



## CONSERVATION BOARD NOTES

### COMMUNITY POLLINATOR INITIATIVE

Last month, we announced the launch of a program to encourage community residents to learn about how to provide for the needs of our native pollinating insects. We would like to announce the following events that are coming up in April at the Weaverville Library.

**On April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**, Ms. Amy Snyder will present a program titled "Pollinators & Their Biology." Amy has a master's degree in entomology and extensive experience in managing natural lands. She is currently Resources Management Coordinator for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. She plans to acquaint you with the wide array of pollinator species, why they are so important, and their adaptations for pollinating particular plant species. Amy co-chairs the Pollinator Initiative.

**On April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM**, Dr. Art Hulse will talk about "Landscaping for Pollinators." Art is a retired university biologist and has extensive experience with native plants landscaping and control of invasive exotic plants. He will emphasize why native plants are best for pollinating insects and provide specific guidance on how to design a pollinator-friendly landscape. Art co-chairs the Pollinator Initiative and also manages the pollinator garden at Main Street Nature Park.

In addition, April preschool story hours and after school programs at the Library will feature pollinators. Details will be available in the April e-Focus or by contacting Jill Totman at the Library.

### MAIN STREET NATURE PARK WORKDAYS

Spring will come! And with it Park workdays on the following Saturdays 10 AM-Noon: **April 9, May 21, and June 11**. Mark your calendars and meet at the parking area along Pine Street armed with gloves, water, and hand clippers.

For additional information about these events, contact [wwhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:wwhabitat@gmail.com).