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Coastal Federation Announces Fall Native Plant Sale

Ocean – Autumn is the ideal time for planting shrubs and trees, and the N.C. Coastal Federation is helping gardeners out by again offering a fall Native Plant Sale.

Plants, trees and shrubs will be available starting Monday, Sept.16, and running daily through Friday, Sept. 20. The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the federation’s headquarters at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean in Carteret County.

Federation members will receive a 10 percent discount on all plants purchased. If you are not a member, memberships will be available to purchase at the sale. Select trees will be available at 25 percent off their already low price.

“People often ask, why plant in the fall?” says Rose Rundell, the coordinator of the native plant sale. “The cooler temperatures make it easier on the plants and for those doing the digging. Our soil usually stays warm enough throughout the winter allowing plants to continue root growth. Come spring those planted in the fall have an established root system that can sustain them through our hot, dry, harsh summer climate.”

Many of the plants available offer colorful foliage including: American beautyberry, a small tree or shrub with magenta, pearl-like clusters of berries; red maple, a rapidly growing tree that provides shades of red during spring and fall; red buckeye, a tree with purple-lobed leaves and

showy red flowers; and a coastal favorite yaupon holly, an evergreen shrub bearing bright red berries that persist into winter.

Proceeds from the Native Plant Sale will be used for the federation's restoration programs.

Each plant comes with information and instructions for care.

Visit the federation's web site at www.nccoast.org for more information, call 252-393-8185 or email Rundell at rosier@nccoast.org.