

## The Pollinator Times

### **April is Earth Month!**

April is Earth Month and as always, a very bee-zy month! Keep reading to learn about our Earth Day Oregon partnerships, our new webpage showcasing some of our awesome Events coming up, the results of our amazing fundraiser with Clyde's Corner, plus a few other successes! Be sure to catch Kristina's 5 minute interview on KOBI-5! Gratitude to you for reading our newsletter, participating, and supporting our work!

Our mission is powered by the unwavering dedication of community members like you. Its contributions, either as volunteer hours and/or as financial support, that enable us to sustain and expand our programs - Pollinator Pals, Habitat Academy, From Fire to Flowers, our Garden and Nursery, and the Rogue Buzzway.

We depend on YOU to help us do what we do! Thanks for being part of our team! ~ Kristina, Arti, Pat, and Erin

Want to help make more good work happen?

We invite you to Bee Involved!

## Thank You, Earth Day Oregon!

April 1 is the beginning of our celebration of Earth Day -- all month long! We are thrilled to be working with Earth Day Oregon again to help us create and amplify connections with some of the sustainably-minded businesses in the Rogue Valley: Long Walk Vineyard, Plant Oregon, and Wild Seed Media!

We will be celebrating each of these Earth-loving businesses throughout April and sharing the good things they are doing in support of our work - and how you can too! Many thanks to Earth Day Oregon for creating this month-long event across the state, bringing people together all April long to support the nonprofits and businesses advancing sustainability in Oregon!



## Earth Month Fundraiser with Long Walk Vineyard!

1800 N. Valley View Rd, Ashland April 1 - April 30

Here's a great way to celebrate Earth Month! Purchase a new Wine Club Membership during the month of April and Long Walk Vineyard will make a donation to PPRV! Celebrate Earth Month and enjoy this lovely location and their excellent wine all year long! Watch our short youtube video to learn about just some of the reasons we love Long Walk Vineyard!

Click here to choose your Wine Club membership level!

Long Walk is one of the few organically certified vineyards in our area, meaning they don't use synthetic pesticides like Roundup or neonicotinoids, which are harmful to pollinators and the environment. In addition to making excellent and award-winning red wines, they give back by providing habitat for birds and wildlife, including native pollinators! Long Walk has installed extensive plantings of a wide variety of native plants on this beautiful property over the last 4 years.

Thank you, Kathy, Tim, and all the great folks at LVO, for supporting our work!



### **A FUNDRAISER** to honor Earth Day



### Long Walk Vineyard's Wine Club

Support PPRV! April 1 - April 30

Find gorgeous native plants, pollinators, Earth-friendly business practices, beautiful views and **delicious, award-winning** wines!

#### **Long Walk Vineyard** is donating a percentage of every "new" Club membership to PPRV!











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### From Our Calendar to Yours!

Have you seen our new Events webpage? We have enough events coming up - classes, workshops, community events, and more - to keep you busy as a you-know-what! This new page, plus the Calendar, will help keep us all straight about all the activities we have planned this year!

Click here to see what is happening now through April, and check back often to stay up to date about all the fabulous events coming up that you won't want to miss!



## **First Friday with Sunday Afternoons!**

167 East Main Street, Ashland

April 5, 5:00 - 7:30pm

It's Spring!

Time for a new (native) plant - or two! - for your pollinator garden, *and* time for a new sun hat! Visit us at the Sunday Afternoons Ashland store during this First Friday event to celebrate spring and chat with us about how you can help bring back (native) pollinators with native plants. We'll have some plants to preview our 4/28 Native Plant Sale, and all Sunday Afternoons hats will be discounted!

See you Friday!



### **Butterflies of Our Homes & Hills**

101 Home St, Talent April 27, 10am - noon

Butterflies in our yards and gardens lift our spirits. Who are they, exactly? It's even more satisfying to recognize different kinds, with their habits and needs, and especially to notice the small ones, little beings easily overlooked. Out in the wilder hills are even more---some especially enticing treats. This well-illustrated presentation includes noting the seasonal appearances of different species along with their caterpillar host plants.

This will be another beautiful and informative presentation by our friend David Lee Myers! Register on our website here.



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About David Lee Myers: David has photographed butterflies since 1995, now specializing in southern Oregon species and their caterpillar host plants. His book Wings in the Light: Wild Butterflies in North America was published by Yale University Press. He has done exhibitions on old-growth forests and taught years of college photography. Learn more at www.davidleemyersphoto.com.

Saturday, 4/27, 10am-noon Talent Library 101 Home St, Talent



Register By Donation www.pollinatorprojectroguevalley.org/

habitat-academy

Visit Facebook event page

## It's Almost Time for the Spring Plant Sale for the Pollinators!

Parking lot behind The Pollination Place 312 N. Main St., Phoenix (corner of 4th St.) April 28, 10am - 2pm

Join us for our annual Spring Native Plant Sale for the Pollinators! There will be native plants for everyone and for every growing condition!

