

Pollinator Festival September 22nd at Trinity Episcopal

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, from 10:00 am to 1:00pm Asylum Hill will host a very special, first of its kind festival. It will be one celebrating those bees, butterflies and birds that spend their lives spreading pollen from one flower to another and in the process sustain many of the fruits and vegetables that we rely on for our food.

One of the favorite foods that can only come from bees is honey, and people have been enjoying it for thousands of years thanks to bees. So the festival will include honey for tasting as well as puppet bees and flowers including “Bo Bee” a puppet bee so large and soft it can be hugged.

There'll be lots of games as well as books, arts & crafts and other activities all focused on these important partners of nature who need our understanding to help them continue to make our lives happy.

You'll have the chance to learn about the bees' waggle dance and see like a bee sees with 5 lenses at once. There'll also be a scavenger hunt and bees wax to touch and mold.

For adults, Asylum Hill artist Carol Padberg will lead a community weaving workshop to make a Pollinator Meditation Shawl for use in the Trinity Church Garden, and beeswax candle-making will be available for all.

The event will be hosted by the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Trinity Academy, with funding from the Greater Hartford Arts Council.

Children's games will be provided by Lauren Little and Emily Petersen of Gaia's Guides, a Hartford-based ecological educational initiative housed at KNOX, Inc.

The festival will also showcase the Regeneration Cycle, a mobile ecology lab made in 2016 through the Greater Hartford Art Council's Neighborhood Studio program. The bike-powered Regeneration Cycle was designed and built by Hartford area youth in the Neighborhood Studios at KNOX. It has been delighting children at local schools with its detachable, huggable bee character called Bo Bee.

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the Regeneration Cycle visiting Trinity Academy in the fall of 2016