

# BEAUTY AND THE BEASTS

Large-flowered trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*) with invasive garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) and trees leafing out.

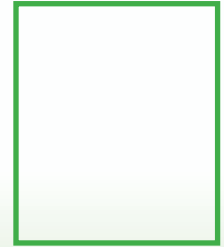


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**Wildflowers and Invasives: Our changing Pittsburgh forests with Mason Heberling, Curator of Botany at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History  
Thursday, May 9, 2019 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Library**

The forests of the world are changing due to human activities. Some of our native plant species are declining while non-native, introduced plants are thriving. Mason's talk will provide an overview of his ongoing research on invasive plant species in deciduous forests of the eastern US, including the mechanisms that enable their success and their interactions with our native wildflowers.

Special focus will be on the invasive plants in our region, how they arrived and when they became a dominant and (all too) familiar part of the Pittsburgh landscape. Effects of deer overabundance and climate change are a part of this story. Mason will introduce new perspectives on the changes in the beautiful landscape we call home.



Mason Heberling