

Author Talk and Book Signing



Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast: A Natural History

Carol Gracie

Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm at Arts on the Lake

Artist, naturalist, and author **Carol Gracie** will share her love and knowledge of spring wildflowers and their important interrelationships on **Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm at Arts on the Lake**. Concurrently, an exhibit of eight of her favorite photos from the book can be seen at the Kent Public Library during the month of May. Books will be available for purchase at both venues.

Her exquisitely illustrated volume provides an in-depth look at spring-blooming wildflowers of the Northeast, many of which are found in the Town of Kent. Featuring more than 500 full-color photos in a stunning, large-sized format, the book delves deep into the life histories, lore, and cultural uses of more than 35 plant species. The rich narrative covers topics such as the naming of wildflowers; the reasons for taxonomic changes; pollination of flowers and dispersal of seeds; uses by Native Americans; related species in other parts of the world; herbivores, plant pathogens, and pests; medicinal uses; and wildflower references in history, literature, and art.

Carol Gracie is an acclaimed naturalist, photographer, and writer. Now retired, she worked for many years as an educator and tour leader with the New York Botanical Garden before teaming up with Scott Mori, her husband, on botanical research projects in South America. Her other books include *Wildflowers in the Field and Forest: A Field Guide to the Northeastern United States* (co-authored with Steven Clemants), and several more on the plants of Central French Guiana.

This event is cosponsored by the [Friends of Kent Library](#), the [Kent Conservation Advisory Committee](#), [Arts on the Lake](#) and [Friends of the Great Swamp](#).