

Come to the New Shepherdstown Public Library Habitat Gardens and Landscape Open House!

Excitement is building for the new Shepherdstown Public Library (SPL), and the development of the habitat gardens and landscape which is the jewel on the crown for our wonderful new community space!

Stop by Evolve during the Back Alley Garden Tour to learn more about the beautiful oasis we are creating for plants, pollinators and people outside the new building. There will be opportunities to see the designs, meet the designers, and learn how to help ***grow*** this project.

Special attractions to build excitement for beauty and bees at the new library includes **Art in Bloom**, a flower show, and **#PlantWildflowers** to support local pollinators. The Garden Stewards of the SPL will be hosting this event Saturday, May 21, from 10-6 and on Sunday, May 22, from 9-4. Evolve is located at 106 W. German Street.

Art in Bloom is a spectacular flower show featuring creations by members of the Shenandoah Garden Club inspired by fine original art works displayed in tandem at the gallery. Visitors will be asked to participate in People's Choice and vote for their favorite design by purchasing raffle tickets which enter them in a drawing for an arrangement to take home. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the library gardens.

#PlantWildflowers is a nationwide education and action initiative of HHMI Tangled Bank Studios to highlight pollinator diversity and spark local efforts to support wild pollinators. Pick up a free packet of pollinator-friendly regionalized wildflower seeds and take them home to plant! The seeds will grow to support pollinators like local bees and are representative of the diversity of native plants which are an essential part of the new gardens at the library. **#PlantWildflowers** is a partnership with Shepherdstown Public Library, American Conservation Film Festival, and HHMI Tangled Bank Studios.

Generous support for the Garden Stewards Open House is provided by Elise Baach and Jan Hafer of Evolve Shepherdstown, a marketing space that provides opportunities for artists and entrepreneurs to expand their visibility in hip and historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia. For more information about events at Evolve or the availability of this space, contact Evolve at 540-604-6703.

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