



# *The Pollinator Times*

*Growing and giving for people, pollinators and the planet*

## Off to a Buzzing Good Start!

It's February already .... with a lot to share from just the first month of this new year! In addition to our 'usual' activities and meetings:

1. I gave two presentations (thanks for the invitation, Bear Creek Valley Rotary and Master Gardeners of Josephine County!)
2. We hosted a wonderful Second Friday Art Show with Tiffany Wyatt! (see below)
3. We tabled at SOU's Honors College event, and met some rad students interested in learning more about our work!
4. We held a Pop-Up Native Plant Sale during Fermentopia! More pop-ups to come this spring, with our annual Native Plant Sale for the Pollinators on April 26!
5. We had fun at our annual Seed Swap with our friends at KS Wild!
6. PPRV board and staff celebrated 'our' 'wrapped' Subaru! (see below)
7. PPRV's Pollinator Pals gave a talk at the Oregon Farm to School Conference in Corvallis! (see below)
8. We met Julianna Chavez, an SOU Communications student, who wrote an excellent article about PPRV! (see below)

Our 2026 Events page on our website is growing - check it out below and mark your calendar!

Finally, our Pollinators' Pick is a hard-hitting, yet motivating, article, and news of local action that bring glimmers of hope ..... many thanks to this community for Planting HOPE for pollinators and people!

**We are grateful to be working with this community to help create a better place for us and the many creatures who deserve to live here, too.**



**Plant HOPE, Save the Pollinators,  
Restore the Planet - one native pollinator garden at a time.**

Here's to 2026! Thanks for being part of the work we do, and thanks for keeping up with PPRV with the *Times*! Have an idea or suggestion about how PPRV could be more supportive of you and the pollinator community? Drop me a line [here](#)!

*Thank you for [your support](#) in helping us keep the buzz! We need you now more than ever to help us do what we do!*

*Kristina Lefever  
Volunteer Executive Director, President*

## Yay for Pollinator Art!

This year, PPRV is excited to participate in the Second Friday Art Walk hosted by the [Phoenix Chamber Art Commission](#). We began the year with a bang with the gorgeous art by our friend Tiffany Wyatt. With her amazing spiral interactive painting - a call out for pollinator conservation - outside and beautiful paintings inside, it was a special show. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed Tiffany's beautiful and inspiring art - see more photos and videos [here](#). We have some of Tiffany's prints available for purchase in our shop through February 12. Find more of Tiffany's art on her website [here](#).



This month, we look forward to hosting Eden Orlando on **Friday, February 13**. Eden is the brains and artist behind our amazing Pollinator Anthology project of a few years ago! Come say hi and check out her current work!

Know an artist who might be interested in sharing their native pollinator- and plant-themed art during the Art Walk (any medium)? Let us know!

# Woot Woot! PPRV 'Has' a Car!

We love Southern Oregon Subaru! Not only have they been a Sponsor of our Native Plant Nursery for the past 3 years, they "wrapped a car" to honor the work we do here in Southern Oregon for people and pollinators! 'Our car' is one of five that Subaru wrapped, one for each of the five nonprofits whose work they support here in Southern Oregon - wow. What an excellent example of caring for and about community! Click [here](#) to see the other cars via Facebook.

It was so exciting to see the PPRV car in person in front of our office with the dynamic duo, Rocky Rawstern and Paige DeBoer, with a big shout out to Alec Robertson for such beautiful graphics!

So, now when you take *your* Subie in for service, you can run an errand in 'our' car! Woot Woot!



## Pollinator Pals at Farm to School Conference

Last week, PPRV traveled to Corvallis to attend the Oregon State Farm to School Conference, which happens every two years. This was our second year in attendance, and our Pollinator Pals Ethan Robison and Eddie Tovar provided the opportunity for some of the hundreds of teachers and educators learn how to help their students 'Buzz into Learning' using different methods of pollinator surveys, while learning how to identify pollinators to family.

It's always a great conference, and we were happy to see some of our fellow Southern Oregon educators there, too!



## **PPRV, by Julianna Chavez!**

Meet our new friend Julianna Chavez! Julianna is a junior at Southern Oregon University majoring in Communication, with a career goal of becoming a multimedia reporter. She wrote an article about PPRV for her journalism class after contacting us and interviewing Kristina Lefever, Volunteer Executive Director.

