

# Bee City USA - Lookout Mountain, TN

Report on 2021

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

All seemed quiet and shut down during the Pandemic, but behind the scenes, three gardens were established during 2020-21 adding 1/1/4 acres of pollinator habitat on Lookout. The Garden Club of Lookout Mountain added native trees and shrubs to Temple Park on West Brow Rd. The club has maintained a pollinator garden in the west corner for several years. Denise Taylor and Ferris Robinson cleared unkempt areas in the park and replanted them with American sycamores, Emerald luster viburnums, American bladdernut trees, and Sweetspire (Itea) shrubs. A White oak sapling was planted in the center of the park. It is small now, but in the future, it will provide a beautiful, shaded area for our residents. "Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit." The Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club utilized a \$1,000.00 "Plant America" grant to restore and create terraced pollinator gardens that are near the tennis courts at the Commons. These gardens have brightened and given a new life to an overgrown and barren area. Pollinator-friendly perennials such as goldenrod Anise hyssop, liatris, swamp milkweed, and Jenna phlox, as well as serviceberry trees, St. John's wort, and hydrangea shrubs, were added in fall 2020 and spring 2021 to attract native bees, butterflies, and birds. The club contributed funds to expand the garden along both terraces. A grant from Espoma provides the garden with organic fertilizer. The club helps maintain the area by watering and pulling weeds on a regular basis. Talked with children during Pollinator Week at the Children's Museum, Chattanooga, TN (June, 2020) Ann Brown gave 3 tours of Bee City sites and her pollinator garden to promote native plants for pollinators.





Cheri Hubbard, MS Eastern Bumble bee educating children about native bees at the Children's Museum, Chattanooga, TN.



Summer combination at the Terraces, Gaillardia, Anise Hyssop and Rudbeckia.



Leafcutter bee - *Megachile xylocopoides* Bee, A mimic of the Southern carpenter bee. Identified by Heather Holm

## Education & Outreach

The Bee City committed hosted all of the following: Talks to local groups including children about pollinators and native plant gardening. A gathering of members of various garden clubs on Lookout Mountain to promote Bee City USA mission, the planting of public places with native plants, and pesticide-free planting zones. Attended 7 committee meetings for the development of the "Terraces" Pollinator Garden. Provided plant lists, including Butterfly and Moth host plants for "Terraces" and Powell Park. This was published in the Mountain Mirror. Helped the Garden Club of Signal Mountain to develop a plant list for a "Plan America" Pollinator Garden. Helped Lookout Mountain School with the Pollinator Garden project. Provided sources (Native Plant Nurseries) of pesticide-free plants for "Terraces", Lookout Mountain School garden, and Temple Park project. Articles written for Mountain Mirror and Times Free Press about the Bee City gardens and promoting the planting of native plant gardening for pollinators. Helped plant the "Terraces".





Lookout Mountain School students and teachers planning the pollinator garden.



Ann Brown giving a presentation on importance of pollinators and native plant habitat..



Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club President, Penny Simmons and Vice-President Pamala Thompson and husband, Robert planting the "Terraces"

## Policies & Practices

Lookout Mountain Integrated Pest Policy for Bee City USA Gardens This policy was established by the Bee City USA Committee of Lookout Mountain, in 2018. 1. Pesticide-free plants are purchased for all plantings. 2. Organic fertilizers are used when necessary. 3. Leaves and other organic compost mediums are used to mulch the beds. 4. Chemical fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides are not used near or in any of the Bee City gardens. 5. City does not spray near gardens or along the roads leading to gardens. Ann Brown and Candace Wells.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [Lookout Mountain Integrated Pest Policy for Bee City USA Gardens.docx](#)

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [Bee City Plant Lists 2021.docx](#)

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**  
<https://tnvalleywildones.org/native-plants/>

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Bee City Committee working with Lookout Mountain, TN garden club and city employees to clear the "Terraces" for planting.

