Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale

**Phlox divaricata – Wild Blue Phlox**

**COMMON NAME:** Wild Blue Phlox

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Phlox divaricata* – the Greek word for "flame" is *phlox* and *divaricata* comes from Latin for "spreading".

**FLOWER:** light blue – sometimes nearly white.

**BLOOMING PERIOD:** late April to early June. Blooms later than bloodroot and hepatica.

**SIZE:** 12 to 20 inches tall

**BEHAVIOR:** Flower stalk has several 5-parted funnel-shaped blossoms with rounded lobes.

**SITE REQUIREMENTS:** Prefers medium to wet woodlands and cliffs rich in organic matter with filtered sunlight.

**NATURAL RANGE:** From New England to the southern and south-central states. It grows in most of Wisconsin.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Basal leaves remain green in winter.

**SUGGESTED CARE:** When planting set stem nodes one inch deeper than the level at which the plant previously grew. Nodes will send up extra flower stalks. Mulch to maintain moisture level.

**COMPANION PLANTS:** wild ginger, spring beauty, toothwort, white fawn lily, false rue anemone.