



A reminder about our next meetings at the Asheville Botanical Garden - with 2 exceptions in May and June.

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*Hope to see you on **April 5** to hear about **native plant landscaping** with Mara Anderson! I see plants coming up in my yard. Spring is here!*

*Also register links are live for our May and June events. - Jean*

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## **Special grants for organizations in NC western counties from the NC Native Plant Society**

**Applications accepted Jan 1 2025 through Sep 1 2025**

- Applications reviewed and grants awarded throughout the year up to the final review after Sep 1
- Budgets up to \$3000
- Hardscapes can include up to 50% of the budget
- All other guidelines and restrictions for grants apply (see below)
- Eligible only for projects located in the disaster declared counties

[Click here for more information.](#)

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Photo by Paula Gross

## Meeting of the Land of the Sky Chapter -

**April 5, 2025, 1:00 PM - Asheville Botanical Garden - Restoring Ecosystems and Creating Beautiful Spaces with Native Plants**

**The benefits of native plant landscaping and how it differs from traditional gardening.**

What design considerations are behind successful ecological landscape design and how to manage the planting to achieve neighborhood support and a low maintenance, climate resilient future. Mara will share which plants have proven indispensable and other potential candidates, as well as numerous examples of gorgeous gardens.

As native plant enthusiasts, we can all learn from each other's experience, so questions and personal anecdotes are welcome.

Mara Anderson is a Landscape Designer and Owner of Artisan Outdoors in Asheville.

By registering, you help us plan for seating.

[Click here to Register](#)



*Mossin' Annie's*  
**2025 Spring Workshops**  
Brevard, NC

*Unique Opportunities for ALL MOSS LOVERS*  
*DIY Moss Gardeners, Environmentalists & Native Plant Enthusiasts*

Tuesday, April 15 9 am - 12 noon	Mossin' Annie's Moss Gardening Basics
Saturday, April 19 9 am - 12 noon	DIY Stumpery Workshop: Transforming Stumps
Thursday, April 24 10 am - 2 pm	Once in a Lifetime Experience for Mossers
Saturday, May 10 9 am - 12 noon	Evolution of Mossin' Annie's Moss Garden
Saturday, May 17 10 am - 12 noon	Bryophyte ID in Microscope Lab
Thursday, May 22 10 am - 2 pm	Realizing the DIY Moss Lover's Dream

Register Early. Space is Limited.  
Visit [www.mountainmoss.com](http://www.mountainmoss.com)  
Use search term: 2025

April 15 - May 22, 2025 Spring Moss Workshops by Mossin' Anne

Annie will give 6 workshops on various aspects of moss gardening

<https://www.mountainmoss.com/Click here> for more information

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**May 2 noon - 6 PM - May 3 9 AM - 3 PM Asheville Botanical Garden Plant Sale**

Lots of native plants to buy!

[More Information!](#)

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**May 10 Transylvania Master Gardeners' Plant Sale -**

- Annual Plant Sale with Transylvania County Master Gardeners, Transylvania Garden Club and French Broad Garden Club, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Ingles parking lot, 684 N. Broad St., Brevard.

They will have some native plants for sale

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**May 17 "Habitatscaping" : Supporting Nature with Native Plants 9 Am- 3 PM**

A-B Tech Conference Center Asheville Registration is open, Cost \$25 . Doug Tallamy is the featured speaker. We will have a table at the event, drop by and say hello.

<https://beecityasheville.org/events/doug-tallamy-may-2025>

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**Meeting of the Land of the Sky Chapter**

**May 24 10 AM - 11:30 AM- Stream Restoration! - Brevard College Campus**

**Date change from the first Saturday due to all the activity in May!**

Stream restoration is a hot topic after Hurricane Helene and Destini, our chapter chair and professor at Brevard College has been very involved in restoration activities in our area. Learn more about this topic and her experiences in the efforts in our area,

Join Destini Petitt for a walk and talk on **returning streams in Western NC to their natural forms**. Here, we will discuss the issues that arise that call for stream interventions and **how native plants play a pivotal role in restoring the form and function of streams**.

Destini Petitt is the Environmental Studies Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Brevard College in Brevard, NC. She is responsible for teaching a variety of classes with an emphasis on the environment. She has a PhD in Infrastructure & Environmental Systems from the University of North Carolina.

[Click here to Register](#)

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## Meeting of the Land of the Sky Chapter

**June 7 10 AM - 12:30 PM , at The Marshall Library Native Plant Garden, Marshall, NC. (Note time and location are different from our usual time and place).**

### Native Plants and Coffee!

Ed McNally will give a short presentation on the gardens, including a brief history of the vision for and creation of Marshall Native Gardens, and Marshall Native Gardens Initiative, the 501c3 that coordinates and manages the gardens. He'll describe the master planning and recent features now in the gardens and plans for future garden improvements, and discuss how our new strategic plan has changed our organizational structure and our future emphasis and focus.

Ed will finish by leading a tour of the gardens.

You can find more about the Marshall Native Gardens and get directions at their website: <https://marshallnativegardens.org>.

In 2009 Ed became involved with the Friends of Madison County library which led to starting the Marshall Native Gardens. It is a non-profit all volunteer organization that has coordinated, envisioned, designed, constructed, and now interprets and maintains those diverse native gardens.

Our speaker is Ed McNally. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin at Madison as a Landscape Architect, Ed worked briefly for that University at the Environmental Awareness Center before taking a job with the Army Corps Engineering in St Paul Minnesota. He then spent 34 years working for the Federal Government as a Landscape Architect, Recreation Planner, Environmental Specialist, and retired as Senior Project Manager, managing large flood control