

## Press Release Pollinator Week June 21-27, 2021

The Hillsborough community will observe National Pollinator Week on June 21-27. Each year we celebrate the importance of bees, butterflies and other pollinators to our food supply and continued existence on this planet with exciting and educational events. Many local organizations and businesses take this opportunity to contribute to the fun. The town will erect a Pollinator Week banner at the South Churton Street town entrance.

The Hillsborough Garden Club will sponsor two projects:

- Distribute 500 Free Wildflower of the Year Seed packets at four locations: Union Street Garden Tour Ticket Pickup point (on May 15 only); starting on June 21 until supplies are gone at Margaret Lane Gallery, Carlisle and Linny Vintage Jewelry and at Gro Smart. These seeds are furnished to our community at no cost by the NC Botanical Garden to encourage homeowners to grow more plants that are native to our area.
- On June 26-27 we will hold a free, community-wide, socially distant “Bee Hunt.” Individual households will work as a team to take photos of bee and bee-hive signs placed at eight town parks (see list). Teams that submit at least 20 photos will be entered into a prize drawing. The more photos you submit the better chance you have of winning. Details and rules may be found at [www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.org](http://www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.org) or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Hillsborough-Garden-Club-2223954717864584/>

Merchants and organizations may join in the fun by contributing Bee Hunt prizes. We will recognize this support on our social media. Businesses and organizations may also feature displays or products at their own locations that call attention to the importance of bees, butterflies and other pollinators to the health of our planet. Look for our club’s monthly *Buzzin’ Around* articles in the News of Orange about attracting native bees, butterflies and other pollinators to your home landscape. To contribute gift certificates or merchandise to the Bee Hunt or to ask a question, contact us at [info@hillsboroughgardenclubnc.org](mailto:info@hillsboroughgardenclubnc.org).