

# PLANTS AT THE POINT: NEW EXHIBITION FLOWER BEDS FOR NATIVE PLANT POLLINATORS

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The Greater Parkersburg Convention and Visitors Bureau is hosting an event to celebrate the opening of Exhibition Flower Beds dedicated to supporting native plant pollinators. The event will take place at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Plants at the Point, a Collaborative Community Garden operated by the CVB and located adjacent to the Welcome Center in downtown Parkersburg. The project was funded with a \$2,000 gift from the Rotary Club of Parkersburg.

According to Mark Lewis, President & CEO of the Greater Parkersburg CVB, the community is coming together in a big way to support native pollinators of all kinds. “I encourage everyone to join us for this celebration of the work to help save honey bees, native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other important North American pollinators,” said Lewis.

The plants for the beds were purchased from a local nursery, Native Roots Inc., which specializes in native wildflowers. The three exhibition beds were prepared and planted as a collaborative effort with assistance from the Wood County Master Gardeners Association, West Virginia University Agricultural and Natural resources Extension Agent JJ Barrett, members of the Rotary Club of Parkersburg, the owners of Native Roots, and staff from the CVB. Assistance with the signage was provided by WVUP.