

Bee Campus USA - Blue Ridge Community College

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

In 2021, we enhanced our Monarch Garden planting more milkweed and other flowers to attract monarchs. We also added about 400 square feet of pollinator habitat to our existing habitat as well as planting numerous native shrubs and trees throughout campus.



Bee Campus Committee enhances the monarch garden.



Bee Campus Committee enhances monarch garden



Planting native shrubs around campus

Education & Outreach

The committee hosted two lunch and learns virtually that had exceptional attendance: Pollinator Gardening with Kim Bailey and Using Native Plants for a Healthier Yard and Environment with Rachel Meriwether. The committee also hosted an employee field trip to Milkweed Meadows Farm.





Kim Bailey teaches the committee on our Milkweed Meadows field trip.



Gathering the milkweed at Milkweed Meadows Farm.



A milkweed caterpillar at Milkweed Meadows Farm.

Courses & Continuing Education

The College's Horticulture programs includes a way array of courses that discuss pollinator-related information within the curriculum. We also offered two continuing educations courses that included this information, Water Gardening and Wildlife Gardening.





Horticulture Instructor, Rachel Meriwether, instructs her students.

Special Interest

Escape to the Page

NEW!
Learn how to escape to the page in a come-as-you-are, no pressure writing excursion for reluctant and enthusiastic writers alike. Delve into a wide range of inspiration for writing including poetry, our roots in families and places, as well as art and music. The goal is not the finished product, but the process of letting go of right and wrong and to have the willingness to explore. You will have the opportunity to share your work, but there is no obligation to do so. Registration Fee: \$70.

10/4-11/22 M 6-8 p.m.
Instructor: Hall
Location: TCC TRCS 140 Course #: CSP-8742-431
10/5-11/23 T 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Instructor: Hall
Location: TCC TRCS 140 Course #: CSP-8742-421

NC Concealed Carry Handgun Training

Learn the legal issues around a concealed carry permit, handgun safety, proper storage, types of handguns, how to properly clean and maintain a handgun and so much more in the NC Concealed Carry Handgun (CCH) NCCDH Standard Course. The registration fee includes the State DOJ CCH Training guide and other materials needed for this class. No guns or live ammunition are allowed to be brought to campus for this course. Registration Fee: \$100.

9/27-9/28 MT 6-10 p.m.
Instructor: Dessenberger
Location: HCC SINK 231 Course #: CSP-8717-411
11/22-11/23 MT 6-10 p.m.
Instructor: Dessenberger
Location: HCC SINK 231 Course #: CSP-8717-412

Overcoming the Fear of Spiders

NEW!
Learn strategies to overcome the crippling fear of spiders and to respect the benefits that spiders offer to our planet. You will be slowly introduced to the world of spiders through the use of videos, puppets, books, creative writing and humor. As you get acclimated to the different types of spiders, you will take a look outside for spiders to highlight the course as you start gaining an understanding and appreciation for these magnificent animals. Please note that no real spiders will be used in the teaching of this course. Registration Fee: \$45.

9/15-11/3 W 6-7 p.m.
Instructor: Johnson
Location: HCC FLAT 109 Course #: CSP-8736-411

Self-Publishing for Fun and Profit

Learn to turn your personal written and/or photographic work into a professional looking book and eBook available for sale. This class will help both the creative and editing process as well as address the steps necessary to self-publish your masterpiece. If you already have your transcript prepared or just thinking about undertaking the process, this class is for you. Registration Fee: \$60.

10/27-11/17 W 9-11 a.m.
Instructor: Gelbert
Location: HCC SINK 233 Course #: CSP-8573-401

Symbolic Journaling

NEW!
Learn how to preserve the highlights of your daily life without writing by creating a personalized journal using symbols. You will develop new healthy habits with ease, track your happiness factor, connect with others or record just about anything you want with symbolic journaling and only you will be able to read the journal. You will need to bring one journal with blank pages (5x7 or 8.5 x 11 are recommended), a ruler and a pen. Registration Fee: \$35.

