

Hello Nature Advocates,

We thought it was time to provide you with an update and to note a few things that are in the planning stages.

Native Wildflower Plantings

Medford. We owe a large debt of gratitude to Debbie Lux who did much of the initial planting in Katzell Grove and bored all the holes in which to plant the plugs. Last Monday, Nancy Buchanan, Holly Hoffman and Judy Austermilller finished the planting. Plants that were put in late May have thrived; and in the photo, if you look closely, you will see a coneflower already in bloom.

Lumberton. A native pollinator garden has been started just outside the community garden area. The garden is still a work in progress that will continue to be developed through the summer.

What's Ahead

1. Pop-Up Summer Garden Tour
Lumberton/Medford

If the weather cooperates, we would like to have an informal tour of a few resident gardens that highlight native plants. We'll be watching the forecasts and let you know a few days in advance. If you have a garden you like to share with others, please let Judy Austermilller know. (3610 or 609-224-3086)

2. MARK YOUR CALENDARS September Meeting
Saturday, September 20, 11:00 am, Holly Room.

Holly Hoffman will do a presentation on invasive plants and their removal.

3. Medford Campus Sample Pollinator Garden

There are 24 large native pollinator plants being cared for at the Nature Center for planting in a "sampler" garden in the fall. Those of you who volunteered to help with plantings will be contacted at the appropriate time.

4. Suggestions Needed

Brian Dix is already looking for a speaker for next May's Annual Arboretum Lecture. We'd like to suggest the topic be "Adapting to Climate Change." If any of you know of an engaging speaker on this topic, please contact Laurie Larson (609) 647-2473) or Judy Austermilller (609-224-3086).

The Steering Committee:

Judy Austermilller, Holly Hoffman, Laurie Larson, Susan Preiksats, Kathy Tarr

