



LAND STEWARDSHIP & GARDENING WORKDAYS

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Mary's Woods, Prairie & Gardens *Caring for Earth in community with others. Tools, training, hospitality, refreshments and an educational component are always a part of our workdays. No experience necessary.*

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in building and fostering healthy habitats and beautiful native gardens.

On **Friday, April 24th from 1-3:30 PM** the land managers, St. Francis Sculpture Garden and Aquinas College volunteers will be clearing out invasive groundcover around some important native, spring ephemerals. Activity will take place near the Coldbook Creek in the woods on the far west side of campus.

Educational component: Lea Sevigny, of Joyful Wildcrafting, will demonstrate how to collect data and inventory biodiversity, using the iNaturalist app. Afterwards, we will spend some time photographing the plants and animals we find!

Park at lot on Lakeside Drive and walk west to the woods. We will gather near the entrance, along the driveway up to Academy Manor. Rain Date: 4/29

Friday, May 1st from 9-11:30AM will be our first workday in the beloved **Prairie** along Fulton Street. Cutting back last season's grasses and wildflowers will shed light on new growth and digging out invasive plants will enable us to increase the biodiversity of this wildflower-dominant ecosystem. As a thank you and to celebrate May Day, volunteers can take home a native plant! Parking is at top of the hill. Rain Date: 5/04

Friday, May 15 from 9-11:30AM Mary's Hope Garden, spring clean-up, weeding and mulching at the SE corner of the main Marywood building. Mary's Hope Garden is an example of how to rehabilitate land impacted by compaction. Soil health and abundant habitat for insects and birds drive the diverse, native plant selection chosen to get established here. Rain Date: 5/18

Saturday, May 30th 9-11:30AM Mary's Hope Garden, spring clean-up, weeding, and walking tour of ecological restoration projects taking place on the campus. No rain date.