



Frederick Friends Meeting volunteers installed two new native wildflower gardens in 2019-20. In 2021, FFM was awarded official certification as a Pollinator Friendly Garden site by the UMD Extension Service's Frederick County Master Gardeners.

The gardens heed God's call to steward the earth, demonstrating our willingness to nurture, not dominate nature. By feeding native wildlife such as bees, butterflies, beetles and more, our native plants help restore earth's natural health and balance.

Even earthcare today has become almost militaristic, driven by our culture's will to subdue. Our new gardens are natural and



non-toxic, presenting a simple and concrete opportunity to practice tenderness, respect, and even listening. May these practices infuse all aspects of our lives!

The care of these gardens is guided by the Quaker values of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship.

More information can be obtained by reading the plants' tags as well as the material housed in the handmade garden box provided by Property Committee.

