

# Save the Date!



## Unity Gardens Annual Spring Lecture 2022

### Shari Wilson

### **Plant This, Not That!**

### **50 plant swaps that will bring more birds, bees, and butterflies to your yard**

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Severna Park, MD**

- 9:30AM:** Registration opens. Join us for coffee, nibbles, and a chance to check out raffle items.
- 10:00AM:** Presentation Begins
- 11:30AM:** Snacks, Raffle, and Door Prizes
- Tickets:** \$70 Until March 4  
\$75 At the door (until sold out)

*This is a ZERO WASTE event. 100% of our waste will be recycled or composted.*

Proceeds benefit Unity Gardens, a non-profit organization awarding grants for native landscaping projects in Anne Arundel County. Unity Gardens envisions a world where common citizens are the first step toward positive environmental change. Unity offers grants to non-profits such as schools, religious organizations, scout troops and community groups to plant native gardens that promote cleaner water and air, reduce runoff, foster thriving eco-systems, and create natural beauty.

For more information and to register, visit [www.unitygardens.org](http://www.unitygardens.org). For questions contact: Joni Miller at [unitygardensaa@gmail.com](mailto:unitygardensaa@gmail.com)



#### About Shari Wilson

Shari Wilson is a consultant in the environmental and public health field and an avid self-taught native plant gardener. Shari has worked for Baltimore City, Maryland and the US EPA. As Maryland's Secretary of Environment from 2007 to 2010, she met people across Maryland who enthusiastically want to take tangible action to improve our environment. This prompted Shari to create "Nuts for Natives," a practical resource for gardeners who want to garden for the Chesapeake!

Read the Nuts for Natives blog at [www.nutsfornatives.com](http://www.nutsfornatives.com)



Shari Wilson

Any yard can be a mecca for songbirds, pollinators, and beneficial insects if you make the right plant choices. But let's face it, if you've already got an existing landscape, it's hard to know where to start. Our presenter, Shari Wilson, writes a weekly blog showcasing beautiful native landscapes and advising gardeners on common native plant swaps for boxwoods, crape myrtles, liriopse and other standbys that many of us inherited with our house-- or perhaps planted ourselves before we knew the vast benefits of native plants. You'll also learn different strategies for making the switch to natives, from baby steps to going all in. Whether you've got a postage stamp or a sprawling property, everyone will go away with a list of must-have plants to add to their spring shopping list.

