

Lower Merion & Narberth Pollinator Pathway Kickoff Event

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00-8:30 pm

Free Zoom, pre-registration is required. **Register**



Join the Lower Merion Conservancy, Penn Valley Civic Association, Narberth Area Garden Club and the Friends of West Mill Creek Park as we launch our efforts to create a Pollinator Pathway through Lower Merion and Narberth! This virtual “kickoff” event will cover the [principles](#) of the Pollinator Pathway, how to register your property on the Pathway, and offer methods for starting or improving the pollinator habitat in your backyard with guest speaker, Pat Sutton!

“How to Create a Pollinator Garden for Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Moths, Bees and More!” a program by Pat Sutton

Pat Sutton, a working naturalist and wildlife habitat/conservation gardening educator and champion for over 30 years, will cover the basic “how to’s” for creating a pollinator-friendly garden and yard that will attract and benefit butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, bees and more!

The transformation can be quite simple: plant natives instead of frou-frou non-natives that might as well be plastic as far as wildlife is concerned. Plant Sweet Pepperbush instead of Crape Myrtle or plant Joe-pye-weed, Purple Coneflower, New England Aster, and Goldenrod rather than Impatiens and Hostas. Add a Milkweed patch and be amazed by all the creatures dependent on it, including Monarchs. Meet all the needs of hummingbirds and be dazzled by them in your gardens from late April through early October. The obvious, such as good nectar plants and their blooming periods, will be covered, along with the not so obvious, such as the caterpillar food plants butterflies and moths need for egg laying, “mud puddling,” and the importance of proper cover from wind and weather. The mystery of a butterfly’s life cycle and where and how butterflies and moths spend the winter will be explained. Where hummingbirds go in winter, why they leave us when our gardens are still in bloom, when to have your yard ready for them in spring upon their return, hummingbird feeder maintenance, and lots of other fun natural history facts will be shared. The program features eye-candy wildlife gardens in South Jersey (including Sutton’s) that have successfully transformed ho-hum backyards into multi-dimensional gardens full of life.

[Register](#) for the kickoff event!

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WHERE: Zoom
COST: Free
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