

Heartwood Nursery News

Thank you for subscribing!

In this issue we share what's blooming now at Heartwood Nursery, tips on some spring happenings you may be noticing in your yard, a traditional practice that is still useful today, and upcoming events at the nursery.



Healthier for the Natural World in Your Backyard.



Does your Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) look like the first two photos?

Clethra is a 'late flusher,' which means it is one of the last native shrubs to push new growth. In just a few months, the beautiful fragrant flowers will be attracting butterflies and other beneficial insects.

Clethra alnifolia is an excellent alternative to the non-native invader, Butterfly Bush.



The bottom photo shows *Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird', a naturally occurring dwarf selection that's great for small yards. We have three different selections of *Clethra* to choose from!



Are your Holly leaves turning yellow?

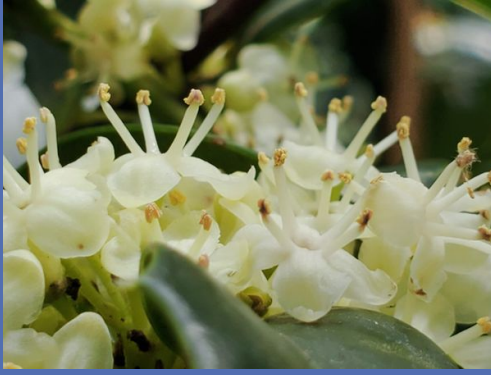
Don't worry! Hollies naturally shed their leaves this time of year as their new growth pushes out at the end of the branches. It's all part of their natural process, and in a few months the trees will be back to a beautiful dark green.



Hedging

Don't throw away excess branches and brush! Create wildlife hedges and habitat. Even small areas can be beneficial to the birds! This traditional practice also helps with erosion control.





How can I tell if my Holly is male or female?

One of the most often asked questions! Hollies are dioecious, which means male trees have the male flowers (*top*) and female trees have the female flowers (*bottom*). Both male and female trees of the same species are required for pollination to take place. After pollination, the female trees will develop fruit (known as berries but actually drupes). Holly trees bloom mid to late spring. The flowers are the **ONLY** reliable way to identify the trees as male or female. We have over 100 different selections of Hollies available now.



First Issue Free Native Seedling!

To celebrate our first issue, we'll give a free native plant seedling to the first 25 subscribers who visit the nursery and show us their phone or a printout demonstrating they received the newsletter.

Upcoming Events at Heartwood



3RD ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA NATIVE SPECIES DAY

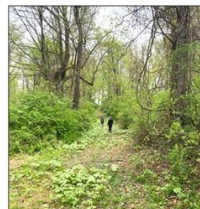
Join us:
Heartwood Walk and Talk

The Woodland Understory Under Siege: How We Can Save Our Native Species

Friday, May 17 | 6:00-7:00 pm
Heartwood Nursery
8957 Hickory Rd., Felton, PA 17322
Open to the public | Free

Learn how invasive species are displacing the native understory in woodlands across southcentral Pennsylvania and what we can do as gardeners and land managers to slow the loss.

Join Heartwood Nursery owner and native plant propagator Sue Hunter for a walk and talk on our preserved land to mark the 3rd Annual Pennsylvania Native Species Day.



Invasive species have taken over the understory and eliminated most native species in this York County location.

We'll conclude the event with a random drawing: One attendee will win seven seedlings ideal for woodland understory and butterfly garden planting!

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Join Us for the 15th Annual
Serviceberry Festival

- Serviceberry Orchard & Grounds Tours
- Food Truck
- Serviceberry Tastings
- Music
- Magician
- Children's Nature Activities

Friday and Saturday
June 14th and 15th, 2024
10am - 4pm



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