10/21-10/28 Th 10-11 a.m.
Instructor: Uhl
Location: HCC SINK 233 Course #: CSP-8741-401

Wildlife Gardening

Bees, butterflies and birds are having a hard time because of a loss of their habitat and chemicals. Learn how to give up your large yard that needs mowing, fertilizer and chemicals. Add a small wildlife garden which will not need as much maintenance. You will learn how to design and establish a special garden to get wildlife to come to your house. You will learn what plants to include, water features that can be used and housing design to incorporate into your very own wildlife garden. Registration Fee: \$45.

9/15-9/22 W 1-3 p.m.
Instructor: Dixon
Location: TCC TRCS 147 Course #: CSP-8933-521
9/16-9/23 Th 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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Location: TCC TRCS 147 Course #: CSP-8933-522

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Fall 2021 Continuing Education Schedule with Course Description

Service-Learning

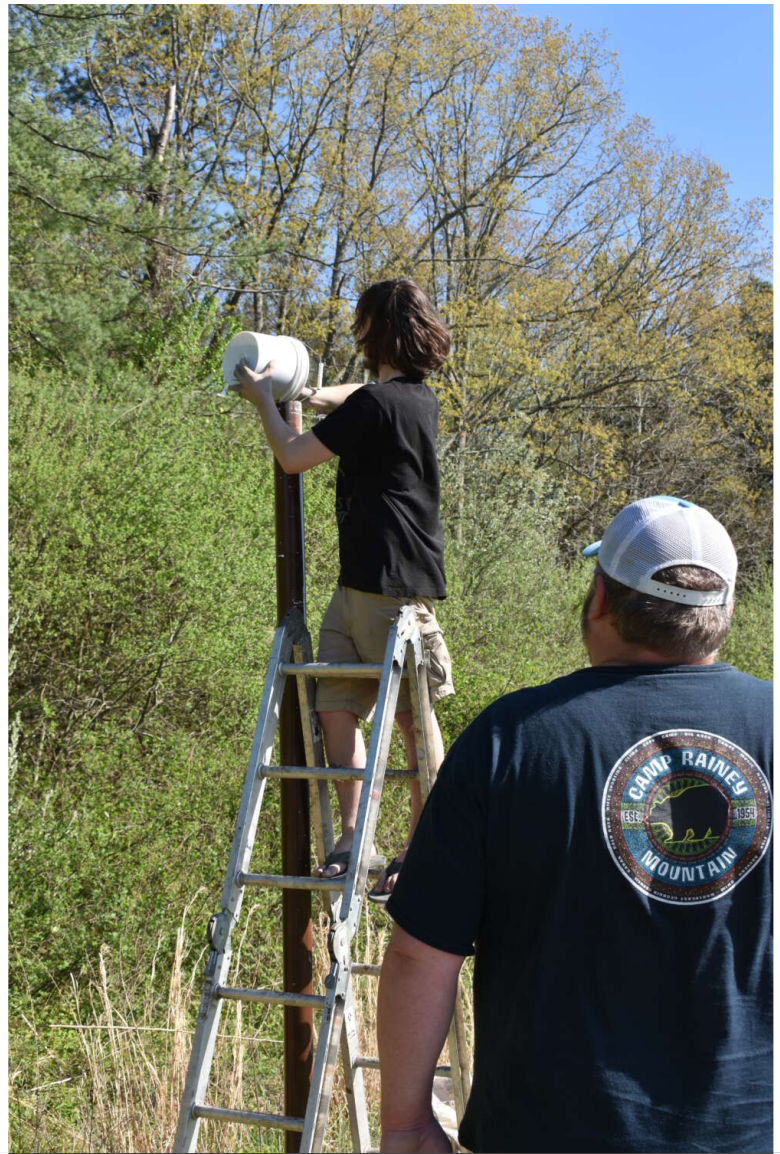
An Eagle Scout approached the College wanting to build and install bat boxes on our campus. He, as well as 8 other high school students and their group leaders, spent a weekend on campus building and installing bat boxes. The College supervised the project, gave input on the best locations and installation process. It was a very successful project.



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for Invertebrate Conservation



Eagle Scouts building and installing bat boxes on Blue Ridge's campus.



Educational Signage

We installed one new permanent sign on our walking path educating employees, students, and community members who use the on pollinator-friendly habits.





Policies & Practices

We have a new horticulture instructor who is very engaged in the Bee Campus/Sustainability Committee and she and her students have been growing native plants, trees and shrubs to be planted around campus.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



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