Saturday, April 27: 2-4pm
Pollinators in NH: Who’s Who, How Are They Faring and How You Can Help!
Eric Venturini, Pollinator Conservationist, Partner Biologist, NRCS/Xerces Society
Experience the astounding diversity of NH native bees by going outside, catching them, and learning who they are and what they do. The indoor portion of the program will focus on the importance of pollinators and the latest updates on their conservation status in the region. Go home with practical ideas on how to engage in pollinator conservation.

Thursday, May 2: 6 – 8pm
Birdscaping: How to Attract Birds to Your Landscape
Beth Dreescher, Advanced Master Gardener with UNH Cooperative Extension
Creating a layered landscape that emphasizes native plants and bird-friendly features will help increase the number and variety of birds that visit your yard. This presentation will cover a selection of regionally native plants, shrubs, and trees to include in your landscape, along with suggestions on how to provide the appropriate food, shelter, and water source that make an inviting habitat for birds.

Thursday, May 23: 6-8pm
Landscaping for Pollinators
Beth Dermody, Landscape Architect, Allen & Major Associates
Learn the best practices to attract and maintain the health of pollinators in your backyard. Beth designed the new pollinator demonstration garden at the McLane Center. Tour the garden to see first-hand how and what to plant for pollinators.

Saturday, June 15: 10am-2pm
Pollinator Demonstration Garden Grand Opening Party
Join us for a celebration of pollinators with music, crafts, food, and tips on how to support pollinators in your backyard. Pollinators (including insects, birds, and bats) are vital to a healthy environment and are needed to pollinate a third of the food we eat. Tour our new gardens and participate in family-friendly activities for ideas on how you can encourage pollinators. A food truck from Roots Catering will be on site.

Thursday, June 20: 6-8pm
Beecology: a Citizen Scientist Helping Pollinators
Dr. Robert Gegear, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and founder of the Beecology Project
Hear updates on the decline of wild pollinators and the importance of collecting critical ecological information that is needed to develop effective conservation and restoration strategies for threatened pollinator species. The Beecology project was developed to recruit citizen scientists from across the region to digitally collect and submit ecological data on native pollinators through smartphones and web apps.

Thursday, July 11: 7-8:30pm
Co-evolution of Native Plants and Pollinators
Nancy Wilson, Master Gardener
What does the color or shape of a flower reveal about its pollinator? What intricate adaptations have pollinators developed to take advantage of the nutrition offered by these flowers? Pollinators and flowering plants have evolved together over millions of years. Explore the fascinating specialized features that both plants and pollinators have developed to optimize success.

Thursday, July 25: 8-10pm
Moths: Surprising Pollinators
Deb Lievens, Independent researcher and moth enthusiast
The evening will begin with a presentation on moths, fascinating facts on this group of Lepidoptera, and their role as pollinators. After the presentation participants will move outside. With the use of lights to draw moths in to the garden, you will have the opportunity to observe and identify moths close-up.

Saturday, August 3: 2-4pm
Native Plants for New England Gardens
Dan Jaffe, Propagator, Stock Bed Grower and Photographer for the New England Wildflower Society
Dan Jaffe is the co-author of the book Native Plants for New England Gardens, and will share his expertise on how to create lovely, hardy gardens that tolerate drought, resist disease, and encourage biodiversity. Plants native to New England evolved to thrive in local conditions and harsh seasons. Learn how to use native plants in your gardens and yards to enhance the ecological value of your property and encourage pollinator use. Dan will also lead participants in an outside exploration of native plants in the NH Audubon gardens and fields.

Sunday, September 8: 12-4pm
Native Plant Sale
Join us for the McLane Audubon Center Native Plant Sale. Multiple native plant nurseries will join us for an afternoon of learning about native plants, and the opportunity to purchase and take home plantings for your gardens. Fall is a great time to refresh and enhance your garden with native plants!