. Learn the basics of planting these vegetables, as well as any others you want to ask her about. This will be a great opportunity for question and answers of all types. We will have potatoes & onion starts to buy. This class is free.

**Growing and Using Herbs April 11th, Monday, 6:30pm** Join herbalist, & owner of Taste of Dawn, Morrie Shafer, and Jodie Bross of Glenwild, for an informative class about growing and using herbs. Learn which herbs are best in which dishes, easiest to grow, and even the medicinal uses of our common herbs. Go home with a potted herb of your choice and be inspired to start a useful and beautiful herb garden! **\$8.00**

**Planting a Fairy Garden May 9th, Monday, 1pm & 6:30pm** We have a really beautiful selection of fairies and accessories, and we'll plant up a sweet little garden in a container for all to admire. Herbs and flowers appropriate for fairies will be used, and the garden will live all summer and possibly winter over. When you book this class, you'll get a free little fairy in a box--makes a great gift presentation for Mother's day! (The day before). **\$40.00**

**Weed Walk and Medicine Making June 5, Sunday, 2-4 pm** Did you know that you are surrounded by medicines in your backyard and garden that you think are "just weeds"? It's true! Come see your dandelion, plantain, violet, burdock, yellow dock and other wild plants through new eyes. These are hearty healers that lift your spirits, offer delicious wild nourishment and they live all around you. Join herbalist Robin Rose Bennett for a delightful stroll through the gardens. She will teach you how to harvest one of the herbs we meet and then you will make your own medicinal remedy to take home. The cost of the class includes the needed supplies. **\$28.00**

**Native Plants in the Garden—May or June date to be announced-**

**Canning Your Harvest June 13th, Monday 6:30** Join Morrie Shafer of Taste of Dawn Health Food Store for an introduction to canning. There are things to put up now, as well as planning for your summer & fall harvests. **\$10.00**

**Dinner with Andre August 22nd, Monday 6:30** This class has been the most popular of all our classes, selling out immediately. Andre deWaal from Andre's Restaurant in Newton, NJ, cooks us a lovely 3 course meal out in the garden, while sharing his cooking techniques & philosophy. **\$69.00**

**Mushroom Picking End of September** Come pick wild mushrooms with Allison Hosford at 2 Pond Farm in West Milford. Sign up if & we'll call you with about a week's notice when the mushrooms are ready—usually around the last Sat. of the month. **\$20**

**Build a Terrarium October 22nd, Saturday 2pm** It's time to take our plant passion indoors. These little gardens are fun to build & look at. Price to be determined at a later date.

**Making a Holiday Wreath November 19th (Saturday 10am & 1pm) & November 21rd (Monday 6pm)** Create a gorgeous wreath made from balsam, boxwood, arborvitae & other mixed evergreens. E-mail Jodie if you want to have your own class with a group of friends. **Bring pruners if you have them.** \$25\*

*More classes will be added during the year. Please sign up to be on our e-mail list or check our web site for updates. If you would like to plan a private class with a group of friends, please e-mail Jodie. [jodie@glenwildgardens.com](mailto:jodie@glenwildgardens.com)*

*Class sizes are limited, so call as early as possible to sign up. 973-838-0174  
Each class usually lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Get a 10% discount on any purchases the night of the class.*

## 2011 New Jersey's Fertilizer Law, A2290

Here is a simplified version of N.J.'s new fertilizer laws: The purpose is to protect groundwater by minimizing nitrogen & phosphorus loading from **lawn** fertilizer. This law pre-empts any local ordinances, except towns may extend buffer zones.

- Fertilizers may not be applied by homeowners from Nov. 15th to March 1st.
- Fertilizers may not be applied to pavement (*really?*), frozen ground or just before heavy rains.
- Fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus may not be applied to turf within 25 feet of any water body. If a drop spreader, rotary spreader with a deflector, or targeted liquid spray is used, then the buffer may be reduced to 10 ft.
- Consumers should purchase fertilizer sold as lawn fertilizer.
- Apply fertilizer according to label directions.
- Annual total application shall not exceed 3.2 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet.

Within 2 years, every fertilizer sold should be in compliance, and this should assure that the directions on the container and the amounts of slow release nitrogen are correct.

The law requires that lawn fertilizers will be formulated and labeled with instructions that, when followed, will enable consumers to conform to the law (without having to know the details below).

Consumer fertilizer products:

- Will have a minimum content of 20% slow release nitrogen,
- Contain no phosphorus (except for starter fertilizers to be used at seeding),
- When applied pursuant to label directions, will apply no more than 0.7 pound water-soluble-nitrogen per 100sq.ft. per application. The annual total for all applications shall not exceed 3.2 pounds of nitrogen per 100sq.ft.

When soil test results indicate a need for phosphorus for your lawn,


- The soil test must be no more than 3 years old.
- Consumers may apply a starter fertilizer or any other fertilizer containing phosphorus.

Consumers may also use fertilizer containing phosphorus when:

- Establishing turf and vegetation for the first time,
- Repairing or re-establishing turf,
- Applying liquid or granular fertilizer under the soil surface, directly to roots, or
- The fertilizer consists of biosolids, manipulated animal manures or vegetable manures (**natural organics**). In this case, phosphorus can be included if no more than 0.25 pound of phosphorus per 1000sq.ft. is applied when used according to instructions on the container.

Or more information, go the Rutgers website:  
<http://snyderfarm.rutgers.edu/fertilizerlawFAQ.html>

Or come in and we'll do our best to help!



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*"Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden?"*  
Writer Robert Brault

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## Open House Weekend Specials!

Coupon inside

Friday, Saturday & Sunday,

April 15th, 16th, & 17th, 2011

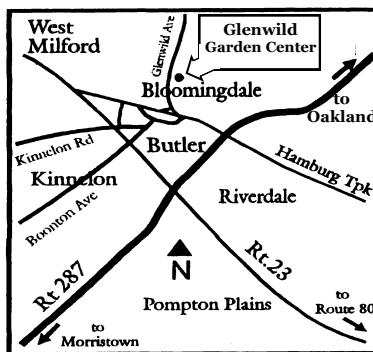
Live music by Tony Christopher Saturday!

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- Gardening Classes



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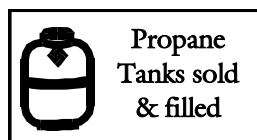


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