

GCFM NATIVE PLANT CHALLENGE

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Monarch butterfly - photo by Marylitz Cort, Nahant GC

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Start your own Native Plants by Collecting their Seeds

Read about [Seed Collecting from the North America Native Plant Society](#)



Butterfly Weed Full Bloom
Asclepias Tuberosa
photo by Ann Hogaboom Hopkinton GC



Butterfly Weed Gone to Seed
Asclepias Tuberosa
Photo by Emily Nicodemus, GC of Norfolk

Butterfly Gardening in the Fall
[Read article](#) from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Welcome Pollinators to your Lawn with No Mow May

[Read article](#) from Bee City USA, An Initiative of the Xerces Society
By Molly Martin, with content by Justin Wheeler



CAN YOU SPOT THE NATIVES?

Trends and Emerging Ideas in Landscapes and Land Care presented by Kathy Connolly

**FREE Virtual Zoom Presented by the GCFM Landscape Design Council
December 6 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Open to all GCFM Members ~ Register at [GCFM.org](https://www.gcfm.org)**

Come and hear Kathy, a landscape designer who specializes in naturalized designs, low-impact techniques and native plants for homeowners, municipalities and other organizations, talk about the pros and cons of **Meadowscaping**, all-native plantings, low-mow lawns, vegetated sidewalk strips and waterside buffers.



FALL CLEANUP

[Leave the Leaves to Benefit Wildlife](#)
By Scott Hoffman Black, Xerces Society

[Meaningful Maintenance: Fall Clean-up
with Positive Impact](#)
Native Plant Herald

Grow Native Seeking New Director and Office Manager

"Growing native plants is critical not only for the biodiversity in your backyard, but also is an effective, local, achievable strategy to address climate change. Why not combine your passion for this critical issue with your expertise in nonprofit management and join **Grow Native Massachusetts** as **Executive Director**?"

"We currently have two job openings, and each one, in its own unique way, offers the potential reward that comes with making important contributions to the growing native plant movement, and to our programs and operations over the coming years."

[Job Descriptions and Application Contacts](#)

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Don't forget to visit the GCFM website often. You can find other NPC resources, as well as interesting events, webinars, GCFM programs, Schools, Workshops, Flower Shows and Awards.