

## **HONEY BEE HAVEN 2018 EVENTS**

Haven map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/ivLvSMXW1QU2>

Events in **red** are NOT at the Haven

**February 17**

**Biodiversity Museum Day**

**12pm to 4pm**

Celebrate the diversity of bees! Learn to recognize common bees seen in home gardens, use our tools to safely catch and observe bees, and make 'Feed the Bees' cookies to take home. Indoor location in case of rain. Free admission and parking.

<http://biodiversitymuseumday.ucdavis.edu>

**April 7**

**Spring open house**

**11am to 2pm**

Like to eat? Thank a bee! Pollination is needed for about one-third of our food crops. Visitors will see honey bees at work in their hive, have the chance to catch and observe bees up close, and learn about low-water plants that help bees. Solitary bee houses and hard-to-find bee plants will be available to support the Haven. Free admission and parking.

<https://hbbhgarden.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Spring-open-house-flyer-2018.pdf>

**April 14**

**Planting the Bee Garden**

**8am to 11am**

Bee pollination brings us much of our food and supports most of our wildland plants. Interest in helping bee pollinators has never been greater, but what can you do in your own garden to make sure it is bee-friendly? We'll discuss garden design and plant selection based on bee biology as well as how to encourage insect natural enemies to keep bee gardens pesticide-free. We'll also learn about some of the latest research on bees and gardens and how to incorporate this into your garden. Content is suitable for ages 16 and up.

The class will conclude with a tour of the Haven for a hands-on look at plants and bees. Registration (\$40, free parking) includes light breakfast and snacks, course handouts, a solitary bee house, and a plant for your garden. Separate lunch registration is available if you stay for the afternoon 'Bee Watching for Beginners' class. Registration: <https://registration.ucdavis.edu/Item/Details/387>

**April 14**

**Bee Watching for Beginners**

**12pm to 3pm**

Observing and identifying the bees in our gardens can be challenging. We'll start with an overview of bee anatomy and learn how to distinguish bees from other insects. We'll then look at key features of common bees that can be used to identify them in flight.

The class will finish in the haven for hands-on experience observing and identifying bees. Photography encouraged! Content is suitable for ages 16 and up. Registration is \$40 with free parking. Separate lunch registration is available if you stay from the morning 'Planting the Bee Garden' class. Registration: <https://registration.ucdavis.edu/Item/Details/388>

**April 26**

**Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**

**11am to 1:30pm**

See what scientists do at work: be an entomologist for a day and learn to safely catch and observe bees. Visitors will also learn to recognize common bees seen in home gardens and can make 'Feed the Bees' cookies to take home. Free admission and parking.

<http://worklife-wellness.ucdavis.edu/events/tods.html>

**May 5**                      **California Honey Festival**                      **8am to 4pm**

*THE* event of the year for all things bees and plants! Join us in [downtown Woodland](#) for the many activities at the Festival; the Haven will host an educational booth about plants for bees. Last year's inaugural event drew nearly 20,000 bee lovers; don't miss out on this year's buzz! All events are free.

<https://californiahonefestival.com/>

**May 12**                      **National Public Gardens Day open house**                      **11am to 2pm**

Join us to celebrate public gardens! We'll have bee observation and ID demonstrations for kids of all ages along with bee and plant experts to answer your questions. Learn what and how to plant to help bees in both food and flower gardens. There will be free sunflower plants for all visitors (while they last). Free admission and parking.

<https://hbbhgarden.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NPGD-flyer-2018.pdf>

**June 23**                      **National Pollinator Week open house**                      **11am to 2pm**

Like to eat? Thank a bee! Pollination is needed for about one-third of our food crops. Join us to learn more about the amazing bees: learn to catch, observe and identify bees and see honey bees at work in the hive. Learn about how to plant your own garden to help bees. Solitary bee houses and hard-to-find bee plants will be available to support the Haven. Free admission and parking.

<https://hbbhgarden.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Pollinator-week-flyer-2018-1.pdf>

**August 4**                      **Sacramento Harvest Day**                      **8am to 2pm**

Join us at the [Fair Oaks Horticulture Center](#) for this event organized by the Sacramento County Master Gardener volunteers. We'll have lots of information about bees and plants as well as solitary bee houses for sale. Free admission and parking.

[http://sacmg.ucanr.edu/Harvest\\_Day/](http://sacmg.ucanr.edu/Harvest_Day/)

**August 18**                      **Pollinator to Plate**                      **11am to 2pm**

Like to eat? Thank a bee! California specialty crops -- including fruits, nuts, and vegetables -- make our diets tasty and nutritious. And healthy diets need healthy crops, which need healthy bees! Learn about food gardening and how bee pollinators make this bounty possible. Get tips for what we can all do in our gardens to improve bee health and pollination. Free admission and parking.

<https://hbbhgarden.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Pollinator-to-Plate-2018.pdf>

**September 22**                      **Fall open house**                      **11am to 2pm**

Like to eat? Thank a bee! Pollination is needed for about one-third of our food crops, and your garden makes a difference. Learn about Haven research into bee preference for ornamental plants to improve your own bee garden. See honey bees at work in their hive and catch and observe bees up close. Solitary bee houses and hard-to-find bee plants will be available to support the Haven. Free admission and parking.

<https://hbbhgarden.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Fall-open-house-flyer-2018-1.pdf>