

# NEWS RELEASE

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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Workshop: Rain garden guidance from master gardeners**

On Sunday, June 26, Penn State Master Gardeners of Monroe County will hold a workshop about rain gardens, at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve, Cherry Lane Road, Analomink. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.

The workshop is held in conjunction with Brodhead Watershed Association. Presentations include:

**9:30 a.m.: “Reasons for Planting a Rain Garden”** by Master Gardener Bob Stalcoskie

What is a rain garden? Why should you plant one? Learn about these useful and beautiful gardens’ environmental benefits and how to promote their biodiversity.

**10 a.m.: “Selecting Plants for a Rain Garden”** by Master Gardener Amy Girardi

Rain gardens beautify your landscape, control stormwater, and add wildlife value. But there are special considerations when selecting plants for your rain garden.

**10:30 to 11 a.m.: “Building a Rain Barrel”** by Master Gardener Cathy Little

We will guide you through the process of constructing your own fully functioning rain barrel – a useful device to conserve water for your garden.

These presentations are free to the public. A \$5 donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of printed handouts and garden supplies. There will be a limited number of rain barrels available for sale after the presentation, for \$25.

For information on this and other Penn State Extension events and directions to the garden, call the Monroe County Extension office at 570-421-6430, email [monroeExt@psu.edu](mailto:monroeExt@psu.edu) or visit [extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/events](http://extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/events).

For information about Brodhead Watershed Association events and rain gardens, see [brodheadwatershed.org](http://brodheadwatershed.org).

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org) or 570-839-1120.