

Participants at the first WPP colloquium

3 March 2019

Lynn Armstrong (Ottawa Horticultural Society), garden designer, researching Ottawa's heritage gardens and landscapes, manages butterfly garden at Mutchmor Public School, and the Lansdowne Raised Bed Demonstration Garden

Holly Bickerton (restoration ecologist) – currently working with Canadian Wildlife Federation on creating pollinator/Monarch habitat by seeding and planting large areas with native species CWF-Lanark-hydro pollinator project <http://www.lanarkcounty.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=7795>

Sonia Cirka and **Tim Poupore**, Friends of Lanark County, a group formed to educate people about wild parsnip and mitigate the damage done to pollinator habitat by roadside spraying.

- Website: www.friendsoflanarkcounty.ca
- Video in which Tim Poupore outlines his Adopt a Road group's experience, managing Wild Parsnip on 60 km road –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsUZdkPjTil> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsUZdkPjTil>
- Music video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hvHI2ncrzA&t=48s>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1581633468833826/>

Sarah Coulber (Canadian Wildlife Federation) – works to inspire and support those with outdoor space to make it wildlife-friendly, with a lot of emphasis on pollinators. Co-manage CWF's Wildlife-friendly Demonstration Garden around headquarters in Kanata (see blog post - <https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/2018/11/21/the-trials-tribulations-and-joys-in-running-a-demonstration-garden/>).

- School pollinator program, Wild Spaces - <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/in-the-classroom/wild-spaces/index.html>
- Apply for Wildlife Friendly Habitat certification - <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/gardening-for-wildlife/action/get-certified/>
- Native Plant Encyclopedia – <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/resources/encyclopedias/native-plant-encyclopedia/?src=menu>
- Native plant supplier list - <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/gardening-for-wildlife/plants/buy/native-plant-suppliers/>

Ruth Crabtree (with Lisgar CI Garden Committee), has helped to establish and manage school vegetable and wildflower garden, flower, and wildlife gardens, to promote education links with

teachers and students, and to support the Lisgar Food/Nutrition/Hospitality program.

Denise and Jim Davidson (Canadian Organic Growers), manage demonstration garden across Prince of Wales from FWG

Renée de Vry (Amano Garden Care), former designer/manager of the Meditation Gardens and native bee sanctuary at the Unitarian Church

Web site: <http://www.amanogardens.com/>

Christine Earnshaw and **Laura Stone** (Tree Fest Ottawa)

<http://treefestottawa.org/>

Berit Erickson (pollinator advocate)

- Created home pollinator garden
- Has established web site with a wealth of how-to information, and a how-to brochure (<https://cornerpollinatorgarden.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/createyourownpollinatorgarden.pdf>)
- Presenting WPP workshop on starting a pollinator garden (April 14)

Web site: <https://cornerpollinatorgarden.net/>

Luca Fiorindi (Ottawa U student), interested in learning more about pollinators and local initiatives

Jessica Forrest (Ottawa U prof)

- Bee researcher
- Co-speaker at upcoming City of Ottawa Wildlife Speaker event (April 26)
- Presenting WPP walk and talk on bee pollinators (May 18)

Research web site: <https://forrestlab.wordpress.com/>

Katherine Forster (Faith and the Common Good), helps establish pollinator gardens at churches and other faith communities in the Ottawa region – city and rural; case studies on web site, including lessons learned

Web site: <https://www.faithcommongood.org/ottawa>

See also blog post for WPP: <https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/2018/12/13/caring-for-creation-and-pollinators/>

Joan Harvey, Johanna Cutts and Mary Ash (Monarch Teacher Network-Ottawa chapter)

