

# Plant Yer Own Patch!

An Introduction to American Ginseng Forest Farming



Presented by...

**The Allegheny Mountain Woodland Association &  
Penn State's Shaver's Creek Environmental Center**

Interested in native plants? Enjoy spending time in the woods? Looking for a way to diversify farm income or help cover annual forestland ownership costs? Establishing or "farming" American ginseng on Pennsylvania forestlands is a fascinating and potentially profitable activity that can contribute to both plant and forestland conservation. In this workshop, participants will be introduced to one of Pennsylvania's most valuable crops, American ginseng. The botany, biology, ecology, markets, growing options, propagation techniques and management issues (pests, theft, regulations) will all be covered.

Guest speaker Eric Burkhart is an instructor and plant science program director for Shaver's Creek Environmental Center. He provides training and outreach in botany and horticulture including teaching courses for the Penn State School of Forest Resources on agro forestry, woody and herbaceous plant identification, and nonnative invasive flora. Working with partners such as the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Eric also conducts research on native plants of economic and conservation importance (e.g., American ginseng and goldenseal) and offers practical guidance through related workshops and publications.

Eric holds degrees in Economic Botany/Ethnobotany (B.A, Idaho State University) and Horticulture (M.S., Penn State University), and is completing a PhD in Forest Resources (Penn State University). A native of the Pittsburgh region, he lives in Pine Grove Mills, Pennsylvania.

**When:** Sat., October 2

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Ebensburg area location – registered participants will receive directions.

**Cost**

AMWA Members - \$10

Nonmembers - \$15

Ginseng Seed - \$5

**Lunch**

Lunch is provided at no charge, but a small donation will be appreciated.

**Registration**

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

*Deadline is September 24<sup>th</sup>!*

Please complete form on reverse and return with payment to AMWA:

Allegheny Mountain Woodland Assoc  
% Paul Noll  
524 Noll Road  
Loretto, PA 15940

**More Information:** 472-8560

## Registration Form – Plant Yer Own Patch!

**Reminder:** On receiving your registration form and payment, we will provide you with detailed directions to the program site!

	Registration	Seed	Totals
Name (1):			
Name (2):			
Address:			
Telephone:			
	Total:		

- ✓ Deadline is September 24<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ One or two individuals may register with this form.
- ✓ Registration Total: enter \$10 for AMWA member and \$15 for nonmember.
- ✓ Seed Total: \$5 for each participant who would like to purchase seed.
- ✓ Totals: Add each line in the right column
- ✓ Total: Add the totals for one or two participants. Please submit this amount by check to:  
*Allegheny Mountain Woodland Association*  
*PO Box 42*  
*Ebensburg, PA 15931*