

Bee City USA - Orland

Report on 2020



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Pollinator Garden of the Year contest

Education & Outreach

Our Queen Bee Capital Committee hosted a Pollinator Garden of the Year contest with Covid-compliant drive-by displays and judging. Our Honeybee Discovery Center board began its application for 501C3 status, hired an architect to design the future discovery center, and hosted monthly open houses at the Discovery Center Gallery until Covid restrictions curtailed this activity. Our annual Queen Bee Festival and Ockobeefest were canceled due to the pandemic.





Winning entry in Orland's Pollinator Garden of the Year contest, June 2020



Donica O'Laughlin demonstrates how a hand-crank honey extractor, that she estimates is about 75 years old, is used at the Honeybee Discovery Center in Orland on Friday.

Museum buzzes about bees



Logan Herbert, 7, looks at bees under a microscope at the Honeybee Discovery Center in Orland on Friday. A screen projects what's under the microscope.

Honeybee Discovery Center now open the first Friday of every month

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Seven-year-old Logan Herbert was at the Honeybee Discovery Center museum Friday looking at bees under a microscope.

Logan has a love of nature and enjoys eating peanut butter and honey sandwiches and chocolate chip pancakes as after school snacks. "I couldn't have them without bees," Logan said.

Logan even donated \$50 of his own money during the center's recent Big Harvest fundraiser.

The Honeybee Discovery Center

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Local news coverage of the bee museum in Orland, Jan 2020

Policies & Practices

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



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Yvonne Koehnen, organizer and president of the board for the Honeybee Discovery Center

