Bee Campus USA Annual Report
Pollinator Conservation & Education
2019

Blue Ridge Community College
Flat Rock, North Carolina

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

WNC Gardening Symposium Blue Ridge Community College October 2019

Carol Ann Lydon speaks with visitors at the Bold Rock Bee Bold Pollinator Festival

WNC Gardening Symposium – October 2, 2019
Joint Booth w Hendersonville Bee City at the Bold Rock Bee Bold Pollinator Festival August 17, 2019
Blue Ridge Community College Spring Picnic April 10, 2019
Joint Booth with Bee City Hendersonville at the 2019 Annual Harvest Celebration at the Hendersonville Community Co-op November 8, 2019.

Bee City Hendersonville and Bee Campus Blue Ridge Share a Table at the Annual Harvest Celebration

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

Area selected as a future pollinator habitat.

Through a gracious donation of seed from the NC DNR, Blue Ridge Community College was able to plant four Pollinator Friendly Habitats on campus encompassing over an acre of land. We are excited to see everything we planted come up this Spring!

Nothing has bloomed yet so we don't have good pictures to show...

SERVICE LEARNING

In May of 2109, Blue Ridge Community College student leaders planted a Monarch Waystation on campus. Many of the students had never worked in a garden before and our Grounds Supervisor, David Tabor, provided guidance and assistance to the students along the way. They learned a great deal, had great attitudes and it was a fantastic experience for everyone. This Spring the students will register the garden as an official Monarch Waystation.

Student Leaders Plant a Monarch Waystation at Blue Ridge Community College

CURRICULUM & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Four continuing education courses included pollinator-related information:

Wildlife Gardening Bees, butterflies and birds are having a hard time because of a loss of their habitat and chemicals. Learn how to give up your large yard that needs mowing, fertilizer, and chemicals. Add a small wildlife garden which will not need as much maintenance. You will learn how to design and establish a special garden to get wildlife to come to your house. You will learn what plants to include, water features that can be used and housing design to incorporate into your very own wildlife garden.

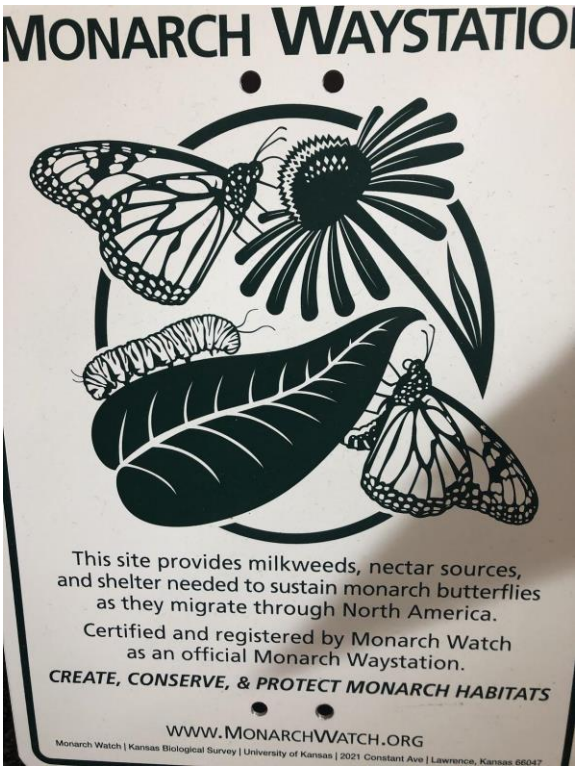
Introduction to Modern Landscaping Have you always enjoyed being outdoors, being creative, and working with plants and wondered if you could make a career from these loves? Learn how others have done just that by listening to horticulture industry professionals and participating in fun hands-on activities. Learn from industry experts!

Plant Propagation Get ready for spring by growing your own plants for transplanting at the right time and at a cheaper price. Learn how to start seedlings and how to save your own seeds for future growing seasons. Discover how to increase plant population by dividing, cutting and separating your perennials, along with grafting and how to get several fruits on one tree. At the conclusion of class, you will take home seeds you started in the classroom.

Winter Gardening NEW! Explore how to get ready to store your plants and garden during the winter months. You will learn how to properly store plants that will not survive outside during the cold weather. Grow food plants such as lettuce or tomatoes during the winter using cold frames or inside setup. Start preparing the garden for planting next year with this course.

Our Horticulture lead instructor said she discusses pollinators throughout the program in all of the horticulture curriculum courses.

EDUCATIONAL & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



New Monarch Waystation sign is placed in the Student Monarch garden at Blue Ridge Community College.

We placed a marker in the Monarch Waystation as well as an educational sign. Both are permanent.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We have greatly reduced the amount of pesticides used on campus and the amount of manicured lawn. Our Grounds Department is committed to not spraying any flowering weeds while they are in bloom including Dandelions, White Clover, Purple Clover, Henbit, and Purple Deadnettle.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —
https://www.blueridge.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/about_brcc/Native-Plant-Nurseries-in-North-Carolina_a.pdf

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —
https://www.blueridge.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/about_brcc/Native-Plant-Nurseries-in-North-Carolina_a.pdf

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —
https://www.blueridge.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/about_brcc/BRCC-Integrated-Pest-Management-Plan_a.pdf

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