



Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time

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Hello Everyone,

This summer has been so strange in so many ways. The Covid virus has changed what we do in so many ways.. I hope that everyone is able to get outside and enjoy our natural world. One of the good things of this Covid summer is that I have a great veggie garden. I think I have lots of company.

One of the benefits of the garden is discovering how beautiful the vegetable blossoms are. Take pictures. There are beautiful things in a veggie garden. My favorite garden story is actually from a long time ago. It was almost dark and I was just doing a final check on everything when I heard a very loud, determined buzzing. I finally found the source and it was a bee that had been pollinating a squash blossom and stayed too long. The blossom had closed around the bee. I opened it carefully (afraid of being bitten) and one frustrated bee climbed out and flew away. I love children's books and I thought it was just like a picture book. Vegetable gardens can also be a place of discovery.



Pollinators are in severe decline all over the world. It's a frustrating fact and people are tempted to say "Yeah, but what can I do?" Well, one person can make a difference. One person making a difference is what Pollinator Pathways NH is all about.

You are helping build pollinator habitat 'one yard at a time'. Pollinator Pathways NH mission is "Restoring habitat, one yard at a time, through community partnerships, education and engagement". All of you are doing this. You all are part of this. You all are helping to make this vision happen. You all have found out what one person can do.



Because of the shutdown in the spring Pollinator Pathways NH had to cancel all our events that we had planned for the spring and summer months. Losing all the events was, and is, hard. But after careful thought we have decided to have two outdoor events this summer.

We will hold our 2nd annual "Pollinator Conversations" evening, an informal walk-around-the-garden event, at the Kingston Community Library on August 12 (rain date August 19) It starts at 5pm. It will be led again by two extraordinary and knowledgeable local gardeners. It was a very popular event last year. We'd love to see you there. It is not just a Kingston event. It is open to anyone but you do need to sign up to attend. Because of Covid, participation is limited to 50. We will be walking around in groups of ten people. Masks and social distancing are required.

For event details and to reserve a spot - copy and paste:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3446064352090848>

Secondly, we are hosting 2 wildflower and butterfly walks. One will be in Fremont, and one in Kingston or Brentwood. The exact locations and dates are as yet being determined. They will be announced on our Face Book page.

Lastly, we now have a wonderful yard sign! It was designed by my designer daughter, Mary Bean. We're hoping that all of our participants/ supporters will proudly place our sign in their yards to serve as visibility for the PPNH organization. This sign will show your own enthusiasm and concern for our purpose.



We don't want to act as a go-between for money, orders, shipping, etc., and so we're asking that you please order and purchase your sign from FAST SIGNS, Plaistow, NH. It's only \$14 for a great looking sign! They will sell one or as many as you need, and ship it if you need it shipped.

You can call FAST SIGNS (603)894-7446. - talk with Amanda or Bob.

Tell them that you want to order a PPNH sign(s) They will know what you mean and get you what you want.

They accept credit cards and will ship the sign as needed
Their website is:<https://www.fastsigns.com/2219-plaistow-nh>

Additional notes:

We talk about 'less mowing of grass' If you have a large lawn and want to change part of it into a wildflower meadow ... mow a part of it once a year- Mow before May 1st and after Oct. 15th

Monarch Butterflies - less light triggers traveling
It takes 4 generations to get to Mexico

Answers to many questions can be found at:
UNH Extension
extension.unh.edu

www.humanegardener.com This is a fun and information packed blog

www.xerces.org Based in Portland, Oregon this international organization is a fountain of information about pollinators. But the interesting thing is that I have several times called them and asked for help. They returned my call and I got my help. A wonderful thing.

If you don't want to be a bee keeper just add habitat. You will see more bees.