



Bee Partner Application

Company or Organization Name

Phoenix Garden Project

Address

c/o Jan Buley, Facilitator
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St. John's , Newfoundland and Labrador
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Number of Employees

12

Tell us about your company/organization

Phoenix Garden Project is amazing and is centred inside the men's prison (Her Majesty's Penitentiary) in St John's NL. It is coordinated by 12 volunteers (outside gardeners) who go inside the prison each Monday afternoon and meet with participants--or 'inside gardeners' as they like to be called. Two years ago, we raised enough funding to build a 27-foot Sun Valley cedar greenhouse, and it's stunning. We also have picnic tables for programming (the guys earn a gardening certificate after they complete an 8-module curriculum that we designed) and we also designed (with the guys) a \$25,000 meditation garden--a fantastic walking spiral that is going to be planted this spring. The meditation garden is an enormous stone pathway (in a spiral shape) with 5 granite benches along the way for arts-based gardening projects (creative writing, mindfulness, photography, etc) The centre of the spiral is a large birdbath that is seated in flagstone and concrete. It's truly beautiful. We are really excited about the possibility to be part of this, and would happily contribute some kind of donation, although we are a non-profit with the John HOWard Society as our partner organization.

Bee Partner Price Tiers

Non-profits -Pay what you can

Applicant's Name

Jan Buley

Applicant's Job Title

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

1. Creating Healthy Pollinator Habitat: Describe your plans to create, improve and maintain pollinator habitat.

We are at the cusp of planting season here in NL, and our intention is to make our meditation garden planting as bee-friendly as possible. The 'inside gardeners' (prisoners) at Her Majesty's Penitentiary are really excited about this!

2. Educating Employees, Customers and the Community: Describe your plans to educate employees, customers and/or community members about the importance of pollinators and healthy habitats.

We will be presenting our plans to the employees and community at and around HMP for sure---it's a great healthy habitat 'inside the walls'--with a "No Mow the Dandelions" idea.

3. Celebrating Pollinators: Describe your plans to celebrate pollinators during International Pollinator Week (third week of June) or at other times.

We'll certainly look at lots of ways to celebrate bees throughout the year (not just in June). Last year, we

made lavender and mint tea (that's a big deal inside prison walls) and we sweetened it with three different kinds of honey that we were able to buy. We also educate the guys frequently on how unique the honeybees are in NL--free of viruses and really healthy. So lots and lots of options to consider.

Please submit a short 50-100 word write-up of why it is important to be a Bee Partner.

Last year, one of the 'outside facilitators' brought in a honeybee inside a jar to show the prisoner participants at HMP. They had not been outdoors in the sunshine for weeks. It was amazing to see their faces as they held the jar, listened to the bee vibrating through the glass and then seeing their delight as we released it to forage on the hundreds of dandelions that were growing inside the prison walls. The freedom that the bee represented gave hope to everyone for a better place in the community--and that's always our hope for all of the participants. Bees= Hope!

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge your Bee City Canada Partner designation through your website, signage, social media and other means.
 2. Annually renew for Bee City Canada Partner designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.
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Applicant's Signature

Jan Buley (signature)

Date

04/24/2023