**RIFGC Environmental / Education Day 2023**

 Wednesday March 1

Welcome to our joint Environmental/Education Day

*Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be available.*

*We will have Environmental Tables filled with exciting information.*

*Take home bags with samples, hints, ideas and a solution for the tick problem in your yard*

 9.00 am- 10.00am

 **Dying Silk Scarves**

 Textile Designer and Fiber Artist Robyn Borges will demonstrate how to dye fabrics with natural dyes.

 This demo will also include the creative process of printing silk scarves with native leaves and flowers.

  10.15 am – 11.15am

 **Prudence Memorial Park – A Green Burial Cemetery**

 You may have heard of an environmentally friendly alternative to the traditional protocols by

 which we typically honor the lives of loved ones and lay them to rest.

 Learn about this low carbon alternative and visit the Memorial Park with its beautiful wildflower gardens

  11.30 am – 12.30pm

 **The RI Nature Conservancy will present “Explore the Places We Protect”**

 What a wonderful gem we have here in Rhode Island! We will be made aware of the many preserves we have. The decision making process

 That goes into the making of a preserve and the sights within the state that are open to the public.

  12.45 pm – 1.45pm

 **Floral Easter Basket**

 It’s almost that time of year! A floral demonstration on how to make an easy Easter Basket.

 You a welcome to bring all of your supplies and make a basket while the Instructor teaches.

* Between presentations our Environmental Chair will talk to us about alternatives to harmful chemicals.
* Please attend and let us know if you will be there, this way we know how many gift bags to make up.