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Native Plants Seminar
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Hardin County - When weary winter weather leads to thoughts of spring, imaginations meander through ideas of gentle breezes flowing through the trees and filtered sunlight casting dancing sprites through the leaves. Tender chartreuse shoots of new growth tease us for the smell of fresh spring flowers and urge us to bend our backs and embed soil under our nails for another year of luscious gardens and fresh landscapes.

For a gardener that is the calling. For the rest of us it’s a lot of work, which is usually when the back yard is overtaken by plants which we presumed to be the start of something wonderful and natural, like a nice green screen, at least better than the bare wall, post, or corner. Next thing you know there is sumac growing all over the garage, or worse, poison ivy.

This year though, there is a chance to get an idea of what to look for as invasive and replace it with a better plant which will not only grow but actually flourish, since its roots are bound in native soil. So to speak.

‘Go Native’ is the planned seminar being offered by the OSU Extension, Hardin County Master Gardeners this year. Get your seat reserved while you can. Plenty will be discovered as you learn ideas and are given the road map to creating a native Ohio environment in your back yard, or your back forty.

‘Go Native’ will be held March 22 at the Mid Ohio Energy Cooperative Community Room, 1210 W Lima Street in Kenton. The cost is $40 which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, handouts and door prizes. For Active OSU Master Gardener Volunteers the fee is $35. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and the program starts at 9:00. Registration Deadline is March 15, class size is limited. For more information call: 937-935-3970.