



## The Birds and Bees of Gardening: Attracting Pollinators to Your Backyard



*Presented by Union County Master Gardener Volunteers*

**Join us for featured speakers, a hands-on activity, door prizes and light refreshments**

***Welcome the New Neighbors, the Pollinators, to Your Garden*** – Kay Covert, Union County Master Gardener Volunteer. We'll take a brief look at the important role pollinators play, why we want them to be our neighbors and some of the ways we can welcome them to the neighborhood.

***Design a Full Season of Blooms*** – Dixie Bowen, Union County Master Gardener Volunteer. Wondering how to get started? Dixie will discuss the process of designing or supplementing a garden to attract and support pollinators throughout their entire life cycle. Learn about seasons of bloom, choosing, preparing and planting a site.

***Use Native Plants to Create a Pollinator Haven*** – Linda Johnson, BS, Natural Resources, horticulture expert and co-owner, Scioto Gardens. Planting pollinator-friendly plants is one of the most important step you can take to attract pollinators to the garden. Whether you're adding a few natives to an existing landscape or creating a new garden, Linda will share her expertise on using natives to create a well-rounded backyard oasis that fosters bees, butterflies, birds and other pollinators.

**Hands-on activity** – Create a bug hotel from found materials provided for you. Use your bug hotel to provide shelter for pollinators in your garden. You'll also have time to enjoy light refreshments and meet other gardeners.

### Saturday, March 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Union County Agricultural Center, Buckeye Room, 18000 State Route 4, Marysville 43040

**9:30 am** – Doors open    **10:00 am** – Workshop begins

**Native plants will be offered for sale.**

**Cost: \$5.00**

**Registration is required.** Space is limited. Please register by March 17. Call the Extension Office at 937-644-8117 to register. Pay \$5.00 by cash or check at the door the morning of the event.



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