Planting for pollinators!

Join us for 8 informative sessions to learn how to transform your garden into a low input / high output habitat to support biodiversity! We’ll meet monthly from March to October (see specific dates below) on Sundays from 9:30am – 11:30am. No prior experience necessary! You’ll learn the basics you need to remove unwanted lawn and/or “weeds” without chemicals and replace with climate appropriate selections that are beautiful, will support declining populations of pollinators, and will likely require less water and maintenance than your yard currently demands.

Course will include work taking a front yard in San Rafael from beginning to end. All meetings will be outdoors, limited in size and participants will be required to wear masks.

Drop-ins ($75 per session\*) will only be allowed for friends and family of participants registered for full course, and will be limited based on space.

1. (Mar 28) Heidrun Meadery in Point Reyes: See “before” and “after” of soil solarization, as well as see a variety of native plants and bees.\*
2. (Apr 25) Visit San Rafael site, discuss plan, biodiversity & defensible space walk in neighborhood
3. (May 16) Install plastic to begin process of soil solarization
4. (June 13) Tour of desirable gardens and nursery visit #1
5. (July 18) Nursery visit #2
6. (Aug 15) Plans for each participant for fall planting (Zoom or in person, 30 min. per participant)
7. (Sept 19) Remove plastic and prepare site for planting
8. (Oct 17) Plant & seed before winter rains

$475 for course: including a book on native plants or habitat gardening (from a choice of 3), private consult in August, & 10 x 10 + 10 sign

\*Friends and family of participants registered for full course are welcome at the first class at Heidrun Meadery. Stay after class for a mead tasting (additional fee, advanced reservations are recommended, heidrunmeadery.com) and bring a picnic lunch!