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Norfolk Botanical Garden – Annual Spring Plant Sale Mother's Day Weekend - EVERYTHING MUST GROW!







Invitation to Cover

What: Norfolk Botanical Garden – Annual Spring Plant Sale

Where: Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23518 **When:** Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Norfolk, VA) – Join Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) for the **Annual Spring Plant Sale** beginning Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. This Mother's Day Weekend, the Garden will have more plants than ever before and will feature a wide variety of rare and unusual plants! The event is open to the public with the exception of an early bird special for NBG members from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each morning.

There are thousands of plants to choose from including the 2015 Signature Plant – Rabbiteye Blueberries, *Vaccinium ashei* (pictured above). This signature plant is part of our upcoming spring & summer theme of *Incredible Edibles*. NBG will make a difference in the community with educational opportunities to learn about the benefits of edible landscaping. From balconies and patios to large garden plots, sustainable gardening benefits both families and wildlife. Learn more about *Incredible Edibles and our NEW Potager Kitchen Garden*.

Norfolk Botanical Garden will continue its efforts with *Mission Monarch: Project Milkweed*. You can help the declining monarch butterfly population -one plant at a time. The Monarchs need Milkweed to survive and we need Monarchs. Once again, the Garden will offer a variety of hummingbird and butterfly plants, Milkweed and more!

The NBG Annual Spring Plant Sale has long been known throughout the region as one of the best places to pick up unusual plants at great prices. Visitors will find a wide variety of plants from the rare and unusual to the proven winners for the Hampton Roads region. Garden-goers are sure to find the perfect plant to create a special look for their garden.

The Garden's horticulture staff will be on hand to provide expert advice and help to customers. Click <u>here</u> for more information and a printable list of available plants.

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of 52 themed gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. From stunning plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat, or walking tours. The Garden is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a Virginia Green attraction, and is managed by the Norfolk Botanical Garden Society supported by the City of Norfolk. Norfolk Botanical Garden is dedicated to enriching life by promoting the enjoyment of plants and the environment through beautiful gardens and education programs. Admission is \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, \$9 for ages 3-17, 2 and under are free. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

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