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Pollinator Gardens and Food Forests Work Well Together

Harvest, BFG Member

Carrie Regenstreif, Community Engagement Coordinator, Sudbury Shared

Planting pollinator gardens within food forest areas is a good way to ensure fruit production while creating habitat for pollinating insects. Sudbury Shared Harvest, a non-profit group based in northeastern Ontario, Canada, has been coordinating volunteer involvement in establishing community food forests on public properties since 2015.



groups to establish a number of small food forests ranging from 300 to 8000 square feet, with patches of native flowers being an important element in each. READ ARTICLE

The Flower Fields - Carlsbad, California

Monarch and Pollinator Gardens

Nancee Caye, Monarch Resource, Flower Fields; BFG Member

I care for the Monarch Butterfly Garden at The Flower Fields in Carlsbad,

California. The garden itself contains over 120 milkweed plants which are the host plants for the resident population of monarch butterflies in our southern CA area. When I first started here almost 8 years ago, there were only a few flowering plants to help attract the beneficial pollinators that I felt would make for a stronger garden. So, this past summer and fall I was allowed to start planting on the slopes bordering the milkweed bed. My goal for both gardens is to attract many types of butterflies, bumble bees, honey bees, ladybugs, green lacewings, hover flies, and more.



Agapanthus, Lantana, Polygala fruticosa, and Salvias have been installed, and are already proving to be attractive to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Perennial and annual plants will be added as weather permits, such as Verbena bonariensis, lemon balm, zinnias, fennel, California poppies, nasturtiums, foxgloves, and oriental poppies. READ ARTICLE

structural plants that have proven to be favorites to pollinators and birds.

Member Benefit - Bee Friendly Gardening

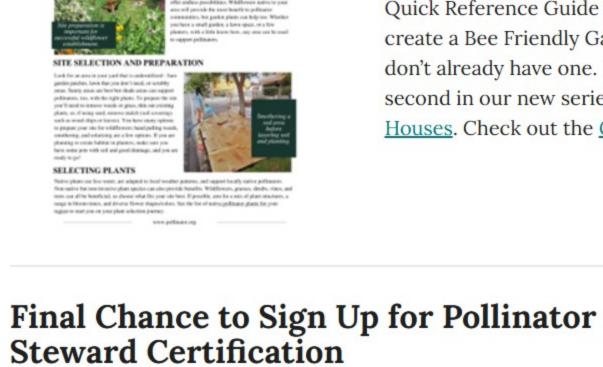
Facebook Page Are you taking full advantage of your BFG Member benefits? Our BFG Facebook page is buzzing with inspiration. Recent posts include a puddling

Scout Song, and some great advice (accompanied by a resource) from Cathy Streett: "Sharing this quick look at what is happening when you #LeaveTheLeaves and #leavethestems! I hope you have provided for wildlife throughout the winter in your #beefriendlygardening spot." Come join the conversation!

dish by The Bee and Bee, a video of a monarch eclosing from its chrysalis by



CREATING A POLLINATOR GARDEN Pollinator Partnership has a new



second in our new series, after Bee Houses. Check out the Guide.

Quick Reference Guide to help you

create a Bee Friendly Garden if you

don't already have one. It is the

If you haven't already, register for our Pollinator Steward Certification (PSC) program by February 1st! PSC empowers people with the scientific know-how to make a real difference for pollinators, people, and the planet. This course is ideal for home gardeners, land managers (large and small),

farmers, and anyone that wants to do more to support pollinators. Join our growing community of Certified Pollinator Stewards!

Pollinator Steward Certification Schedule 2024

All modules will take place at 4:00pm to 5:30pm PST / 7:00pm to 8:30pm EST

Session 1 - Introduction to Pollinators Tuesday, February 6th **Session 2 – Indigenous Perspectives**

Session 3 - Butterflies and other Pollinators Tuesday, February 20th

Tuesday, February 13th

Tuesday, February 27th

and Municipalities

Wednesday, March 6th

Session 5a - Habitat Creation: Yards, Gardens, and Balconies Tuesday, March 5th Session 5b - Habitat Creation: Large Land Managers, Right-of-Ways,

Session 4 - Creating Habitat for Pollinators Overview

Session 5c - Habitat Creation: Farmers, Growers, and Agricultural Landscapes Thursday, March 7th

Session 6 - Identification and Monitoring Tuesday, April 9th Session 7 - Expand your Impact!

Tuesday, April 16th

Notable Dates: • January 28 - National Seed Swap Day

- February National Bird Feeding Month • February 5 - Western Monarch Day • February 6 - Pollinator Steward Certification begins (register here!)
- February 14 Valentine's Day

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