

# Artspace Pollinator Meadow

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## Please join us for our opening party!

Join us September 12 at 2pm for a party featuring a talk by renowned bee expert **Dr. Robert Gegear!** You are welcome to experience the garden, have refreshments, and ask us questions about gardening for Pollinators.

## Why do we need to preserve bees, butterflies and native plants?

Why are they endangered now? Scientists think there are many factors. Habitat loss, overuse of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, and introduction of invasive plants that crowd out native food plants are all causes.

# Pollinator=

# Bee + Butterfly + Bug + Bird

Butterflies, moths, bees, bugs, birds, and pollinators of all kinds need three things: food, shelter, and a nest to lay eggs and spend the winter. If these vital things are missing—native plants that provide nectar and pollen and a place to live—then pollinators who need them will decline.

## How can I help?

Join forces with the **Friends of the Pollinator Meadow!** Monarch butterflies and native bumblebees live here now. Find out about native bees and learn to recognize them using Dr. Gegear's guide: <https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/learn>

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