

Hendersonville Bee City USA

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Hendersonville's Bee City USA Celebrates Pollinator Month in June

(HENDERSONVILLE, NC, April 1 2023) – June is Pollinator Month - a celebration of bees, birds, butterflies, bats, beetles, and other species that help pollinate more than 1,200 crops and about 90% of all flowering plants that rely on pollinators for the survival of their species. Pollinators also support healthy ecosystems that clean the air, stabilize soils, and support other wildlife. During June, people of all ages can learn more about the interdependence between humans and pollinators. Especially in our agricultural area, this is a subject of interest related to the food we eat and the economically important crops we raise.

Pollinator Month activities range from gardening tips, free seeds, honey-tastings, walks along nature trails, and valuable information about bees and beekeeping. A complete schedule of events is available at <https://www.bullingtongardens.org/pollinator-events-education#pollinator-month>. For questions about Pollinator Month or to volunteer, contact beecityhendersonville@gmail.com.

Hendersonville's Pollinator Month events are coordinated by Bee City USA-Hendersonville, a program of Bullington Gardens and Hendersonville Tree Board.

Pollinator Walk-n-Talk Fridays

June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23 and June 30, 10am

Presented by Bullington Gardens

Location: 95 Upper Red Oak Trail, Hendersonville

Cost: no charge; no registration required

Meet at the information kiosk, near the front of the main (brick) house. Stroll through the pollinator trail, then stay to explore the woodland nature trail, Sally's Garden, horticultural therapy gardens, as well as the Fairy Trail. Suitable for all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.bullingtongardens.org for more information

Pollinator-Themed Afternoon Tea

June 1 - 30, Tues – Sat, 11:30am-1:30pm

Presented by The Book and Bee Café and Tea

Location: 795 Mountain Road, Hendersonville

Cost: \$41.00/adult; \$20.50/child; reservations required -- call Victoria at 828-845-4242.

Pollinator-themed afternoon tea features sweet and savory treats that nod to different pollinators and flowers.

Bountiful Harvest Community Garden Pollinator Plant Sale

Saturday, June 3, 10am – 2pm

Presented by Bountiful Harvest Community Garden

Location: Jackson Park, Hendersonville, across from Ballfield #2

Cost: no admission charge; no registration required

Honey Tasting and Live Honey Bees

Saturday, June 3, 8am – 1pm

Presented by HoneyBee Bliss, Randy and Pam Knowles.

Location: Hendersonville Farmers Market at the Historic Train Depot, 650 Maple Street

Cost: no charge; no registration required

At this vendor's booth, taste pure, raw, local honey, and safely observe a live honey bee hive.

Lewis Creek Preserve Nature Walk

Wednesday, June 7, 9am – 11am

Presented by MountainTrue and Conserving Carolina

Location: Edneyville Community Center, 15 Ida Rogers Drive, Edneyville

Cost: no charge; registration required at <https://mountaintrue.org/event/lewis-creek-preserve-nature-walk-in-hendersonville-nc-6-7-23/>

Bob Gale, MountainTrue's Ecologist & Public Lands Director, will lead a slow hike along the nature trail and boardwalk, interpreting plant life, wildflowers, a rare Southern Appalachian Bog ecosystem, and the value of pollinators on this property. From the community center parking lot, the group will go to Lewis Creek Preserve trailhead a short distance away. Suitable for all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Native Plant Identification Walk

Saturday, June 10, 9am

Presented by Rachel Meriwether and Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway

Location: Patton Park, 1730 Asheville Hwy., Hendersonville

Cost: no charge; no registration required

Meet at the pavilion next to the basketball courts. Rachel will lead a pleasant walk on the Oklawaha Greenway suitable for all ages, identifying plants along the way. Water, sunscreen, a hat, and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. For more information visit OkGr-Events-friendsofoklawaha.org

'Returning a Meadow to Pollinators

Saturday, June 10, 9am – 4pm

Presented by Echo Hill Farm

Location: Echo Hill Farm, 529 Pace Rd., Hendersonville

Cost: no charge; no registration required

Explore the emerging pollinator meadow reconstruction, looking for native plants and identifying invasives with input from Snow Creek Landscaping. Appropriate for all ages.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/echohillfarmnc> for more information.

