

Native Root Stories



Native Landscaping for the Birds

AUGUST 5TH / KATHY ROSS / NATIVE PLANT EXPERT

Kathy Ross will share ideas from 30 years of gardening experience in the Flathead Valley working with and around native plant communities. Birds are declining, insect species are disappearing, and habitat is being destroyed. We as gardeners can help reverse this trend and make a difference in our own landscapes. Native plants are the key to rewilding! Even one native plant could make a difference to a living being who has specialized on that plant species for thousands of years. Planting a garden is not just about our idea of beauty but it could make a difference in the life of a songbird or butterfly. Learn how to create a biodiverse habitat in your own landscape with native plants for the birds and the insects they depend on.

Wildcrafting Principles & Practice: Native Plants as Medicine

AUGUST 12TH / PETRA FORTNER / MOJI HERBALS

Petra Fortner with Moji Herbals will be discussing sustainable foraging and relationships with the land. This is all about harvesting: tools, safety, how to harvest different plant parts, reciprocity. This will include a discussion on Elderberry monographs and how to make elderberry syrup!

All About Rain Gardens

AUGUST 19TH / FIONA HANDLER & EMILY HENRY / AMERICORPS

Fiona Handler and Emily Henry are Americops members working together with Flathead Conservation District, City of Kalispell, and CNP in the Flathead Rain Garden Initiative. This talk will answer the most essential questions related to all things Rain Garden: what are they, why are they important, how you start the planning/ building process, and what plants are best suited for them. Attendees will learn all about the many benefits of rain gardens and gain the knowledge, resources, and confidence to build their own!

Plants as a Natural Dye

AUGUST 26TH / NANCY KAUMEYER / FIBER ARTIST

Nancy Kaumeyer will discuss dyeing fiber by extracting color from native plants and other botanicals. She will talk about fiber preparation, how to shift colors, and provide samples.



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EVENT INFORMATION:

- » Registration is required as space is limited.
- » Bring your own chair, notepad, and pen!
- » When: Thursdays in August @ 6pm
- » Where: Center for Native Plants
5605 Hwy. 93 S. Whitefish, MT

