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Federation Sets 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 offering a fall Native Plant Sale.

Plants will be available starting Monday, Sept. 22, running daily through Friday, Sept. 26. The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the federation's headquarters at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean, which is in Carteret County about 10 miles south of Morehead City.

Come early for the best selections. Prices will be slashed 10% each day with the best deals on Friday. Everything must go. Members of the federation will receive an additional 10 percent discount on all plants purchased. If you are not a member, memberships will be available to purchase at the sale.

Thirty-gallon rain barrels will also be for sale. They are equipped for easy installation. The cost is \$50 for federation members and \$60 for non-members. "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. Our soil normally 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."

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

Visit the federation's website for more information www.nccoast.org, call 252.393.8185 or email roser@nccoast.org.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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