

Langlois Library

Installing a Mini-Pollinator Garden

Thursdays 5:30 – 7 pm August-Sept 2021 *BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR*

### **Session outlines**

First Session- August 12 5:30-7:00 pm

Participants will gather out on the back patio at Langlois Library to hear Darcy Grahek explain a variety of opportunities to create pollinator gardens. Attendees learn how to assess a site at home for their own pollinator garden. Corners, parking strips, ditches, terraces, edges of almost anything, all offer a space to grow flowers. During this workshop, looking at a sample pollinator garden plan for Langlois Library, each person will see what goes into their own map to the successful installation of a garden. The 1<sup>st</sup> session of the workshop outlines how to assess a site, create a plan, what goes on the plan and how to use that plan. Cardboard and mulch as an alternative to tilling or sod-busting is discussed in depth. Practical experience will be available in a hands-on outdoor at the end of class. Workshop members will formulate a diagram or map to use at home to prepare their site. The second workshop session will build on this plan.

Second Session – August 26 5:30-7:00 pm

The second session on August 26<sup>th</sup> presents the garden plants that flower with an emphasis on native plants. Using a map of their site, and bloom time information, participants will begin to add plant materials to the plan. Native species are discussed as a critical support for pollinators. This session covers the needs of native plants and their strengths so you can figure out how to best use them in your garden. This understanding will help with your choices of extra supportive non-native species as well, especially with choosing shape and color. Other topics covered are how to extend the bloom season, how to use seed in your plan and other garden features that support pollinators. The custom plan develops throughout the workshop and the design is refined and informed by the demands of the particular site. Langlois Library's garden pollinator map will develop as an example as we move through this planning method.

Third Session - September 23 5:30 - 7:00 pm

The final session brings together all of the elements of making a small garden that supports pollinators. The site has been prepared, a good map has been developed with appropriate plants chosen for the site. Sources of plants and seeds have been located. Timing the planting to the right season is discussed and then the group is invited to have a hand in planting the Langlois Library pollinator garden. After putting in the Library garden plants, participants are invited to celebrate with us!

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