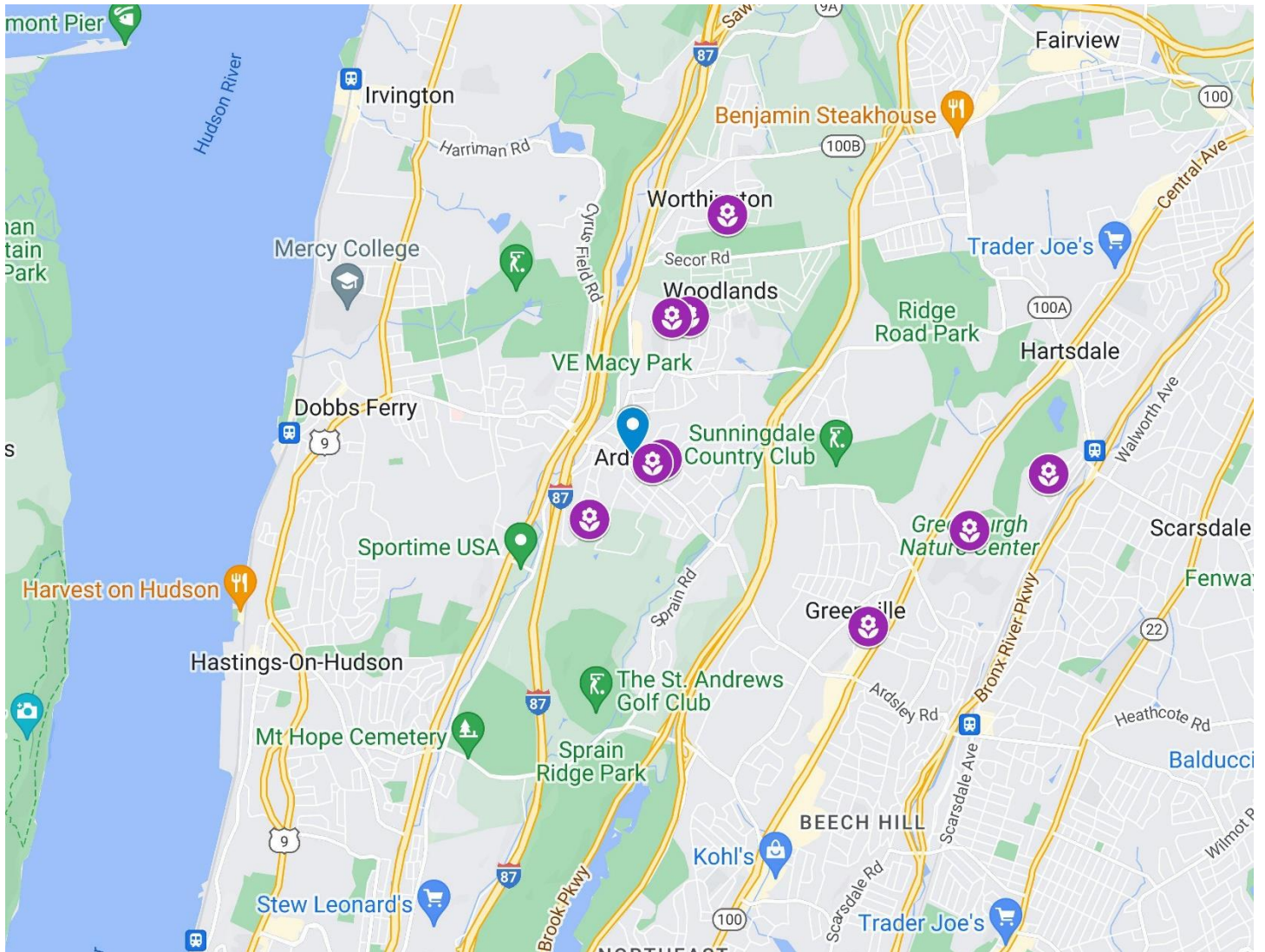


2023 Ardsley/Edgemont Pollinator Open Gardens

Saturday June 3, 1 – 4 pm. Rain Date: Sunday, June 4, 1 – 4 pm.



Welcome! Read about the gardens on the next pages.

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ARDSLEY GARDENS



ANNUAL FREE PLANT SWAP, 23 Orlando Avenue, Ardsley

Free plants!! We'll have native plants out for adoption. Our generous pollinator gardeners have donated seeds, seedlings, young and full-grown native (and some benign non-native) plants from their gardens. If you have some extra plants after dividing and cleaning out your gardens, bring them along and join the fun. Please see www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org for the guidelines for swapping plants.



INTENTIONAL CHAOS, 12 Orlando Avenue, Ardsley

Come and enjoy seeing a native garden transformation in a typical small Ardsley yard. The owner saw great potential and started by replacing nonnative plants in the garden beds with beebalm, coneflower, obedient plant, phlox and much more. A constant experiment, this owner is adding a little more each year.

Of interest to those who: have sloped gardens, yards with sun and shade, small areas for planting, like to hear the experience of a gardener using an incremental approach.



