

Robinson Nature Center Spring Native Plant Sale Vendor Invitation 2022



Event: Native Plant Palooza

Date: Sunday May 1, 2022

Time: *Open Sale* – Noon-4 PM

Vendor Set up: 9:30 AM- 12 PM

Event Website: www.howardcountymd.gov/plantnatives

Hello,

On behalf of the Robinson Nature Center, we would like to invite you to sell your plants at our 9th Annual Native Plant Sale. The “Native Plant Palooza” will be held Sunday, May 1st, 2022. We will hold the sale between Noon and 4 PM. Set up for vendors will occur between 9:30 AM and 12 PM.

Robinson Nature Center is a LEED platinum certified nature center located on Cedar Lane in Columbia, Maryland just off Rt. 32 in Howard County. As part of our mission, we promote native plant gardening and native landscapes. Each year, our Native Plant sale draws hundreds of residents from across the county and surrounding counties.

COVID Safety Guidelines:

In order to run the event safely this year, we will be follow any updates to Maryland and Howard County COVID Safety guidelines and ask all vendors to abide by those guidelines. An email will be sent to registered vendors in the weeks leading up to the event with the most current guidance which may include face mask requirements when social distancing cannot be maintained and outdoor gathering limits if imposed by the state or county. Please note when registering that these requirements are outside of our control but must be followed by all vendors that want to participate.

Currently, the Nature Center is planning on spacing vendors out around the grounds in front of the building to prevent crowding and provide for social distancing. Additionally, we will be encouraging visitors to acquire a timed ticket for entry to help space out customers.

Tips for Vendors:

- If you'd like to participate as a vendor at our native plant sale, ***please fill out the 2022 Vendor Registration Form and return it by April 15, 2022.***
- Plan to bring a large variety of trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers and perennials. Milkweed is an extremely popular request, and if you have it, we recommend bringing it.
- If you have the ability to process credit cards, we recommend you plan to bring your credit card processing device with you. We encourage patrons to bring cash as we do not have an ATM on-site. If patrons come without cash, they are limited to purchasing with their credit card.
- Robinson staff can provide 1, 6-8ft table and chairs for vendors. We will also provide 1, 10x10 canopy to protect you from rain and sun. Please feel free to bring any banners, educational or promotional materials, but please also bring a way to secure those items to your table/ in your space. We now ask vendors to bring any additional tables and/or canopies they wish to use.
- There is no fee to participate in this event. However, we ask that each vendor make either a monetary or material donation. We suggest a donation of 10% of the profit from the sale to support the Native Plant Sale event or a collection of plants for our ever-expanding native gardens. Thank you for your support!



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