



Planting with Purpose!

Rosaryville State Park – Mount Airy Park Quest Bonus Quest 2020

Visit one of the five Open Greenhouse Sale Days this summer hosted by Chesapeake Natives, Inc. at **Rosaryville State Park – Mount Airy** to complete this Bonus Quest and learn how you can help native pollinators by “**Planting with Purpose!**” Native plants are an important part of our environment! They provide food and shelter for wildlife, and support pollinators. Adding native plants to your yard or garden will help birds, butterflies, bees, and more by providing diverse habitat and food sources. Visit the plant sale to learn more about the plants that are native to Maryland, and to see examples of native plant gardening!

Complete this Park Quest by attending one of the following Open Greenhouse Sale Days.

- Sunday, May 31st, 2020
- Sunday, June 28th, 2020
- Sunday, July 26th, 2020
- Sunday, August 30th, 2020
- Sunday, September 27th, 2020

The Open Greenhouse Sales run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring with you a printed copy of the Native Plant Scavenger Hunt and a writing utensil to complete the quest! When finished, show your completed scavenger hunt to one of the Chesapeake Natives staff members or volunteers to get your stamp!

Chesapeake Natives, Inc. is a nonprofit organization based out of Rosaryville State Park – Mount Airy. Their mission is to promote, protect, and propagate plants native to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. For more information about this group, please visit ChesapeakeNatives.org

Native Plant Scavenger Hunt

Explore the Plant Sale to learn more about native plants and complete the scavenger hunt! Show your completed scavenger hunt to one of the Chesapeake Natives staff members or volunteers to get your stamp!

1. Find a plant that blooms in the fall. What is its name? _____

2. There are many different types of milkweed native to Maryland. Can you find one for sale? What is its Latin name? _____

3. How many different types of milkweed can you find? _____

4. Find a native grass. What is its name? _____

5. Name a native tree or shrub for sale. What is its name? _____

6. Find a plant that has purple flowers. What is its name? _____

7. Can you find a native plant garden? Name or draw a plant you see growing in the garden!

8. Why are native plants important? (Name one reason. Hint: ask a Chesapeake Natives staff member or volunteer if you need help!) _____

9. What is your favorite native plant? _____

10. Can you spot any pollinators? What do you see? _____

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a native plant?

A: A native plant is a plant that has occurred naturally in a region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction.

Q: What is a Latin name?

A: It is a way for botanists, gardeners, horticulturists, and more, to formally name a plant. A Latin name has two parts – *Genus* and *species*. For example, the common name for the Maryland State Flower is Black-eyed Susan. The Latin name is *Rudbeckia hirta*. The genus is *Rudbeckia* and the species is *hirta*; together they make the Latin name.

Q: What is a pollinator?

A: A pollinator is an animal that moves pollen from one flower to another. This allows the flowers to produce fruit, and eventually seeds, ensuring that they can carry on to the next generation. Pollinators can be bees, birds, bats, moths, beetles, and more. While traveling from plant to plant, these pollinators are searching for food (nectar, pollen, other insects), mates, shelter, and nest building material.

Q: How can I help pollinators?

A: Add native plants to your yard or garden!

