

art of the earth



Plight of the Pollinators

SPRING CHALLENGE

One third of the food we eat is directly the result of the habits of pollinators within our ecosystems. These creatures, winged and scaled, are on the decline due to habitat loss, chemical use, invasive species, and disease. We ask that artists working in variety of media submit work that creatively interprets this issue or visually celebrates pollinators.

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Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust and Blue Horse Art Studio offers new *Art of the Earth* events, and an artist call for entries.

Artists will be challenged to create works of art inspired by nature and current environmental issues. This “Art of the Earth” series of events will encompass seasonal group exhibitions starting this spring with a call for art and multimedia creations for a “Plight of the Pollinators” exhibition to be viewed by the community to raise awareness of these concerns.

Open to all artists, professionals and students. A panel of jurors from both the disciplines of art and science will select works for the “Field Projects” exhibition. All artists, who contribute to this event through participation, will have the opportunity to be exhibited online through Flickr.

A Natalie Van Vleck Student Award will be offered in honor of Natalie Van Vleck, founder of Flanders Nature Center, for an outstanding piece that reflects the spirit of this spring pollinator challenge. Other awards for participating finalists will be announced in the near future. Entry fees and partial proceeds from the sale of work at the exhibition will benefit the Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust’s environmental education programs.

The public is invited to the *Plight of the Pollinators* lecture and spring art challenge kick off at Flanders Studio Welcome Center on the corner of Flanders and Church Hill Road in Woodbury on Friday, March 9, 7 PM to hear about global honey bee disorders and threats to insect pollinators.

Guest speaker Dr. Susan Cusato is the Chairperson of the Science Education and Environmental Studies at Southern Connecticut State University. Her academic background includes degrees in plant science, biochemistry, and environmental studies. She is currently teaching a course entitled “Pollinators: a Case Study in Sustainability.” She and her husband live in Woodbury and are beginner beekeepers learning first hand the challenge of keeping bees while struggling against environmental and disease related threats that regularly take their toll on the hives.

Guest Artist Randy Orzano will present his art work to view and talk about the creative process of creating with bees. A \$5 donation is requested for the lecture.

Artists can submit work online when the call opens at the end of February.

Entries information can be submitted through Café... <https://www.callforentry.org/>
Entry fee is \$25 per 3 works submitted. Jury Panel and Awards, TBA. **Submission Deadline: May 4.**

***Art of the Earth | Plight of the Pollinators* Art Show will be available to the public for viewing at Blue Horse Art Studio in Watertown during pollinator week, June 2–22. Opening reception Saturday, June 2, from 7–9 PM.**