

My Native Garden

Looking for something new and exciting to do ?!! WPPC's Mentoring program has been that for me. I tried to plant native shrubs in my backyard but was not very successful. We had left a portion wild and it was overrun with buckthorn and other invasive plants. Then, I found an article about the WPPC mentoring program guiding homeowners to plant a native flower garden. My mentor really helped me plan out a garden for my shady hillside. I had no idea so many flowers would grow and bloom in the shade. It has been a joy ever since. Flowers bloom in all months of the spring, summer and fall. My neighbors took interest as I showed it off to anyone who walked by. Two of my neighbors have started to plant natives. I have learned a great deal and met a lot of interesting people. The garden walks are always fun and informative as I am always on the lookout for new flowers to plant. We even have Zoom meetings during this year long pandemic. I am a mentor now as well so I am still learning about what and where to plant these beautiful flowers. I look forward to checking my garden almost daily for new shoots coming up and of course weeds to pull. It has been a lifesaver throughout this pandemic. There is always something to look forward to.

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