

Heartwood Nursery News

We're excitedly preparing for our popular annual Serviceberry Festival, happening this Friday and Saturday! Find information below and at heartwoodnurseryinc.com. In this issue we also touch on some commonly planted non-natives and suggest beneficial and beautiful native species you can plant instead. To keep your landscape lovely, check out our FAQ on summer planting and maintenance, based on customer questions.



Healthier for the Natural World in Your Backyard.

Join Us for the 15th Annual Serviceberry Festival

One of the most popular events at Heartwood Nursery!

Friday & Saturday, June 14-15 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Everyone invited ~ Free and open to the public

Heartwood Nursery
8957 Hickory Rd, Felton, PA 17322
(closer to Stewartstown)

Join us for a family-friendly celebration of the Serviceberry tree (*Amelanchier canadensis*), one of the most beautiful spring-flowering native trees in our region and a bounty for early pollinators.

Enjoy the spectacular beauty of our grove of over 225 mature Serviceberry trees and taste this delicious native fruit.

You can also learn more about other native plants on the property, walk the path through our beautiful pollinator meadow, and learn about the history of Heartwood Nursery.

For more information, call us at (717) 993-5230 or email us.



Schedule of Activities

Both Days - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pick up your informational folder at the welcome tent. Sample Serviceberries and have a taste of Serviceberry wine!

Take a self-guided tour of five educational stations throughout the nursery: Native plant propagation, the Holly Arboretum, the Serviceberry and other native fruits grove, hedging and erosion control, and the pollinator meadow. A nursery staff member will be at each station to answer common questions.

10:30 am - 2:00 pm

- Food

11:00 am - 2:30 pm

- Music under the trees by Brian Pepo
- Magic in the garden by Marc Charisse
- Presentation and reading by Ann English, landscape architect and author of the children's book "A Is for Aquifer"

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

- Talk and walking tour: Learn about Serviceberry and other natives with Heartwood owner Sue Hunter

Plant This, Not That

Native plants adapt much better than nonnative ones to the local environment because they have evolved with the climatic conditions here. They require less care and maintenance. Considering a conventional nonnative? We recommend the following great substitutions:

- Oakleaf Hydrangea - instead of Photinia
- Doghobble - instead of Cherry Laurel

- Ninebark - instead of Forsythia
- Carolina or Virginia Rose - instead of Barberry
- Summersweet, Joe Pye Weed, or Indigo Bush - instead of Butterfly Bush



FAQ: Going into the summer months...



How late can I plant?

Planting technically can be done all year round, as long as the ground isn't frozen. Usually spring planting can begin at the end of March and continue through mid May. However, planting is very weather dependent and varies from year to year. Take this year as an example. We've had so much rain that planting can continue until the end of June without needing higher maintenance to keep your plants happy. Fall is also a great time to plant, beginning in mid September through Thanksgiving. With care, keeping a watchful eye on rainfall and applying proper planting and fertilizing practices, planting year round is certainly an achievable task.

How much do I fertilize?

We recommend Espoma products which can be applied in early spring (end of March - mid May), according to directions on the bag.

From the end of May through June you can fertilize at half the recommended rate. You can also fertilize again in the fall (mid September - end of October) at half the recommended rate.

What kind of mulch should I use?

We recommend shredded pine bark mulch because this is a known product, lasts longer, and enhances soil quality as it breaks down.

How often should I water?

This depends on rainfall and the requirements of the plant. Early plantings should be watered every few days, larger container sizes should also be deep watered while the planting is new and monitored throughout the growing season.

What is deep watering?

Deep watering means letting the water run around the root zone at a trickle, usually from a hose or gator bag, so that it soaks all the way down to the bottom of the root system and does not run off the surface. We recommend deep watering 3 times a week after the initial planting and then 2 times a week depending on rainfall. This is crucial for plants that were in a larger container size and ball-and-burlap plantings.

Continuing Our Appreciation for Your Support

We're grateful to be able to reach out to our community through our newsletter.

To continue to thank you for not only subscribing, but for supporting our nursery, we're extending our offer of a free seedling to subscribers who visit the nursery and bring their phone with this newsletter pulled up or a printout!

Thank You!

Upcoming Events at Heartwood

Benefits of Utilizing Native Species for Garden/Land Management

Spend the summer solstice with Farm & Natural Lands Trust at Heartwood Nursery learning about how the use of native plants contribute to the health of your property.

 **20** | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
JUNE | HEARTWOOD NURSERY, FELTON

Visit our website for more information:
www.farmtrust.org/events



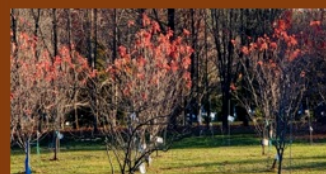
Autumn Walk on the Tree Trails

Saturday, October 26th at 2 pm

Located at Heartwood Nursery

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Stay tuned for more details.





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