Bee City USA - Talent

Report on 2020

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We certified 21 new pollinator gardens which brings our total to 60. 4 of the gardens were lost due to the September 8, Almeda fire, which destroyed half of our city.

This was the 50th certified pollinator garden, of the Pederson Family + Dolly Warden. https://sneakpre.com/talent-news-review-archive

Tiny excerpt of 60th Pollinator Garden and First Business (Osteopathic Clinic) with Dr. Elizabeth Caron and Clarissa, the dog.

The Almeda Fire encroached on the Osteopathic Clinic on one side but did not affect the pollinator garden, nor the building.

Education & Outreach

Wild Birds Unlimited: Speaker: Gerlinde Smith; March 18, 2020. "How to Build a Pollinator Garden to Protect Nature's Greatest Emissaries". The importance of pollinators to our food system. How to create or convert an existing garden to a chemical free pollinator garden which supplies nectar and pollen to these vital insects. Choosing the best plants for a wide spectrum of pollinator species and a long blooming season. Incorporating native plants, providing nesting habitats and water stations.

This photo accompanied the above event.

From January 16 through February 27, in conjunction with the Talent Maker City, Talent Garden Club and sponsored by the AARP, we partook in 6 workshops, creating ceramic insect water dishes, mason bee houses, bat boxes, bird houses, etc. for our vital insects, birds and mammals. Gerlinde gave for each workshop a specific presentation. Photo above: one of the finished water dishes.

The 6 lectures addressed: native bees; beneficial fly species and insects; moths; bats; butterflies; birds (including hummingbirds); bats; and more.. In the above photo we present our bat boxes.

Policies & Practices

Since June 18, 2018, our city has adopted an IPM plan and has not used any biocides.
http://www.cityoftalent.org/SIB/files/IPM%20Policy%20final%2012_05_18.pdf

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

"The Garden Angels" maintain our 8 public pollinator gardens every week.

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Four of our new members: r.-l. Julie Greene, Joleen Smith, Laura Panica and Gerlinde Smith and Vickie (not a member); Jim Thompson and Ginny Ross not pictured.