Workshop for gardeners: Tricks, tips and benefits of native plants

A Penn State master gardener will share the secrets of gardening with native plants on Thursday, June 2. The workshop will start at 7 p.m. at Hughes Library, 1002 N. Ninth St., Stroudsburg.

The event is free. Registration is not required.

Jen Bradley, master gardener and Brodhead Watershed Association member, will discuss why native plants are best. These plants are adapted to the local environment, which makes them easier to care for, hardy and beneficial to wildlife. Bradley will have growing tips, as well as suggestions for plant species to fit any gardening situation.

The workshop is held in conjunction with BWA’s popular annual Native Plant Sale, which will feature rare and sought-after native plants and shrubs that often aren’t available at commercial retailers.

The sale will be held Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, at Pocono Township Fire Company’s “carnival building” on Route 611, Tannersville. Friday’s sale, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., is for BWA members only. Sign up for membership at the sale and receive a 10% discount on plant purchases. Saturday’s sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is open to the public.

For information on the workshop, call Brodhead Watershed Association at 570-839-1120, email info@brodheadwatershed.org, or call the library at 570-421-0800. For information on the plant sale, see www.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 or 570-839-1120.