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# Bee friendly, join pollinator celebration

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**Nonprofits team with Portland garden center to promote pollinator awareness.**

Garden Fever, a Northeast Portland garden center, will host a pollinator celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, in partnership with two Oregon non-profits, Beyond Toxics and Pollinator Project Rogue Valley.

The event boasts native bee house building, gardening techniques and free tea from Mountain Rose Herbs. It takes place during National Pollinator Week, organized by the Pollinator Partnership. Garden Fever will also be donating part of the benefit's proceeds to Beyond Toxics' "Save Oregon's Bees" campaign.

"Garden Fever and Beyond Toxics worked together on a successful campaign to help Portland ban neonicotinoid pesticides, known to kill bees, on city property," Garden Fever owner Lori Vollmer said in press release.

With bees declining throughout the continent, Beyond Toxics aims to educate the public on chemical usage, promote legislation to protect the bees and form bonds with other pollinator organizations, added John Jordan-Cascade, Beyond Toxics communications manager.



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Saturday's event includes:

- 11 a.m. to noon, bee house building workshop in the parking lot of Garden Fever, at 3433 N.E. 24th Ave. in Portland. There's a \$5 donation to Beyond Toxics per bee house.
- 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., a pollinator gardening session with pollinator-friendly plants in the courtyard, led by Pollinator Project Rogue Valley and Beyond Toxics.
- 1:30 to 2:20 p.m., a pollinator-friendly politics session will feature State Senator Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, on the upper deck, followed by a postcard-making station for families.
- 1:45 to 3:00 p.m., informal pollinator Q&A with Beyond Toxics in the courtyard.