Honey Tasting and Apiary Tour

Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 12 noon – 4pm

Presented by Sandy Bee Mine Honey Company

Location: Echo Hill Farm, 529 Pace Rd., Hendersonville

Cost: prices vary; registration required at sandybeemine.com/pages/honey-tasting-events

A honey-tasting and charcuterie-and-cheese board lunch with beverage is available. Try on a beekeeper's suit, take a guided tour of the apiary, explore life inside a honeybee colony. Best for ages 5 and up; those younger than 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Garden Club

Monday, June 12, 4– 5pm

Presented by Henderson County Public Library

Location: Henderson County Public Library, 301 N. Washington Street, Hendersonville

Cost: no charge; no registration required

This is a special Garden Club event for families and children grades K – 5. Play Pollinator Jeopardy and make pollinator-friendly waterers for the library gardens.

Native Bee Hotel Installation

Saturday, June 17, 9am – 1pm

Presented by Jon Gleman - Green River Bee Company

Location: Bullington Gardens, 95 Upper Red Oak Trail, Hendersonville

Cost: no charge; no registration required

Watch the installation of a trailhead, a pollinator habitat, and an educational board. Q & A sessions will be held during each install.

Bee Wise

Saturday, June 24, 10am – 2pm

Presented by Caregivers of Mother Earth and Horse Shoe Gap Village

Location: Horse Shoe Gap Village, 3636 Brevard Rd., Horse Shoe

Cost: no charge; no registration required

Local author Elle Travis shares stories from her children's books, including *Bee Wise*. A scavenger hunt with prizes, potted pollinator flowers for sale, an educational bee experience by a local honeybee expert, and much more will be offered.

Nature Walk and Talk: Bees and Beekeeping

Saturday, June 24, 10 – 11:30am

Presented by The Park at Flat Rock

Location: The Park at Flat Rock, 55 Highland Golf Drive, Flat Rock

Cost: no charge; no registration required

Park volunteer and beekeeper Will Garvey will discuss how the park supports bees, and how bees support the park ... and how the park's wildflower meadow, pollinator garden, native bees, and beehives work together to create healthy ecosystems. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Making Your Garden a True Home for Pollinators - Conserving Carolina Walnut Creek Preserve Speaker Series

Saturday, June 24, 10:30am – 12pm

Presented by: Kim Bailey of Milkweed Meadows Farm

Location: Anne Elizabeth Suratt Nature Center, 179 Wood Thrush Lane, Mill Spring, NC

Cost: no charge; registration required. Register at <https://conservingcarolina.org/event/walnut-creek-preserve-speaker-series-making-your-garden-a-true-home-for-pollinators/#:~:text=RSVP%20Here>

Learn how to turn your garden into a true home for pollinators with recipes for pollinator gardening success. Kim will have a selection of native plants for sale following the presentation. Suitable for age 12 and up.

Pollinator Celebration at Hands On! Children's Museum

June 27-30, 9:30-10:30am

Presented by Hand On! Children's Museum, Noemi Causseaux, Director of Programs

Location: Hands On! Children's Museum, 318 N. Main Street, Hendersonville

Cost: \$10 adults, \$10 children, Museum members, no charge; no registration required

Families can create bee puppets in the Maker Studio, learn about the importance of bees, and get 20 interesting facts for elementary school-age students. On June 29, a special reading of *Finding Home: The Story of a Mason Bee*. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/HandsOnWNC> for more information.

Online Course Series: Gardening for the Planet

Presented by Spriggly's Beescaping

Location: online, available 24/7

Cost: monthly subscription \$20; lifetime access to the series and new content \$150. Registration at <https://sprigglys.com/gardening-for-the-planet-course-series/>.

An online course series which offers simple steps to become stewards of the environment. Enjoy 10+ hours of video available 24/7 to become an expert on supporting local ecosystems. Course topics include pollinators, other beneficial wildlife, habitat restoration, "pest" management, and more. The course series includes a bonus course for 5-10 year-old students featuring a book reading of Spriggly's children's book *Finding Home: A Story of a Mason Bee*. The series is appropriate for adults and students 8th grade and up. Visit sprigglys.com or contact info@sprigglys.com

A number of events for Pollinator Month will be held in the Asheville area. Please visit www.ashevillegreenworks.org to see the schedule. # # #

(photos below)



Celebrate Pollinator Month in June. A number of fun, educational events are planned throughout the month in Hendersonville, a Bee City USA.