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Gardening for Pollinators by Denise Ellsworth
A Presentation of the Bikes, Bees & Butterflies Project

Bikes, Bees & Butterflies is pleased to announce Denise Ellsworth's lecture on "Gardening for Pollinators". On July 10th at 7:30 pm at the Nature Center at the Shaker Lakes, Ellsworth will speak about how gardeners play a vital role in the development and conservation of habitats that benefit pollinators, including birds, bees, and butterflies. She will touch upon practical methods gardeners can use to enhance their garden spaces, by types of plants, shelter, and food for pollinators.

Denise Ellsworth has worked at the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University for 21 years. She is the program director for the honeybee and native pollinator education. Her areas of emphasis include bee health and integrates pest management, pollinator identification, conservation and habitat enhancement, and plant and insect phenology.

Join us in learning about what we can do help pollinators and keep our community beautiful! To register, call Stephanie Clements, Project Specialist at (216) 321-5935 or email sclements720@gmail.com. At its core, Bikes, Bees & Butterflies believes in promoting awareness about urban sustainability by creating pollinator habitats in Cleveland.

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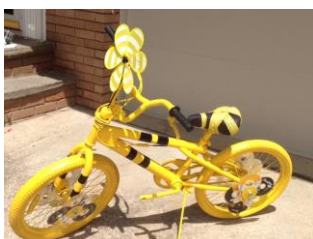
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Bikes will be placed at the following locations:

BAYarts, Spice Kitchen & Bar, Harness Cycle, Tower City, Galleria at Erie View, Greater Cleveland RTA E. 55th Station, Slavic Village Learning Farm, Cleveland Botanical Garden, The Children’s museum of Cleveland, Heights Arts Mini Park, Shaker Square and The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

For more information, visit <https://tackk.com/board/@BikesBeesButterflies> or find us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/bikesbeesandbutterflies?ref=hl>.

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About Ann Cicarella Landscape Design

Ann Cicarella, principal of Ann Cicarella Landscape Design LLC, is a nationally recognized landscape designer with 25 years’ experience in the field. Ann’s passion for urban sustainability, fostering healthy habitats for pollinators and people, creating beautiful gardens; and bicycling inspired the Bikes, Bees and Butterflies initiative.

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16 local artists will be designing donated bicycles that will have baskets with native plants attached to each bike. The bikes will be used as a tool to educate the community about the importance of pollinators in our food, economy and ecosystem. Our goal is to promote urban sustainability to increase the cultural, social, and economic value in Cleveland.

Community leaders have fallen in love with the concept and are jumping on board to bring awareness about the importance of pollinators in urban environments. Nancy Heaton, Executive Director BAYarts comments, “It is our responsibility as artists to inspire and educate. This project brings together these elements through the most inspiring art of all...nature.”

Every third bite of food you eat comes from plants that require pollination. Due to habitat loss and pesticide use, pollinators have been declining. We believe that healthy ecosystems are the foundation of daily life and any area, regardless of size, holds the potential to improve the natural benefits provided by plants and pollinators.

Throughout June and July, the _____ project will be at community events and will present educational programs ~ including:

- **June 7th** 11 am to 4 pm - Farm and Garden Day at the Garfield Park Reservation of the Cleveland Metro Parks.
- **June 13th** 7:30 pm to Midnight- Hip 2B Square: Fear No Art event at the Cleveland Public Theater
- **June 14th**- On site design by Bob Peck at pARTy in Gordon Square
- **June 28th**- 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Waterloo Arts Fest at the Arts Alive tent
- **July 10th** – 7:30 pm Gardening for Pollinators presented by Denise Ellsworth at The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes (free to the public)
- **July 20th**- 2:00 pm - Pollinator Program presented by Cynthia Druckenbrod at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens (cost of admission to non-members)
- **This Fall**- Educational Program with the Soil & Water Conservation District
- More programs and events to be announced this summer.

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