



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Phoenix, Oregon

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Annie Drager (co-chair) Teaching Kids at Phoenix Elementary.



Community Garden President Sandy Wine holding our Pollinator Palooza Flier.



Newly certified Phoenix Garden

Phoenix Pollinator Palooza: 150 people helped or attended. It was celebrated at the new Phoenix Plaza. We collaborated with the Phoenix Community Gardens, the Phoenix Community Center, Cascade Girl Organization, the Jackson County Fuel Committee and others to bring this celebration to fruition. We had two bands show up and hosted games for kids. The kids particularly liked the "seed spitting" competition. The Fire Department cooked for us and we hosted tables with community organizations present. Dr. Bea presented slides from the development of the Phoenix Bee City USA Pollinator Mural, awards were given to committee members and the Mayor read the Pollinator Proclamation.

We attended and tabled at the annual Dog Walk in Phoenix which was attended by about 100 people.

We Hosted Terry Trantham talking about her Food Forest. This was attended by 16 people and hosted Founder, Phyllis Stiles and Director Molly Martin for their visit, facilitating their connection with Rogue Community College.

We connected with kids at the school again, talking with about 40 students, providing a honey tasting and increasing the Sunflower population by asking each student to plant a sunflower seed in a pot we provided.

Pollinator Project of Rogue Valley hosted monthly educational events focusing on native plants, flora and fauna, and Bee City USA helped PPRV by attending and providing seeds, soil and pots.



Sharon Schmidt, Nancy McIntosh, Councilman Jim Snyder, Phyllis Stiles, Hostess Terry Trantham and Director Molly Martin at the Trantham Food Forest



The group (including Chair of Bee City USA Phoenix, Sharon Schmidt back row second from left) who offered testimony related to Medford becoming a Bee City USA

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

1. Bioswale behind Phoenix Plaza spring/summer, we did not host but were consulted.
2. Improved water system summer 2019 at Blue Heron - we did this with the city.
3. Garden Improvement at Blue Heron by Phoenix BCU where we added plants and amendments.
4. Phoenix Plaza added pollinator plants - this was contracted for with a commercial service.

All of the forage we have planted at Blue Heron has been organic. We have advocated tirelessly at City Council for decreasing or stopping pesticides. A huge boon was finally realized as the Talent Integrated Pesticide Management Group brought pesticide applications at schools to light. Largely due to former Phoenix Parks and Greenway board member Rhianna Simes, Phoenix-Talent School District was motivated by her to adopt a glyphosate-free status which includes Phoenix schools.



Spring cleanup (which was really winter cleanup/planting)!



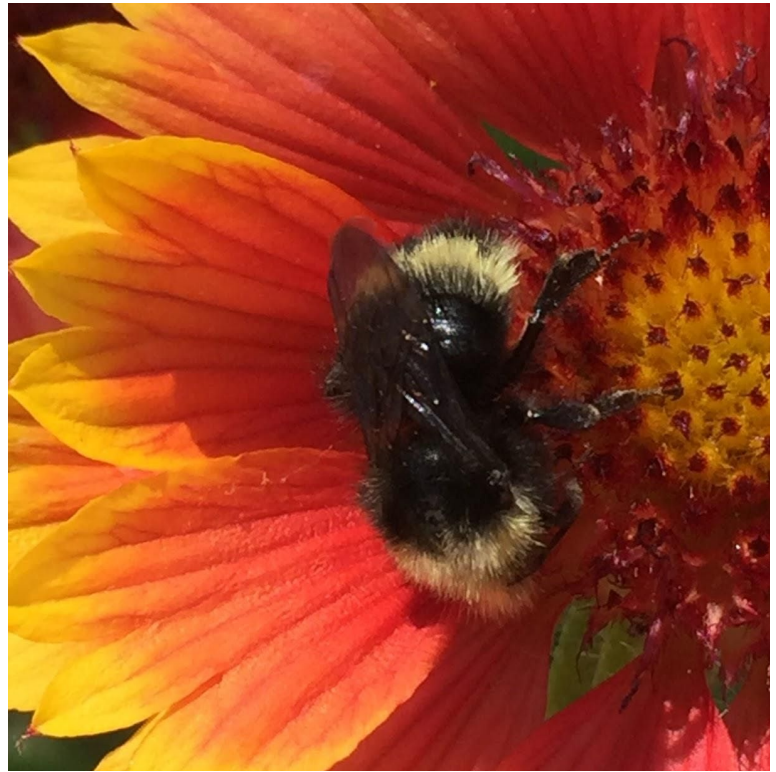
Helping Phoenix Elementary Students plant sunflowers.



Carpenter bee foraging.



Honeybee in our garden.



A native bee at the Blue Heron Garden.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We have made efforts to educate our City Councilors and Manager and Mayor.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

https://www.phoenixoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/bee_city_usa_commission/page/228/sierranstepperx7final1.pdf

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —

https://www.phoenixoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/bee_city_usa_commission/page/228/neocic_free_nurseries_0.pdf

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — none

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