Go Native, Bee Friendly

A symposium on the importance of native plants and pollinators in your landscape

Where:
Coventry Oaks Pavilion
40 Axline Ave., Akron, OH 44319

Enjoy listening to speakers from:
- University of Akron
- Hiram College
- Ohio State University Extension
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History

This symposium is geared towards educators and volunteers who are interested in showcasing the importance of pollinators and native plants. Topics covered include:

• The importance of pollinators & threats they face
• The threat of invasive plants & the importance of native plants
• Plant & insect interactions
• How to attract pollinators to your landscape
• The importance of involving children with nature

Cost of program is $30 (includes lunch & materials)
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Agenda

Registration 9:15 – 9:30am

Gardening for Pollinators 9:30 – 10:30am
Randy Mitchell, University of Akron
The many small animals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce. Learn how you can help preserve and increase bees and other pollinators by using your own backyard!

Redefining the Backyard 10:30 – 11:15am
Danae Wolfe, Ohio State University Extension
Learn to view your backyard as more than a manicured lawn by redefining it as an ecosystem. This presentation will cover the threat of non-native and invasive plants and provide an overview of the importance of native plants.

The What, Where and Why of Native Plants in Your Landscape 11:30am – 12:30pm
Barb Holtz, Cleveland Metroparks
Naturalist Barb Holtz shares some of her favorite native plants, where to find them and why we shouldn’t mess with Mother Nature.

Lunch 12:30 – 1pm

A Common Bond: The Fascinating World of Insect & Plant Interactions 1 – 2pm
Judy Semroc, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
This photographic presentation will focus upon the interesting and inventive methods by which insects and plants work together to make nectaring & pollination a reality. In addition, tips for enhancing these processes in your garden will be described and illustrated.

Walk to Find Pollinators 2 – 3pm
Judy Semroc, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Kids and Conservation: Why growing up with nearby-nature may be the key to saving the world 3 – 4pm
Matt Sorrick, Hiram College
Getting kids outdoors isn’t as hard as you might think. The real challenge is to make it frequent. This presentation and workshop will introduce a variety of tips and tricks to foster connections between kids and nature.

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Registration for Go Native, Bee Friendly

Name: _______________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________________

If teacher, what school? ________________________________________

If MGV, what county? _________________________________________

If OCVN, what county? _________________________________________

Lunch Options  Provided by Hudson's Catering (please select one):

____ Greek salad  
(comes with flatbread and a chocolate chip cookie)

____ Chicken salad on croissant  
(comes with apple slices, Sun Chips, and a chocolate chip cookie)

____ Roast beef sandwich  
(comes with apple slices, Sun Chips, and a chocolate chip cookie)

Naturalist Stanley Stine from the City of Twinsburg will be leading a hike around the Stone House (located at 9207 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087) on Friday, August 8 from 10am-noon. This is a great opportunity to learn about native plants. Please check if interested in attending _____ yes   _____ no (more information will be available at the Symposium).

Cost of symposium is $30 per person (fee includes lunch and materials).
Registration deadline is Monday, July 28th.

Please make checks payable to OSU Extension and mail to:
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