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KINGSTON'S POLLINATOR PATHWAY PROJECT IS ALIVE AND WELL!

On April 10th from 7-9 pm Kingston Conservation Commission will host **A GARDEN FOR POLLINATORS AND WILDLIFE** at the Kingston Community Library. Vicki Brown, who is a Natural Resource Steward with the Speaking for Wildlife program of the UNH Cooperative Extension, is the presenter.

We have had a great response to the idea of making a pollinator pathway in Kingston. "A GARDEN FOR POLLINATORS AND WILD LIFE" program will give ideas and information to make this idea a reality.

Come and see how attracting butterflies, birds, bees and other wildlife to your yard can be as simple as doing less. Do less mowing. Do less gardening because a lot of wildflowers are perennials. Do more enjoying the butterflies and creatures that are so beautiful.

There will be a discussion of choosing plants, gardening techniques, wildlife and habitats. We'll discuss the use of native plants, and issues such as invasive plants. The presentation includes interactive Q&A, handouts and other helpful materials.

In an earlier letter I promised to find information that would help everyone with this project. Part of it is as simple as "where do you find native seeds and plants?"

1) NH STATE FOREST NURSERY www.nhnursery.com

New Hampshire has a nursery in Boscawen, NH. On the website they list all that they sell. Their prices are quite low. You order on line or by phone and then go pick up. As well as trees they have native shrubs and bushes that birds and pollinators flock to. They are only open until they run out of stock so it's always a race to get what you want.

2) AMERICAN MEADOWS SEED CO. www.americanmeadows.com has a great website. They sell wildflower seeds that are native to our area

3) WILD SEED PROJECT In Portland ME has seeds of plants native to our area. Wild Seed Project - PO Box 4301 - Portland, ME 04101
info@wildseedproject.net for questions
<https://wildseedproject.net/> for website

4) DODGE'S AGWAY on Rte. 125, Plaistow

Here there is a nice selection of wildflower seeds. The Olds Seed Company is in Wisconsin. Some of the others are from NY. - These are states similar to us in climate Over all there are lots of good seeds.

For reference:

The Humane Gardener -This fascinating site talks about gardening, critters, our impact on nature and tons of other stuff.
www.humanegardener.com

The Xerces Society is a fabulous reference for pollinators and invertebrates.
www.xerces.org

There is everything you ever thought you wanted to know on this site!
It ranges from plant lists to YouTube instructional videos.

Xerces also offers www.bumblebeewatch.org as well wonderful books. Their books are available on Amazon

Looking forward to Spring!

Hope to see you at the Library on April 10th

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