



UConn Native Plants and Pollinators Conference

Student union Ballroom (Room 330)
2100 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT 06269
November 2, 2023

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Vickie Wallace, Extension Educator, UConn Extension
Amy Harder, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Extension, UConn Extension
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Bee The Future**
Grai St. Clair Rice, Bee Joy
An introduction to the super-organism of a Honey bee colony and elements of beekeeping practice, along with garden design concepts to support these pollinators.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Plants for Instant Pollinator Habitat**
Nancy DuBrule-Clemente, Founder, Natureworks Garden Center
Discussion of annual and herbaceous perennial plants for fast gardens that pack a big pollinator punch.
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 a.m. **How to Collect and Sow Native Plant Seeds**
Sarah Michehl, Community Ecologist, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County
Learn basic seed identification, collection methods and timelines, and tips for direct-sowing in the garden.
- 12:15– 1:15p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Monarch Butterfly Biology, Ecology, and Conservation Needs**
Kelsey Fisher, Ph.D., Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
Learn about how knowledge of biology is critical for building a robust conservation strategy.
- 2:15 – 2:30 **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **All Decked Out: Great New Native Cultivars**
Mark Brand, Ph.D., Professor, University of Connecticut
Discussion of new native shrub and tree cultivars for pollinators or sustainable landscapes.
- 3:30 p.m. **Pesticide Recertification and Adjournment – Safe Travels!**

Pesticide recertification credits - 5 credits (PA, 1A, 3A, 3B, 3D, 6, 7F)

This program is brought to you by Vickie Wallace and Alyssa Siegel-Miles, Dept. of Extension, and Jessica Lubell-Brand and Mark Brand, Dept. of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.