



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Talent, Oregon

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Education & Outreach events included:

April 6 Monarch Way Stations presentation by Robin McKenzie at Talent Garden Club Monthly Meeting. Audience: garden club members BCU

April 7 Rogue Buzzway Celebration – Gardens and Maps of pollinator plants. Audience: Rogue Valley residents

April 13 Integrated Pest Management in Our Community - To learn the history and details of Talent's IPM. Audience: Talent citizens BCU

April 27 Arbor Day Celebration - Information and tree planting. Audience: Talent citizens BCU

May 31, June 5, June 14, June 21, July 12, July 19, August 2, August 16, August 30 - Tabling at the Talent Artisans and Growers Market where we promoted pollinator gardens and not using pesticides. Audience: Rogue Valley residents

June 18 – 21 Presentations by Gerlinde Smith and Dolly Warden at the AAAS Pollinator Symposium at Southern Oregon University. Audience: AAAS members and guests

June 22 National Pollinator Week. Audience: BCU and Talent citizens

July 24 Maker City in Talent gets grant for pollinator-themed workshops. Audience: Talent citizens

September 18 Training for organic land care at Talent's Community Center. Audience: Rogue Valley citizens and landscapers BCU

September 21 Talent Harvest Festival tabled at the festival handing out information on pollinators and their gardens as well organic land care. Audience: Talent citizens BCU

September 21 Talent Harvest Festival Parade about 15 people from Talent walked in the parade handing out 200 packets of seeds for pollinator plants. Audience: Talent citizens BCU

October 22 Phyllis Stiles and Molly Martin of Bee City USA visited the Rogue Valley and were hosted by the certified Bee Cities. Audience: Bee City committee members BCU

December 12 Five women (Rachel Hough, Meadowsweet Levi, Rhiana Simes, Zhavanya Leib, and Dolly Warden) gave presentations to the Phoenix-Talent Board of Education on the issue of children and pesticides. Audience: Board of Education members



Bee City Mosaic dedicated at Talent City Hall during National Pollinator Week 2019.



Dolly Warden, our Bee City chairperson, teaching children how to make beeswax candles at the Harvest Day celebration.



Ginny Ross tabling at Talent Development Fair, February 5, 2019.



Autumn, the Seed Dog, getting ready for the Harvest Day parade, September 21, 2019.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

We, with the Talent Garden Club, certified 10 new private pollinator gardens and 6 public pollinator gardens. We recertified 20 pollinator gardens. Habitat projects primarily focused on the city (individual lots with houses) or out in the country. So long as the owner had a Talent address, they were eligible for consideration. These were certified individually, and then issued a metal sign to display that they had a certified pollinator garden. Also, our mayor issued the Pollinator week Declaration.



Certified private pollinator gardens with gardeners Karen McCoy (in wheelchair), Peter Zukis, and BCU members Beverly Weaver and Dolly Warden.



Postage Stamp Pollinator Garden at Talent Post Office.



Certified Pollinator Garden No. 37. Gardener Rebecca Cohn with Dolly Warden and Gerlinde Smith.



First Talent pollinator garden three years later.

POLICIES & PRACTICES



A team of smiling supporters at the Non Toxic Talent Celebration, April 13, 2019

Introducing the new Talent Integrated Pest Management Policy in our community.

We have one year now under an IPM and are trying various methods and determining effectiveness and costs among other things.

We find that we have become a mentor for cities and that we learn from them and others, in other words we are sharing our experiences.

Our actions include:

- Reduction of chemical pesticides
- Creation of IPM policy for city properties
- Purchase of Weed & Steam machine
- Increased mowing of blackberries

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

<http://www.cityoftalent.org/CCBIndex.asp?CCBID=7>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —

<https://www.4seasonsnurseries.com/> URL for 4 Seasons Nursery

<https://roguevalleynursery.com/> URL for Shooting Star Nursery

<https://www.facebook.com/Southern-Oregon-Nursery-165789529921/> URL for Southern Oregon Nursery

<http://ashlandgreenhouses.com/> URL for Ashland Greenhouses

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —

http://www.cityoftalent.org/SIB/files/IPM%20final%2012_05_18.pdf licy

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