Plants of Concern

Welcome Rare Plant Enthusiasts!
Please join us for one of our

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

2012 Plants of Concern Workshops

Sunday, April 1	Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood, McHenry County, IL
Saturday, April 14	Brewster Creek Lodge, St. Charles, Kane County, IL
Wednesday, April 18	Bowen Park (Jack Benny Center), Lake County, Waukegan, IL
Saturday, April 28	Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland, Cook County, IL

Workshops will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This workshop will give you an opportunity to learn monitoring skills or to refresh your skills for the new season. New volunteers are required to attend one workshop. We ask any monitors who have never been to a workshop to attend.

What the workshop provides:

- An introduction to Plants of Concern, a rare plant monitoring program for Chicago Wilderness, funded in 2011 and 2012 by the IL Wildlife Preservation Fund, USFS (Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie), the Donnelley Foundation, Openlands, the USEPA (GLRI) and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Sustain our Great Lakes).
- Training in the basics of monitoring techniques, including measuring and mapping populations and using a GPS unit.
- A chance to meet representatives who will present their monitoring opportunities. Monitoring positions are available throughout NE Illinois, in SE WI and NW IN.
- An opportunity to meet seasoned monitors who will share their experiences.

Bring a lunch. Morning refreshments will be served.

Registration is required. A confirmation will be sent after registration and directions will follow shortly before workshop date. Visit *www.plantsofconcern.org* to register on-line **after February 1,** or

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2012 is the 12th season of Plants of Concern rare plant monitoring. Coordinated through the Chicago Botanic Garden by Susanne Masi, POC has worked with landowners and a dedicated corps of over 625 volunteers since 2001. Trained citizen scientists used standardized protocols to gather invaluable data on almost 1000 occurrences of rare plants over the past 11 years. We are also affiliated with the Habitat Project of Audubon-Chicago Region and the Volunteer Stewardship Network.

For more information -
watch the Plants of Concern website for news on the program: www.plantsofconcern.org