- Instrumental in training hundreds of teachers across Ontario on the safe handling and raising of Monarchs from egg to adult, and on using the Monarch to teach the JK- Gr 12 curriculum in many subject areas
- Have established Monarch Waystations at 10 schools and 4 public areas , as well as in their own yards here in Ottawa
- Currently working with the ECO Schools branch of the OCDSB to increase that number
- Deliver 3 different PowerPoint presentations to interested groups on the Monarch and creating butterfly gardens
- Joan and Mary have worked with several Brownie packs teaching about and raising Painted Lady Butterflies

Elizabeth Gammell (member of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club and long-time supporter of the Fletcher Wildlife Garden)

- Friends of Gatineau Park programming committee
- iNaturalist user and recent national bioblitz organizer
- Nature educator
- Horticulture degree with interest in nature-friendly landscape design and use of native species

Sandy Garland (Fletcher Wildlife Garden volunteer), helped establish demonstration pollinator beds at the FWG, hosts workshops on building Mason Bee boxes, collecting and growing wildflower seeds, manages growing of plants for FWG annual native plant sale

Web site: <https://ofnc.ca/programs/fletcher-wildlife-garden>

Clare Grosskleg created Flutter and Buzz Pollinator Garden at Adrienne Clarkson School Barrhaven

Valerie Johnstone (local farmer), attending master garden course on rain gardens, farmer using ecologically sound practices, such as hedgerows to support pollinators; see blog -

<http://livingmydreamlifeonthefarm.wordpress.com/>

Eva Katic (National Capital Commission), major habitat restoration project, planned education centre on former golf course

Heather Kharouba (Ottawa U prof), researcher on effects of climate change; see

<https://kharoubalab.weebly.com/>

Amy MacPherson (City of Ottawa), Natural Systems Planner responsible for environmental studies, policies and guidelines, as well as the [Wildlife Speaker Series](#). Encouraged participants to participate in the ongoing consultation for the [New Official Plan](#) (online survey available until May 31).

Chris Mark (FWG volunteer), horticulture society member

Bob McFetridge (Ottawa Stewardship Council), working with community to create an integrated community green space including a wildflower meadow along the hydro corridor at Morgan's Grant

Bea Olivastrì (Friends of the Earth, international NGO)

- Bee Cause fight against use of chemicals (<https://foecanada.org/en/issues/the-bee-cause/>)
- Create your own Bee & Bee (<https://foecanada.org/en/issues/the-bee-cause/bee-and-bee/>)
- Bumble Bee Blitz (<https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/>)
- Currently, Mason (Carleton environmental studies student interning at Friends of the Earth) putting together detailed info about 5 bees or bee families and their needs

www.foecanada.org

https://twitter.com/FoE_Canada

<https://www.facebook.com/foe.canada>

Julia Pedlar (Ottawa U student), working on a report on roadside habitat for pollinators

Renate Sander-Regier (Ottawa U prof, Environmental Studies)

- Created pollinator patches at the university and carries out regular monitoring of pollinator beds
- Volunteer and interpreter at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden
- Rural home biodiversity project
- Wild pollinator advocacy

Elizabeth Sears (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada), pollinator projects

Catherine Shearer (Fletcher Wildlife Garden volunteer)

- Creating wetland habitat in FWG "node"
- Contact and advisor for Hilson Public School

- Member of Champlain Park Environment Committee working with NCC pollinator planting along Sir John A MacDonalD parkway and working with City of Ottawa to rehabilitate a forest glade on a small city lot

Jeff Skevington (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada scientist)

- Specialist in flower flies
- Co-speaker at upcoming City of Ottawa Wildlife Speaker event (April 26)
- Author of field guide to Syrphids
- Presenting WPP walk and talk on fly pollinators (June 2)

Professional profile: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/science-and-innovation/agriculture-and-agri-food-research-centres-and-collections/ontario/ottawa-research-and-development-centre/scientific-staff-and-expertise/skevington-jeff-phd/?id=1181922154781>

WPP blog post: <https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/activity/its-all-in-a-name-flower-flies/>

Book orders: <https://press.princeton.edu/titles/14224.html>