

The Pollinator Garden at Garland Farm

Project Status Report, 28 May 2016



- The pollinator garden site is located in the open field below the Terrace Garden at Garland Farm. This site is protected from wind on three sides by evergreens, and provides full sun for good production of flowers that support bees.
- The blue line at left provides a rough estimate of the location of the mowed walking path through the site.
- Signage will be developed for this project and erected in summer 2016. This will include an informational sign about the project, and specifics about pollinators and the plants they frequent.
- Further developments can easily be added. Or, the project can be ended with very little long-term impact to the site.

The Beatrix Farrand Society's Board of Directors approved development of a pollinator garden in 2015. It is a flexible project that can expand in the future, both in terms of the pollinator projects it can support, and other projects that might be sited in the same space.

Development of the garden is now underway:

- 1- Stephanie Burnett and Lois Stack visited the proposed site on 16 November 2015 to make an initial assessment of the field for its ability to support a pollinator garden.
- 2- Seedlings of a few species of pollinator support plants have been grown and are now hardening off. They will be ready to plant into the garden in the next few weeks.
- 3- Megan Leach, M.S. entomology student at University of Maine, has made two visits to Garland Farm (12 and 26 May 2016) to begin documenting the bees that frequent the site. Her efforts throughout summer 2016 will result in a list and photos of the bees at Garland Farm.
- 4- Lois Stack met with Isabel Mancinelli and Tom McIntyre on 12 May 2016, to discuss how the pollinator garden might contribute to the landscape at Garland Farm. On behalf of the Landscape and Garden Committee, Isabel agreed that Tom would maintain a mowed path through the garden. Lois started to document the pollinator support plants at the site, and will continue documenting plants throughout this season.
- 5- Tom McIntyre mowed a walking path through the site in mid-May 2016. The path is designed to enable visitors to closely observe pollinators on plants. This path will be maintained by periodic mowing throughout the growing season. One end-of-season mowing will help prevent woody plants from establishing on the site.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Berg Stack.