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News Release

### **Extension Offers “People, Plants & Pollinators” Workshop**

The St. Clair County Extension office will host a workshop, “People, Plants and Pollinators,” on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1—2:30 p.m. at Jefferson State Community College in Pell City. Cost is \$5 to attend and you must pre-register no later than Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available for download online at [www.aces.edu/StClair](http://www.aces.edu/StClair) or by calling the St. Clair County Extension office at (205) 338-9416.

“People, Plants, and Pollinators” – what is the relationship between these three groups? All three groups are living organisms; all three need air, water, and food to survive (for the most part), and all three depend on each other in order to live. Or do they?

Whether you grow or raise flowers, vegetables, or chickens; enjoy eating fresh peaches, squash, or blueberries straight from a road side stand; whether you are an active gardener or appreciate and consume the efforts of others, this workshop invites you to look at the world of pollinators, their importance to us, and the plants they depend on to fuel pollination efforts. We’ll look at most of the “B” pollinators i.e. butterflies, beetles, bats, birds, etc. but with emphasis on honey bees. Why honey bees? Because they are the most efficient pollinators of many fruit and vegetable crops and their populations are declining. Without pollinators, including honey bees, our lives would change rather quickly, and in ways we can’t predict. Without the plants they need as food sources, some pollinators could disappear. This workshop will explain actions we can take to support their survival, whether bees, butterflies, or birds.

This workshop will not teach you how to keep bees, but will provide additional information if interested in pursuing the possibility.

For more about this workshop please contact Sallie Lee, Urban Regional Extension Agent-Home Grounds, Gardens and Home Pests at the St. Clair County Extension Office at (205) 338-9416 or email [leesall@aces.edu](mailto:leesall@aces.edu).

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