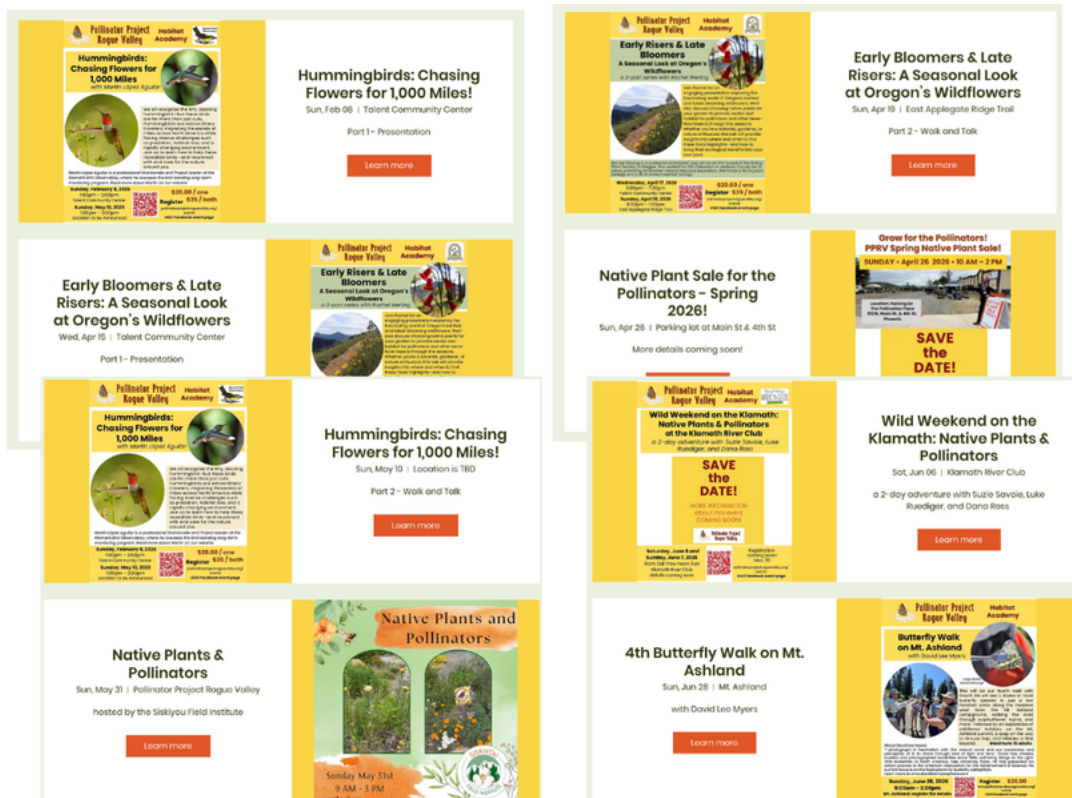
"A project is buzzing in Phoenix, Oregon, and it is not just with bees. What started as a small, volunteer-led effort has grown into a community movement focused on protecting native pollinators and restoring local ecosystems. What's buzzing is a year of new programs, expanded plant sales, and ambitious plans for an eco-education center and butterfly house that will take Pollinator Project Rogue Valley's impact to the next level." Read the rest of Julianna's excellent article on her Medium site [here](#).

Thanks, Julianna! We look forward to seeing more of your writings! 😊



## 2026 Events To Date

Our February 8 presentation about [Hummingbirds](#) with Klamath Bird Observatory is beginning to fill - grab your ticket soon! We've updated our website with more exciting events about pollinators and plants in our Southern Oregon ecosystems! Click [here](#) to see some of what's coming up - check back often for updates, with more to come! We look forward to seeing you soon!



## Pollinators' Pick

Please read or listen to this depressing - yet motivating - article about the global state of insects, including pollinators, and how all of us, even those in a clinical field of work, can make a difference - before it is too late: [Insect Loss As an Early Warning of Systemic Biological Failure](#). "In medicine, silence can be more alarming than noise. For example, a patient who abruptly stops voicing discomfort or a monitor that ceases activity may signal system failure rather than resolution. Ecology presents a similar scenario, and currently, the silence is deeply concerning."



# Insect Loss As an Early Warning of Systemic Biological Failure

BY  JOSEPH VARON JANUARY 26, 2026

PUBLIC HEALTH, TECHNOLOGY 11 MINUTE READ

Apropos - enjoy this article by Xerces about the good work by Talent Bee City USA last year: "[Cultivating Community and Pollinator Habitat in Talent, Oregon](#)," and the inspiring interview on Jefferson Exchange with Dana Ross talking about the new Siskiyou Crest Moth Project: "[Scientists and volunteers team up to study moths in the Siskiyou Crest](#)" - consider supporting this exciting study!

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