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Lakotah word - one who observes or one who perceives

NEWS OF THE POLLINATOR PATHWAY, SOUTH COAST

Pollinator Art to See in Old Town Bandon

This summer and fall Bandon's public art is a garden of pollinator inspired paintings! Art reflects culture and you can see that the people love this subject matter.

The Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show had a great turnout and there's many beautiful pollinators and native plants depictions from local youth and adults to view through mid-October. You can vote for your favorites at the green Bandon Bait and Tackle.

At Bandon Coffee Cafe, through August, you can enjoy a show of pollinator inspired art. Artists Vicki Affatati and Laura Nutter invited their artist friends who love to paint flowers to create works about local pollinators - paintings of hummingbirds, moths, butterflies, and a collection of bees are flying around the cafe- along with information panels about the importance of creating habitat. Art cards or prints by local artists can be purchased at the counter.

Jessica Markham-Brink, at the Toy Shop in Old Town Bandon, has again offered her exterior walls for public art! We see there is an ever-expanding show of pollinator artwork from mostly Bandon students and also North Bend High School. Plus, Mara Nolan's beautiful mural of a sphinx moth. Educational panels are included. More work and native planters will be added.

Summer Garmen, a former Stillwater Native Nursery intern and budding native plant gardener, along with her sister, Ember, have painted two huge local species - American Lady and Western Swallowtail - Keep your eye out around downtown to see where they land!

GO SEE THE ART IN OLD TOWN BANDON!



Artist, BHS student Kia Schirmer, hung on outside wall of Toy Store Old Town Bandon

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS! Stillwater Natives Nursery is looking for Fall Semester interns, 4-6 hours a week. Receive a work experience credit and an \$800.00 stipend from Friends of Bandon Parks & Recreation. For more info or to apply contact Darcy at darcygrahek@gmail.com.

Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show entry



Artist Ken Hiu - Snowy Plover & Oregon Silverspot

Pollinator Patch Series

Every one of our south coast communities ought to have a public native plant garden, free of pesticides or herbicides. Now is the right time to plan the design that restores even 10 square feet of pollinator habitat. Pollinators are one of the beneficiaries but also people who may acquire ideas for their own restoration gardens, of any size.

The article below is the first of a 3 part series on a step by step method to create a pollinator patch. It seems right to call it a "patch" because it is one way to help repair the significant damage suffered by natural spaces.

Follow along with the newsletter or attend our habitat workshops, first is on September 19th at the Bandon library. See details under Upcoming Events

Preparing for a Pollinator Patch - First 3 Steps

I. Preparation of the bed done well before planting day, ideally with cardboard and mulch and 6-8 months of waiting. Rototilling is not used for preparation as it brings up weed seeds. Ahead of planting day, all competing vegetation and its roots have been removed. If seed is being put down, the aged cardboard or another material is pulled back exposing bare dirt, required for decent germination. Hardscaping (path stones, fence, statues, etc or large wood have been installed. Best not to add rich compost, maybe just some organic matter such as decomposed leaves or bark fines.

II. Weed prevention border is recommended, counter-sinking border materials, such as concrete edging, stone, or driftwood into a channel 6 inches deep. No perimeter weeding will ever be needed.

III. Assemble the plants in your design. It can take several months to find the desired plant species for your conditions. Time is needed to grow or acquire a diverse collection that includes early and late blooming flowers.

Check next month's newsletter for the next 3 steps! Or come to our Stillwater Natives workshop at the Bandon Library's Sprague Room on Sept. 19th.

Get on the Pollinator Pathway map! Watch their webinars to learn more about using native plants to make habitat and other pollinator supports.

www.pollinator-pathway.org/map

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 6 10:00am–11:30am
Pollinators with the Xerces Society and the South Slough Reserve
 Location: Coos Bay Public Library

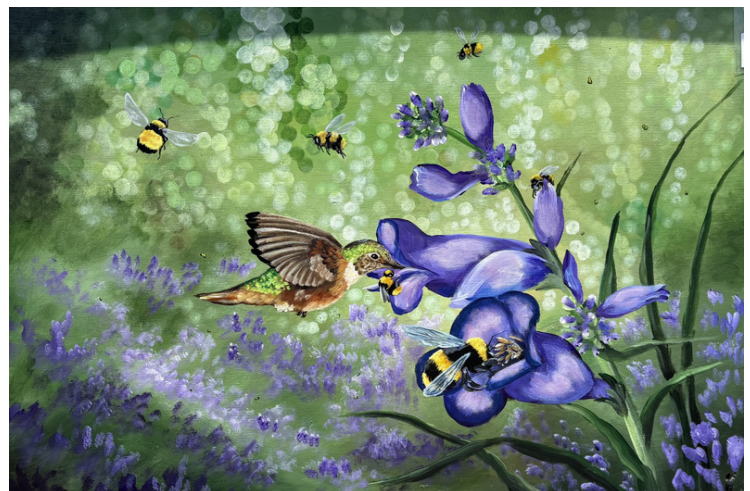
Friday, August 7 5:00pm–6:00pm
Back Yard Pollinator Program with Coos Watershed

Tween, Teen, Adult, Family
 Location: Coos Bay Public Library

August 14th at Mingus Park at 8 pm
The Extraordinary Caterpillar
 A beautiful movie on a summer evening
 On the lawn at Mingus Park, dark-thirty
 brought to you by Coos Watershed Assc.

September 19 10:30-12 noon
Design a Pollinator Patch
- for Home or Public Spaces
 Bandon Public Library Sprague Room
 Free Slideshow and Workshop presented by
 Darcy Grahek of Stillwater Natives Nursery
 Registration required-
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Boardwalk Art Show entry - Artist Jill Stockford



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