

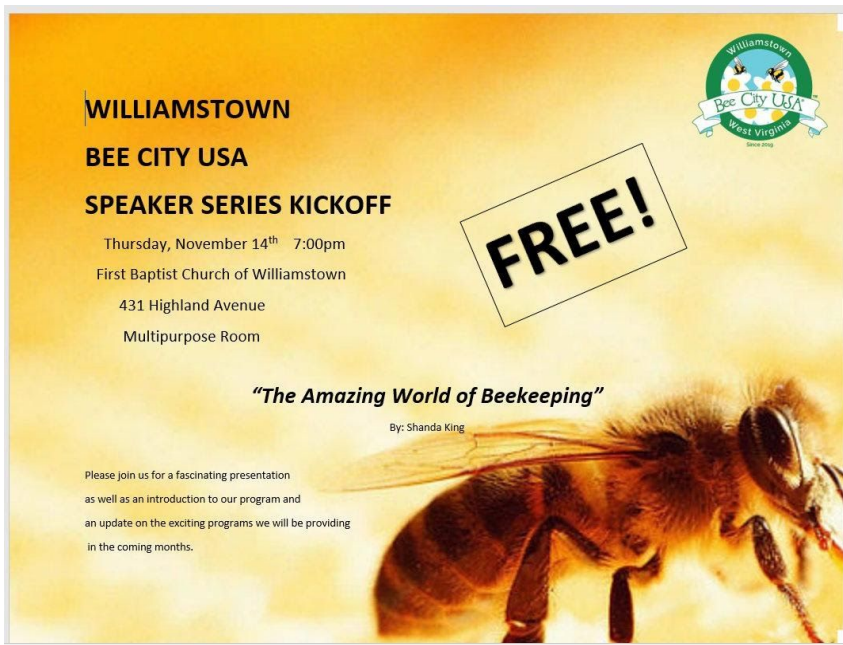


Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Williamstown, West Virginia

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Flyer for seminar



Presenter Shanda King

The Bee City committee kicked off our speaker series on November 14th, 2019. Our speaker was Shanda King, who serves as the West Virginia Agricultural Department State Apiarist. Shanda's topic was "The Amazing World of Beekeeping". She brought a hive display and provided her audience with an insight into the beekeepers life. Shanda's talk was followed up by a robust question and answer period.

The audience of 35+ people was a great cross section of the community, and everyone pretty much agreed that they had no idea of the complexity of the honeybee. Refreshments were provided by the Bee City USA committee as well as informative brochures regarding pollinators.

In our first year as a committee, we explored several educational opportunities and hope to put some of those in effect in year two.



Hive used as prop for speaker



Refreshment table

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Planting crocus for early spring pollinators



The community turned out to observe



Setting the old plants aside to donate to the community

We converted a Master Gardener garden to a pollinator garden. This was done with the assistance of the Master Gardeners and also residents of the city who showed up to help. We are doing a complete redesign of the area to feature a landscape type garden featuring pollinator plants as well as a meadow type garden for pollinators. This is a highly visible area and our hope is that residents will be able to come to the garden and identify plants and garden types that they can use on their own property.

This year we prepared the Armstrong Garden to convert it from a beautification project of the local Master Gardeners to a series of pollinator gardens that can be used by area residents to visualize what plants they can possibly plant in their own gardens at home to attract pollinators.



Working on the rose garden



Taking out the old garden

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <https://williamstownwv.org/wv-bee-city-usa>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://williamstownwv.org/wv-bee-city-usa>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — We have not yet adopted an IPM. That is on our list to be accomplished in 2020.

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Our committee at work