

Kristina Lefever



Kristina moved to the Rogue Valley in 2012 and immediately became enamored with the region's flora and fauna, especially our pollinators. At the same time, she was becoming aware of the unprecedented decline of all pollinators and the implications that has for our food system and our ecosystem. Kristina's expertise is in teaching about our native bees, butterflies, flies, wasps, beetles, and hummingbirds, and the plants and habitats that best support them. She and her husband turned their barren property in Ashland into a pollinator garden, with many native plants, trees, and dandelions, but of course it's never finished. She

also intends to leave more bare (unmulched) soil to provide nesting areas for native bees!

Kristina is a certified Master Gardener™ and is a member of Pollinator Project Rogue Valley and of Bee City USA Ashland. Her dream is that everyone's yard will include a little or a lot of pollinator habitat, even if it's just a pot of lavender on the porch.

Program Description:

"Growing Pollinator Gardens"

Kristina addresses the essentials of growing pollinator habitats.

Who are our pollinators, and why are they important?

What challenges are they facing, and what can we do to reverse their population declines?

What's a pollinator garden?

Kristina's presentation will answer these questions in the hopes that others will 'bee' inspired to become pollinator champions, and begin looking at landscapes with this question in mind: "Would a bee like to live here?"

This class is suitable for home gardeners and educators.