

Winter Educational Program: Thurs., March 14, 2019 – *Trees, Trees, and More: NC Arboretum in Our Backyard*. 6-7:30 p.m., Henderson County Library Auditorium, 201 N. Washington St. Drake Fowler, Chief Operations Officer at NC Arboretum and certified landscape architect reported on how the NC Arboretum, a nearby resource, can be used to help us grow our urban forest in every neighborhood. Nearly 50 interested attendees with lots of Q&A.



Tree Planting: Fri., May 3 – [Arbor Day Celebration](#). Hendersonville Elementary, 12 noon. The Arbor Day event was well attended ... students at Hendersonville Elementary participated and sang a song about trees and helped plant the tree (red oak) in memory of Dr. Jim Volk. Four Seasons Rotary Club members Chris Johnson and Corey Prince organized the event and did a great job. Mark Madsen, Tree Board member, aptly educated the students about how to plant a tree. NC Forest Service rep presented City with Tree City Award and also a Growth Award. Mayor proclaimed it Arbor Day in Hendersonville. Tiffany Ervin, with Four Seasons Rotary, officiated. Weather cooperated.



Tree Planting. Sat., May 4 – [NeighborWoods Project at Green Meadows Community](#). 10 a.m. Distribution of a dozen trees and tree-planting demo at 807 Robinson Terrace. All

participants were there to see the demonstration and collect their trees. Definite interest in more trees for planting in the fall.

Education and Community Participation. *May 24-26 – Garden Jubilee.* Downtown Hendersonville. Kim Bailey and Alesia Greismyer, with Hendersonville Environmental Sustainability Board, helped man the table set up at the event. Free seed packets of pollinator plants charmed in many visitors to the table where information was available about pollinators, plants, and the City's Bee City USA designation.

Pollinators. *June – Pollinator Month.* Tree Board helped organize 14 events held during entire month, including Bee-licious tasting of honey, mead, and more; invasive plant removal project; Henderson County Tailgate Market focus on flowers and pollinators; Hands-On Children's Museum program; guided walks – in a nature preserve, in Holmes Educational State Forest, at Bullington Gardens, Flat Rock Park, Connemara; a beekeeping instructional program; on-line educational series; and more.

Educational Program. *Sun., July 14 – Shady Garden Tours.* At 2 and 4 p.m. A popular private urban garden tour to learn and see how you can have flowers and still keep your trees. About 50 people attended. All were enthusiastic and curious, asked many questions about plants and trees, took notes, left feeling enriched. Created increased interest in Tree Board and its mission and projects including Heritage Tree Project. Garden host was professional, knowledgeable, and entertaining. Tree Board volunteer coordinator fielded many phone calls and gave instructions about parking, location, etc.

Pollinators. *Sat., August 17 – Honey Bee Day.* Inspired by Tree Board volunteer Kim Bailey, several local events were planned around this date including the Bee Bold Pollinator Festival at Bold Rock Cidery in Mills River, held 1-6 p.m. to emphasize the importance of pollinators to the apple cider business and to educate about the world-wide decline in pollinator population. A raving success, along with other events in Hendersonville. These events kicked off the funding campaign to bring a Bee Mural to downtown Hendersonville, to be painted by the "Bring the Hive Alive" project.



Pollinators. [*September – Monarch Month.*](#) Numerous events were coordinated through Tree Board for this month-long activity. Programs were hosted by Pisgah Wildlife Center, NC Arboretum, Henderson County Bee Keepers, Bullington Gardens, and more.

Educational Program. *Sun., Sept. 15 – [Learn About Trees on Main Street.](#)* 2:30 p.m. Bill Leatherwood, Consulting Arborist for City of Hendersonville, told about the types of trees planted along Historic Main Street and described behind-the-scene practices and care that keep the downtown arboretum looking good. Attendees were quite involved, asking lots of questions during the entire 90-minute walk. Participants review: "thankful for the opportunity to participate."



Educational Program. *Sat., Oct. 5 – [Learn About Trees Along the Oklawaha Greenway.](#)* 10 a.m. Tree Board co-sponsored this event with Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway. FOOG coordinator Suzanne Hale said: Thank you so much for co-sponsoring the Tree Walk. Tree

Board volunteer Mark Madsen did a great job leading the walk. About 25 people showed up. The group had a lot of good questions and Mark had a lot of good answers. A very successful morning.

Tree Plantings. *Sat., Oct. 19 -- NeighborWoods Project at Green Meadows Community.* 10 a.m. Tree Board distributed eight free trees to residents who requested them through this program. Tree-planting demo was included by Tree Board volunteer. Green Meadows is an established neighborhood in need of more trees to provide aesthetic enjoyment and a sense of comfort.

Tree Plantings. *Sat., Oct. 19 -- NeighborWoods Project at Oklawaha Village.* 12 noon. Tree Board distributed eleven trees with a tree-planting demo in this recently-built middle-income neighborhood. Land was cleared for new construction. Delivery of free trees to interested homeowners was very welcomed.