Find returning vendors Klamath Siskiyou Native Seeds, Cornucopia Acres, and new vendor OUR Community Forestry, plus Pollinator Project Rogue Valley!

The preliminary inventory of plants (subject to change) will be available a week or so prior to the sale date so you can review these lists, research and identify those plants that best fit your landscaping needs, and pre-select the ones you wish to purchase.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Find more details on our website here.

# Native Plant Sale for the Pollinators Spring 2024

SUNDAY APRIL 28th 10 AM - 2 pm



Location: Parking lot behind The Pollination Place 312 N. Main St. & 4th St., Phoenix











Vendor plant lists on Facebook event page and website by April 16.

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### Will We See You at These Earth Day Events?

We are looking forward to Earth Day - three times!

Earth Day Extravaganza! Friday, April 19, 3:30-7:00pm at The Farm at SOU

Exhibitors, live music, Ecoquest adventures, crafts, games, and more, all in celebration of the 54th Earth Day.

Click here for details.

Bear Creek Steward Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 20, 9am - noon Blue Heron Park, Phoenix

Join us for an Earth Day clean-up on Saturday, April 20th! Learn more and register prior to the event at bearcreekstewards.org.

Click here for details.

Saturday, April 20, noon - 4pm
Earth Day at Blue Heron Park, Phoenix

A community celebration of the 54th Earth Day.

Click here for details.

### Yahoo for Pizzas and Pollinators!

Whoo hoo! Thank you to all the pizza and pollinator lovers who came out on Thursday, 3/28!

More than 250 pizzas were purchased at Clyde's Corner during this fundraiser! All those pizzas translated into a donation of \$1,063 for our From Fire to Flowers Pollinator Garden program! The pollinators truly appreciate it!

Grazie molto! (Many thanks!) to Rafa, Nick, and the entire Clyde's Corner team who worked so hard, to everyone who enjoyed some great food and community, with special kudos to the awesome pizza makers!

See all our photos from the day here.

Learn more about this unique program here.

We invite your support of this program here!



## **Early Bird!**

Kristina was up with the Sunrise on March 26, talking with Marcus of KOBI-5 about pollinators, springtime, and some of our upcoming events! Thanks, Marcus, Ben, Natalie, and Bill, for the opportunity to share how more of us can support more pollinators! Watch the clip here.



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Sunrise: Pollinator Project Rogue Valley President Kristina Lefever

### **Pollinator Pals is Quite the Buzz!**

Our Pollinator Pals program has been literally buzzing, making so many connections with schools and community organizations! Here's an event to share - our Bumble Bee B&B Event with JCC on March 19 was a great way to greet springtime! Kids and adults had so much fun learning about bumble bee life cycles and habitat requirements, and then decorating some nest boxes. Special shout-out to Izzy, Mady, Lynn, and Avery for all their help, and of course Sara with the Jacksonville Community Center.



## Another From Fire to Flowers Pollinator Garden!

We had a great crew and the perfect day on Thursday March 23 to put in this pollinator garden right along the Greenway! Many thanks to friends Harper, Kristina, Lisa and Steve, and of course homeowners Rob and Louise, with Tiina and Vanessa in the lead. The garden was designed by Tiina Beaver of Constant Gardener and the install was managed by Vanessa Henson of C3 Enterprise LLC. A big shout out to Leave Your Mark for delivering the wonderful soil from Plant Oregon, Shooting Star Nursery for the shrubs, and additional plants from our own nursery! Thanks to Phoenix Industrial Studios for your support!

We can't wait to see this garden this summer! See more photos and the plant list in our album here.

Want to see more pollinator gardens created with and for community members impacted by the Almeda Fire? We invite you to contribute to this work with a donation of any size on our website here.



### **Pollinator's Pick!**

Many gardeners work hard to maintain clean, tidy environments ... which is the exact opposite of what wildlife wants, says ecological horticulturist Rebecca McMackin. In this 2023 TED Talk, Let your garden grow wild, Rebecca shares the beauty of letting your garden run wild, surveying the success she's had increasing biodiversity — even in the middle of New York City! — and offers tips for cultivating a garden that can be home to birds, bees, butterflies and more.



#### Our vision:

Communities and landscapes working together, supporting diverse ecosystems rich with native plants and thriving native pollinators.

Support our work with a donation today!

We can make a difference - together.

Kristina, Arti, Pat, and Erin for the PPRV Team!



What's blooming in your native plant garden?

Video of a Digger Bee (?) on a red currant, one of our favorite spring blooming plants!

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#### Questions or Comments? Please contact us at

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