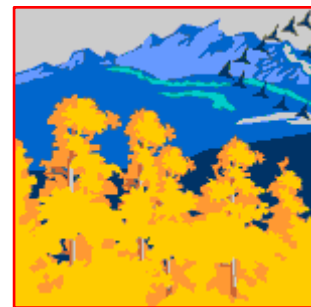


Topsham Garden Club

Field Trip & Meeting

September 11, 2013



12 to 1:30 Time for visitor center, lunch, meeting---Speaker at 1:30

Viles Arboretum

Speaker: Mark DesMeules, Executive Director
(History, programs, projects, plans for the future.)

153 Hospital Street
Augusta, ME 04330
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The Viles Arboretum 224 acres is a botanical garden and arboretum with 5 miles of trails, open year round without charge

The Mission of the Viles Arboretum is "to promote the knowledge and appreciation of Maine's trees and other flora for people of all ages by offering opportunities for education, recreation, and inspiration."

Please Join Us for a Brown Bag Lunch, Business Meeting, Speaker And Fellowship. (You may bring chips, fruit or a dessert to share.)

Bring: Brown Bag Lunch, sun hat/visor, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, camera, comfortable/sturdy shoes or hiking stick.

Note: Please make arrangements to carpool and meet at the Topsham Home Depot, Park n Ride, no later than 11:15. Driving time is approximately 40 minutes.

Directions: From 1-95 South: **Take the Augusta-Winthrop-202 Exit # 109 (Western Avenue); head east towards Augusta on Western Avenue to the rotary. Go 180 degrees around rotary to the 2nd exit. Go over the Memorial Bridge crossing the Kennebec. At the next rotary, take the first, immediate exit onto Stone Street. Follow Stone Street though the lights (now Hospital Street). Turn left at the Arboretum's Visitors Center entrance approximately 0.7 mile past the lights. Restrooms are in the building.** Side gate will be open, drive up the dirt road to Johnson Outdoor Learning Center a half mile from the visitors Center. **The stairs going down into the center are a little steep so that might be a concern for those with physical limitations. (You should be fine with appropriate shoes and walking stick)**