THE LAZY GARDENER of ARDSLEY, 23 Orlando Avenue, Ardsley

Explore this .2-acre native garden started in 1995; 90% of the garden is comprised of native plants, shrubs, and trees. There is a hand-made pond and stream as well as habitat for pollinators – and plenty of benches and rocking chairs to take in nature and the garden views. The property is filled with woodland and pollinator gardens.

Of interest to those who: have shade/part shade properties, sloping yards, may want to install a pond and stream, wish to see a mature native garden, seek advice and ideas for their gardens, want to create a woodland garden.



DINA'S POLLINATOR GARDEN, 4 Shady Road South, Ardsley

It started with a desire to help pollinators and birds. Hampered by not knowing where to begin, this homeowner boldly took the first step. Before long, she was immersed in learning and experimenting. She uses native plants that can tough out bad soil conditions and lots of deer pressure. She is in the process of transforming the property into a native garden for all creatures.

Of interest to those who: are thinking about starting a native garden, new to native gardening, want to hear from someone starting out, wish to see how pollinator gardens can coexist with lawn areas, interested in lessons learned, want to learn how to take the first step.



BIRDS, BEES and BUTTERFLIES, 39 Concord Road, Ardsley

An ever-evolving garden spanning 30 years has become a challenging labor of love for this gardener. A sloping woodland setting is the backdrop for a bird sanctuary, providing them with a true bed and bath environment. The many "rooms" display a mixed perennial border, rock garden with nooks and crannies and troughs interspersed. A plan to create a pollinator shrub area in the front lawn is underway.

Of interest to those who: have steeply shaded sloped yards, love birds and wish to support them, like a more organized design, want to see a mature native garden.



BEES & BUDDIES BYWAYS GARDEN, 38 Victoria Road, Ardsley

Pollinators know this stop on the pathway as The Bee + Buddies Byway. It's a private invitational garden for people and public byway for pollinators. Starting with plugs, and adding more each year, this ever-expanding garden invites bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds to party on their favorite plants. Learn about solar & geothermal too.

Of interest to those who: have sunny yards, wish to create gardens in front yards, like to hear the experiences of those using an incremental approach, wish to see how a typical level yard can be turned into a pollinator haven filled with diverse native plants, are interested in solar/geothermal.



THE RELUCTANT GARDENER, 108 Wood Avenue, Ardsley

A bold idea of turning an unkempt 'green desert' lawn into a visual delight and habitat for pollinators drove this homeowner's vision. She took the plunge and hired EcoBeneficial to plan her garden, source pollinator plants, and rip up her front lawn to plant a native paradise. Not one to stop there, she also transformed her side and back yards into a pollinator haven - all in one summer. The result is amazing!

Of interest to those who: don't have much gardening experience, would like to hear about the experience of outsourcing the creation of a native garden, are interested in rewilding their front yards, wish to make a big change in one year, would like to learn what native plants to plant in a sunny front yard.

EDGEMONT GARDENS



EDGEMONT WIP (WORK IN PROGRESS), 5 Clarendon Rd, Scarsdale

In spring of 2022 this homeowner began her journey to restore native plants to her yard and become pesticide free. She continues to add native plants and invite birds and other critters to enjoy the garden and fill it with life.

Of interest to those who: are thinking about starting a native garden, new to native gardening, want to hear from someone starting out, wish to see how pollinator gardens can coexist with lawn areas, interested in lessons learned, want to learn how to take the first step.



CLUB WAY POLLINATOR PARADISE, 22 Club Way, Hartsdale

How to rewild a suburban property? This gardener decided to do it in one year - by herself. Shortly after moving into the house, she embarked on a rewilding journey (see [her webinars](#) on the story and process on our website). Her yard is transformed into a pollinator and native plant paradise. Thanks for inspiring us and showing us the way!

Of interest to those who: are thinking about starting a native garden, new to native gardening, want to hear from someone starting out, interested in sheet composting to create gardens, want to hear lessons learned, wish to learn about native plants to plant in various conditions.



'CATHY'S MEADOW' - NATIVE PLANT MEADOW

The Greenburgh Nature Center

99 Dromore Rd, Scarsdale

If you want to be inspired, this is the stop for you. The native plant meadow at Greenburgh Nature Center is a feast for the eyes, soul, and spirit. It is buzzing with life and interest 12 months of the year. Seeing this garden will inspire you. Come and listen to the story of its creation, the plants that nurture this meadow, the animals, insects, and birds that returned to this sanctuary – all at our local gem, the Greenburgh Nature Center. Enjoy the rest of the nature center while you are here.

Of interest to those who: want to create a meadow, bring a diverse ecosystem to their yard, learn about the birds, pollinators and animals that will return when you rewild, discover the plants that comprise a highly productive meadow, are interested in native grasses, love butterflies, want to enjoy this local gem.

NOTE: Please park in the Visitor Parking Lot and either walk to the Manor House enjoying plants and gardens along the way to get directions from the front desk. Or from Visitor Parking walk back toward Dromore Road and turn right at the path marked MEADOW.