

SEED Meeting Minutes, March 28th, 2019

Present at the meeting: Melanie Hammet, Carrie Lindblad, Susan Meyers of Monarch Watch, Jennifer Bridges

1. Carrie and Jennifer sold bulbs at the March PLAIN breakfast and Lounge, raising \$63. Remaining bulbs will be portioned into paper bags and offered at the plant sale.
2. Carrie attended the EcoAddendum nature walk on March 23rd, which was enjoyed by 15 people who learned that invasive plants like chickweed and henbit can be eaten. Carrie especially enjoyed when Kathrine Kolb informed the group about a bank of 100-year-old trees in the western wetlands and how they are beneficial to the soil. Carrie suggested adding an informational kiosk there, and Melanie suggested that the kiosk could also explain why Pine Lake chooses to disallow slab construction. Melanie also suggested contacting Kathrine Kolb to book another nature walk as soon as possible, as she gets booked quickly.
3. Pollination Celebration is April 27th from 11 AM to 4:30 PM. SEED's role at the Pollination Celebration will be to set up tables for Monarch Watch to use for information and demonstrations. Susan Meyers is unavailable on April 27th, but she will send a colleague with live caterpillar and butterfly specimens, an informational table, activities for children, and paper pot makers. She will also ask Monarchs Over Georgia if they can send us the script and costumes for their Pollinator Dating Game play, which can be performed during the festival if willing volunteers will step up.
4. The plant sale will be May 4th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Jennifer will be manning the plant sale and would love if someone else would like to sit with her! A Facebook event has been made, and information will be printed in the upcoming PLAINTalk. The Council has approved the next monarch planting for June 1st at the Eastern Wetland entrance. Jennifer will print flyers to hang around town using money from the bulb sale. Monarch Watch has been invited to join us at the sale.
5. Great GA Pollinator Count "Coffee and Counting" will be August 24th. Jennifer has emailed Danita to see if the beach house is available. We will meet that (time TBD) to provide neighbors with booklets to guide their counting efforts. Monarch Watch has been invited to join us to provide information.
6. Carrie is still actively looking for someone to come speak to the city about wildlife. Susan Meyers made some contact suggestions.
7. The spring issue of The Seedling will be printed April 2nd and first distributed at the April PLAIN breakfast.
8. Susan Meyers recommended that Melanie take the Mayor's Monarch Pledge offered by the National Wildlife Federation.