

The Madison Community Garden has a perennial flower garden with the purpose of attracting pollinating insects. The pollinator garden made up of 3 beds and is straight ahead as you walk through the garden gates.

Due to increasing evidence that pollinating insects are on the decline there has been interest in planting pollinator gardens. Pollinator gardens can provide a diversity of pollen and nectar for insects. Birds such as humming birds and goldfinches also benefit from these gardens.

See the list on the following page of many of the plants we have in the MCG pollinator garden.

You may print this list to have as a handy guide when visiting your local nursery or garden center.



Shasta Daisies & Yarrow at
the pollinator garden

(Photo: Mary Ellen Kapalo)



Honey Bees on Aster at the
pollinator garden

(Photo: Stephen McAuliffe)

Common Name/ Scientific Name	Bloom Period	Height	Flower Color	Native
Shasta Daisy/ <i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	July - September	24" - 36"	White	Native
Joe Pye Weed/ <i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	August - September	48" - 84"	Purple	Native
Bee Balm/ <i>Monarda</i>	July - August	36" - 48"	Red	Native
Blue Flag Iris/ <i>Iris versicolor</i>	May - June	24" - 36"	Blue Purple	Native
Yellow Primrose/ <i>Oenothera fruticosa L.</i>	June	18" - 24"	Yellow	Native
Pink Showy Primrose/ <i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	June - July	12" - 24"	Pink	Not Native (Native to SW US/Mexico)
New Jersey Tea/ <i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	July - August	24" - 36"	White	Native
Common Milkweed/ <i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	June - August	36" - 60"	Purple	Native
New England Aster/ <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	September - October	36" - 60"	Purple	Native
Blue Baptista/ <i>Baptisia australis</i>	May - June	36" - 48"	Blue	Native
Common Yarrow/ <i>Achillea millefolium L.</i>	June - September	24" - 36"	White/Red	Native
Sedum 'Autumn Joy'/ <i>S. spectabile 'Autumn Joy'</i>	July - September	20"-24"	Pink/Orange	Not Native (Native to Eurasia)
Salvia/ <i>Salvia pratensis</i>	June - August	12" - 36"	Purple	Not Native (Native to Europe/Western Asia/Northern Africa)
Anise Hyssop/ <i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	June - August	24" - 48"	Purple	Native
Black Eyed Susan/ <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	July - September	18" - 36"	Yellow	Native
Tickseed/ <i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	June - September	18" - 24"	Yellow	Native
Cardinal Flower/ <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	July - September	24" - 48"	Red	Native
Purple Coneflower/ <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	June - August	24" - 60"	Purplish Pink	Native
Hardy Geranium/ <i>Geranium maculatum</i>	May - June	12" - 18"	Pink	Native