



CELEBRATE NATIONAL POLLINATORS' WEEK

JUNE 22-28, 2020

SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY (SHS) is joining forces with several partners to provide programs and information about pollinators. While the national event only lasts a week, these organizations offer great places to visit and learn all year. Whether you have 5 minutes or an hour, enjoy online presentations and classes, videos, and activities for all ages.



SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY is the site of America's first Shaker settlement. Located between the Albany Airport and the Ann Lee Nature Preserve, SHS grounds are open dawn to dusk.

Take a family hunt in our herb garden, with 150 plants labeled according to their historic use, and visit chickens and our Kerry cows. Online programs on the Shaker seed industry are Wed., 6/24, at noon and Thurs. 6/25 at 7:00 pm. See www.shakerheritage.org or Facebook to register; learn about historic and current beekeepers at SHS, and find more information and resources for all ages.



ALBANY COUNTY'S March, 2019 resolution established the county as a pollinator friendly municipality: *"Based on the imminent threat that pollinators face from the loss of habitat, climate change, and the use of pesticides, and recognizing the importance of pollinators to our environment and economy, Albany County took action to establish pollinator-friendly practices."* For information about initiatives and resources, visit the [Albany County Department of Natural Resources Pollinator webpage](#).

Albany County Historical Association



Albany County Historical Association | Ten Broeck Mansion will post a self-

guided tour on Monday on Facebook and Instagram that highlights the plants, trees, and shrubs that attract pollinators in the gardens of the 1798 Ten Broeck Mansion. The tour has children's activities to do on your own (for all ages) and is free. Gardens are open free from dawn until dusk; directions at www.tenbroeckmansion.org.



The **ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE** has a special Pollinators' Week version of their interactive game, **Agents of Discovery App** you can play from anywhere. The 3,350 acre preserve offers visitors 20 miles of trails. *Visits should be for a solitary nature break, with non-contact outdoor recreational activities. If the preserve is crowded, choose a different trail or return another time or day.* More information at www.albanypinebush.org.



At the end of the week, SHS will post a video by Laura Lehtonen, Managing Program Coordinator for STEM at Capital Region BOCES, who will talk about four types of Asclepias--butterfly plants, or milkweed. These deer-resistant plants will grow in different soil conditions and benefit native butterflies and other pollinators.



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ALBANY COUNTY has resources on soils, site improvement, plant selection, proper plant care, eco-

friendly practices, integrated pest management, composting and much more! They offer free or low-cost gardening classes and tours all year long, and opportunities to share your love of gardening as a volunteer. Master Gardener Volunteers will present two 45-minute online workshops: *Creating a Welcoming Garden for Hummingbirds and Butterflies* on Tues., 6/23rd at 7:00 pm; and *Bringing Native Plants Into Your Garden* on Sat., 6/27 at 10:00 am. Register at the event page at www.ccealbany.com. Contact Carole Henry with questions at 518-765-3516 / ch878@cornell.edu.



PINE HOLLOW ARBORETUM is a wonderful place to visit, whether you are looking to learn about trees from around the world, bird watch, take a hike or to simply find a quiet place to recharge after work. Two of their videos let you take a [close look at dandelions](#) and

[learn more about bees.](#) www.pinehollowarboretum.org.



RADIX ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY CENTER gives children and adults a hands-on educational experience to understand the main environmental issues we face today — and the tools to work toward positive solutions. They emphasize issues of food security, health, and the remediation of contaminated soils. Find information and resources on Facebook and at <https://radixcenter.org/>

You do not have to be on Facebook to look at videos and get information about events. If you have any questions about these programs, contact educator@shakerheritage.org.