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## Hello Everyone,

It is Winter – all of a sudden. It seems like it was 70 degrees just a few weeks ago. Actually it really was. Now the focus is on skis, snowshoes and shoveling.

The good thing is that this gives everyone time to plan for next Spring and what is going to happen in our yards.

## With that thought in mind.....

On Jan 15th (snow date is Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Pollinator Pathways and Kingston Conservation Commission are hosting a POLLINATOR 101 and SEED CATALOG CHALLENGE at the Kingston Community Library. 7-8:30pm If you think you're not sure about why we need pollinators and who pollinators are...come! Following a short information session (Pollinators 101), we'll break into groups with seed, seedling and plant catalogs, and discuss pollinator-friendly plant choices, and how to overcome some of the challenges of restoring habitat in your own yard, large or small.

Come join the Pollinator Pathways crew for this fun, and hopefully inspiring, evening. Excellent refreshments will again be offered – as well as a free drawing.

Also, we are always interested in ideas for activities/events that people would like to do. Have you any ideas for the coming year? Please send them to us.

For example: Have you property that you would like to show off?

- \* Have you a problem that needs solving? It might be something that other people are struggling with and also need answers.
- \* Have you questions about wetlands/wet patches or vernal pools on your property and want to know the best way of dealing with them.
- \* Have you a favorite area or garden that you'd like to share for an 'event'. Tell us.

Winter 2019 is our first year anniversary. I never in my wildest dreams thought it would take off to become the large program that it is becoming. It is wonderful! Pollinator Pathways is an idea that is geared to everyone in all our neighborhoods. It is definitely DIY and open to suggestions. We started Pollinator Pathways in Kingston but it has spread to our surrounding towns and is amazing. Don't ever ask "What can one person do to help stop the decline in pollinators (and birds and wildlife)?" You are that one person and you are doing it. Pat yourself on the back.

So everyone at Pollinator Pathways wishes you best wishes for a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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