

Native Plant Festival & Sale

Come for the flowers, stay for the fun!



Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge
3395 US-20, Seneca Falls, NY 13148**

Walks

9:00 am

Seneca Trail Guided Nature Walk

with Pete Saracino, NYS Master Naturalist Volunteer

9:30 am & 1:45 pm

**Walk & Talk- Native Plant and Pollinator
Relationships in Action & Pollinator Sweep**

with Jake Keller, SUNY ESF Bee Campus

2:30 pm

Wildlife Drive Birding Tour

with Fred Leff, Audubon Environmental Educator

Music

The Amy Lynn Band

A popular CNY band, around since the early 2020's, spreads their influence on the CNY live music scene.

Food & Beverages

Big Awesome BBQ Food Truck
Cayuga Lake Creamery Truck
Sweetcakes by Laurie
Tastings by Montezuma Winery

Presentations at the Visitor Center

10:00 am

Janice Wiles, Go Native! Perennials

Create and Manage Habitats, Meadows and Native Gardens;
How & Why

11:15 am

John Price, Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank

Seed Collection & Habitat Restoration Across the Northeast

1:00 pm

Brian Hoven, SUNY Geneseo

Invaders! The Effect of Invasive Species on Native Ecosystems

10:00 am – 3:00 pm on the Deck

Linda Ziemba, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge Biologist

Meet & Greet: "Meet the Biologist"

Under the tent

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Krissy Boys, Finger Lakes Native Plant Society

Workshop: Seed Handling Techniques and Plant Propagation

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Elizabeth & Brad Hunt, Spore & Sprig Farm

Demonstration: Fundamentals of Mushroom Cultivation

Native Plant Growers (plants for sale)

- Grow Wild Native Plant Nursery • Amanda's Native Garden
- Go Native! Perennials • Cornell Botanic Gardens
- Spicebush Swallowtail Native Plants • Strong Roots Nursery

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Come for the flowers...

Visit our 6 Native Plant Vendors and Shop a Wide Variety of locally sourced Native Plants All in one location!

- ❖ Amanda's Native Gardens - Ellen Folts
- ❖ Grow Wild Native Plant Nursery - Deanna English
- ❖ Spicebush Swallowtail Native Plants - Sarah Sutton
- ❖ Mundy Wildflower Garden - Cornell Botanic Gardens
- ❖ Strong Roots Native Plant Nursery - Nick Kachala
- ❖ Go Native! Perennials - Janice Wiles

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Local goods vendors, food, and entertainment add to the festivities!

- ❖ Native Plant Presentations
- ❖ Plant Propagation Workshop
- ❖ Mushroom Cultivation Demo
- ❖ Pollinator Sweep
- ❖ AM & PM Guided Nature Tours
- ❖ Big Awesome BBQ Truck
- ❖ Cayuga Creamery Truck
- ❖ Tastings by Montezuma Winery
- ❖ Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex 50-50 Raffle
- ❖ **Conservation Organizations:** Wild Ones/HGCNY • Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners • Cayuga Lake Watershed Network • Montezuma Audubon Center/Seneca Meadows Audubon Education Center • Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge – Invasive Species • Finger Lakes Native Plant Society
- ❖ **Local Artisans/Vendors:** Kathy's Cabin • Good Karma Garlic • Two Bears Goat Farm • Susannah Stitches • Wendy's Bird Art • Rocky Top Farm Creations • Genz Thingz & Stuffz • Cheryl St. Fleur Jewelry



The Amy Lynn Band



4th Annual

Grow Native! Native Plant Festival and Sale

at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge in Seneca Falls, NY

9:00

Guided Nature Walk – Transitions, Change is in the Air with NY Master Naturalist Volunteer, Pete Saracino, exploring how all of life is preparing for the coming cold. Where: meet on the Visitor Center deck, the walk will be on the Seneca Trail.

9:30

Activity - Join our native pollinator expert from SUNY ESF Bee Campus, Jake Keller, for a **Bug Sweep** around the marsh and learn about the relationship between the plants and their pollinators. Where: Meet on the VC deck at 9:30

10:00

Presentation - **Learn to create and manage habitats, meadows and native gardens** with Janice Wiles of Go Native! Perennials. Where: In the Visitor Center

11:15

Presentation - **collect native seeds responsibly** while getting updates on NY State's native seed supply chain with John Price from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank. Where: In the Visitor Center

11:30-2:30

Music from the Amy Lyn Band

1:00

Presentation - **Invaders! The Effect of Invasive Species on Native Ecosystems** with Brian Hoven from SUNY Geneseo. Investigate the many ways invasive species get established and affect native ecosystems. Where: In the Visitor Center

1:45

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2:30

Activity – Join Audubon Environmental Educator, Fred Leff, for a **Birding Tour** on Wildlife Drive. He'll bring his scope, you bring your car, and we'll convoy down the Wildlife Drive stopping for a view of the animals he finds along the way.

Throughout the day

Plant Propagation Workshop with Krissy Boys from Finger Lakes Native Plant Society.

Gourmet Mushroom Cultivation Demonstration with Elizabeth and Brad Hunt from Spore & Sprig Farm. Where: Under the big tent

Meet the Biologist – Linda Ziemba, Montezuma NWR. Where: available on the Visitor Center deck.

Schedule and vendors subject to change

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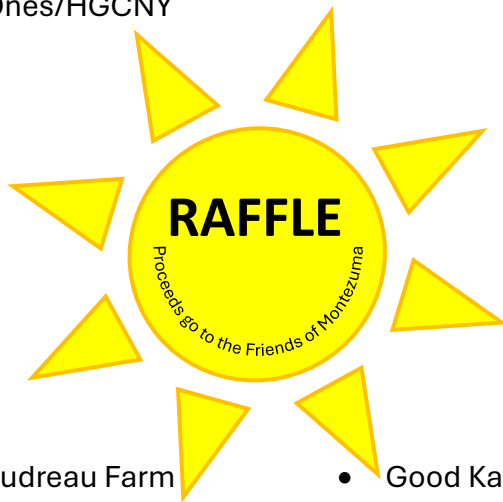
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Cornell Botanic Gardens
Go Native! Perennials
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Strong Roots Native Plant Nursery
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