

WHO IS FOGS?

FOGs is a group of volunteer gardeners composed of plant-loving Western students, staff and members of the community who all share a common goal: to promote sustainability and environmental integrity on campus through gardening!

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OUR PROJECTS INCLUDE...

THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

In 2022, FOGs planted a brand new pollinator garden in the Middlesex Parking Lot in support of the pollinators visiting our campus! The garden is composed of 61 different plant species, the majority of which are native to Canada, and supports several pollinators including butterflies, bees and hummingbirds!

DID YOU KNOW

Western University was the first Canadian university to receive the designation of a Bee City Campus back in 2018! The FOGs pollinator garden is now an added resource for our bees!

ST. MARY'S CEMENT ROCK GARDEN

Located in between the Collip building and the Biological and Geological Sciences building, the rock garden is an interactive exhibit of rocks dating back 2.2 billion years and is maintained by FOGs members!

FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS

TO WORK. TO LEARN. TO SHARE.

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FOGS PLANT SALES



FOGs has been growing plants in the greenhouse since 1996 and selling them to raise money for student bursaries and funding for further projects like the expansion of the pollinator garden!

YOU can get involved too...



Join FOGs!

Do you enjoy working with plants and want to join the movement in making

Western's campus more sustainable? Scan the QR code below to join our team!



Donate

pots, seeds and plants!

Reducing, reusing and recycling are some of our favorite words here at FOGs!



Plant native and pollinator-friendly plants...

Whether you want to plant a pollinator garden or make your existing garden accessible to our pollinator friends, FOGs can help! Message us for pollinator garden advice!

Even pollinators have their preferences!



Monarch Butterfly



Butterfly Weed



Common Milkweed



Eastern Hornet Fly



Stiff Goldenrod



Hairy Beardtongue



Hummingbird



Wild Bergamot

Why plant native pollinating flowers?

Loss of habitat is the leading cause of pollinator population decline. Native pollinators have coevolved with native plants and are dependent on these native flowers for habitat and larvae survival. Pollinating flowers provide food for adult pollinators. By planting both native and pollinating flowers, you provide an environment that supports the complete life cycle of a pollinator.



We need our pollinators and pollinators need our help...

Climate change, loss of native plants and pesticide overexposure are a few factors causing a steep decline in our native pollinator populations- a population decline of up to 40% globally for insects. Humans and entire ecosystems are dependent on the services provided by our pollinator friends. **Did you know that one out of every three bites of food you take is there due to the work of pollinators?** Our pollinator friends need our help to restore their populations and **help THEM continue to help US!**