
Heartwood Nursery News

January is a time for rest and renewal.



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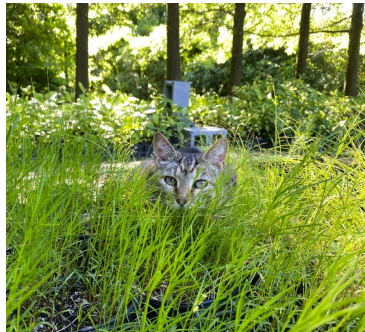


Thank you for a fantastic year!

We loved helping you learn about and choose native plants and are honored to have your trust in deciding how you can improve our environment.

We are looking forward to 2025!

With gratitude,
The Heartwood Team



The Positives of Pokeweed

As most gardeners are aware, the native Pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*), has a way of appearing in the most conspicuous and sometimes undesirable locations around the yard. Despite the drought this past year and the plants having since dried up, we chose not to remove them. The winter birds are still finding the dried fruit appealing to feast on this time of year! The overall habit of the plant itself can be formal and statuesque, especially when left with taller perennials whose height prevents the long, gangly stalks of the Pokeweed from falling over. The fruit is attractive to many species of birds from summer through fall and into the winter. The flowers are visited by hummingbirds and other beneficial pollinators. Please consider leaving a few Pokeweed in your landscape this year.



Thinking about Removing Invasives?

Familiarizing yourself with local invasives is important. Winter is a good time to remove them to make room in the spring for natives that need more room to thrive.

Before and after photos courtesy of Campisi Property Services LLC., featuring a pile of non-native Barberry that was dug up and removed.

Invasive removal is a service that Campisi Property Services LLC offers. Click [here](#) to get connected with them.



Have you listened to Heartwood Nursery owner, Sue Hunter's interview in the podcast about Hollies with Kathy Jentz, the DC Gardener?

If you haven't, begin your new year learning about the versatile Holly.

GardenDC Podcast Episode 178: Hollies



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