

## Climate Action Coffee Launches National Pollinator Week



*Takoma Park, Maryland, June 14, 2021- For Immediate Release*

National Pollinator Week is coming to Takoma Park June 21-27! Everyone is invited to join an exciting week of events designed to support the health and well-being of the birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

Did you know that pollinators perform the critical function of fertilizing flowers that grow into one out of every three bites of food we eat? Did you know that we can support them in ways that are easy and fun? Come join the festivities and the effort to help by planting the native species that co-evolved with them!

**“Native Plant Gardens Walk” all week long with labeled native plants**

**Photographic prints of botanical specimens by Paige Billin-Frye for the month of June at SalonJAM, 7054 Carroll Ave**

**Saturday, June 19, 8 am**

Listen to WOWD FM 94.3, pollinator programming for kids on Robin’s Radio Show.

**Sunday, June 20, 10 am - 1 pm, TAKOMA PARK GAZEBO KICK-OFF**

Live performance including Takoma Park poet laureate Kathleen O’Toole (or her designee) and De Herman, local musician Anthony Fontes, Kate Buckholdt-Penbleeds; youth dance party with Gwendolyn Arthur; puppet show with Rhonda Kranz; Koiner Farm’s Kate Medina and D20 delegate Lorig Charkoudian; free black-eyed Susan seeds; native plant giveaway; resources on native plants; native plant mapping & pollinator highway information; walking tour maps of pollinator gardens; information tables.

- Kids’ art projects, native plant scavenger hunt and a children’s dance party
- Native plants for sale at ACE Hardware and Farmers Market
- Pollinator beverages available at local restaurants
- **Pollinator attire is encouraged!**

**Tuesday, June 22, 7 pm**

Join us for a fascinating panel discussion with pollinator and native plant experts as the celebration continues with a City-sponsored virtual event: “Birds, Bees, Bugs and Butterflies: The Pollinator Highway and You.” Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUode6vqz8vHddZhaEHArNe-3ritJ-qgruk>

**Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Visit Crossroads Farmers Market and stop by our pollinator table. [CrossroadsCommunityFoodNetwork.org](http://CrossroadsCommunityFoodNetwork.org).

**Saturday, June 26, 8 am**

Check out Pollinator programming for kids on *Rise Up* with Olivia and Becky on WOWD FM 94.3.



We thank our supporters including the City of Takoma Park, WOWD FM 94.3, Crossroads Community Food Network, SalonJAM, Park Florist, Ace Hardware, Takoma Beverage, Main Street Pearl, Roscoes, Girl and the Vine, Olive Lounge, Blue Ridge Botanicals, Audia’s Farm and Nursery, Fairplay. This event is sponsored by The Pollinators, a working group of Climate Action Coffee/TALLE/Takoma Park Mobilization.

[www.tpmobilization.org/talle](http://www.tpmobilization.org/talle). For questions contact Marguerite Cyr- [MHCyr@verizon.net](mailto:MHCyr@verizon.net)

Climate Action Coffee's  
Pollinator Week Kick Off Program  
Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, MD  
Sunday, June 20th, 10a-1p  
MC: Marguerite Cyr

8:00 - 10:00 Set up  
10:00 - 10:10 Opening remarks  
10:10 - 10:15 Pollinator song with Anthony Fontes  
10:15 - 10:30 Puppet show with Rhonda Kranz  
10:35 - 10:50 Youth Pollinator Dance Party with Gwendolyn Arthur  
10:55 - 11:10 Koiner Urban Farm with Kate Medina  
11:10 - 11:20 Takoma Park Poet Laureate Kathleen O'Toole or designee reads "Insects are vanishing from our lives"  
11:20 - 11:30 Poetry reading, "Fern", by De Herman  
11:30 - 11:55 Kate Buckholdt-Penbleeds, original musical poetry  
12:00 - 12:15 District 20 delegate, Lorig Charkoudian  
12:15 - 12:30 Puppet show with Rhonda Kranz  
12:35 - 12:55 Youth Pollinator Dance Party with Gwendolyn Arthur  
12:55 - 1:00 Closing Remarks  
1:00- 2:00 Take Down

Organizational Tables:  
Climate Action Coffee  
Friends of Sligo Creek  
Mt. Rainier Native Plant Corridor/Rewild Montgomery 2021  
Takoma Park Mobilization Environmental Committee  
Takoma Horticulture Club  
Art projects for kids