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Happy New Year!
Happy Anniversary!



It has been a year since Pollinator Pathways was started in Kingston. Everyone has showed such enthusiasm for this project. And your enthusiasm has spread to our surrounding towns. We are now talking about pollinator pathways with five towns.

Each of us are only one but together we are many and we can, together, really help our environment by helping the pollinators.

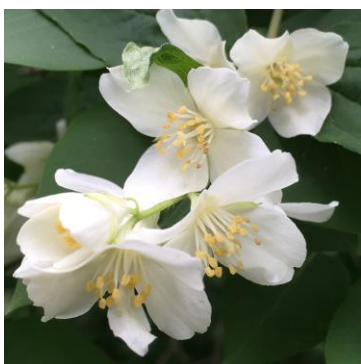
As I sit here looking at snow falling, I realize that I am lucky where I live. There are lots of native grasses, berry plants and bushes on our property. Watching the birds and creatures scurrying around finding food is a joy. I am perhaps the laziest of gardeners. There are lots of things that I wish were more tidy around here. But the creatures are able to find sustenance in and around all the wild flowers in the warm weather and all the berries and seeds in the winter. Having native plants helps feed pollinators and creatures year round.



I live in an old house – it's been here for a very long time.

One of the interesting things of having an old house is that in the past few years we have acquired a locust tree with fabulous spring blossoms. It planted itself.





We have also added Wild Dogwood. (another volunteer). The funniest one is the Bridal Wreath that is left over from a garden of 60 years ago. It finally decided to out-grow the lilacs that were choking it. It started blooming two or three years ago. It's beautiful.

We have a lot of old houses in Kingston and in the area. If you have an old garden and an old house story... share them with us. Sometimes plants that we take for granted on our grounds surprise us. But it's interesting and fun. And quite often you can find your native plants when you stop cutting back the old house weeds. They always say that gardeners are patient people. Wait and see what that strange plant turns into. It may be something you want...or not.

In the category of something that you want...

Pollinator Pathways and six conservation commissions -- Chester, East Kingston, Kingston, Newton, Raymond and Rye -- are hosting **Pollinators 101 and Seed Catalog Challenge at the Kingston Community Library on Jan. 15th – 7pm,**

Bring any favorite seed/plant catalogs and come enjoy the company of other gardeners who are yearning for spring! Come learn about pollinators and native plants. Come browse choices for Spring. Come have fun.

This program is brought to you by Pollinator Pathways, a cross-town effort to connect pollinator species -- e.g. bees, butterflies, bats, moths -- with the habitat they need to survive. This natural habitat attracts birds and other wildlife as well and supports biodiversity.

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