

FINAL PROJECT REPORT - HPS 2022 GRANT RECIPIENT
FRIENDS OF HOPE LODGE

The Friends of Hope Lodge would like to extend our sincere thanks for the generous support of The Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group that allowed this project to be undertaken. I am pleased to report that, thanks to a small but dedicated group of volunteers, we were able to create a pollinator garden to demonstrate how deer-resistant, low maintenance, and pollinator friendly plants can be adapted to a home garden.

It was a very challenging year for garden projects. The unrelenting heat and lack of rain increased the deer pressure and delayed most of the planting until late September. Despite the challenges, the 20' x 6' garden "room" was cleared of existing plantings and a weed barrier installed before final plant placement and mulching. In addition to our stated goals, we were also focused on extending seasonal interest. Plants selected for the garden include Gaillardia, Monarda, Veronica, Geranium, Eupatoruim, Aster, Penstemon, Baptesia, Pycnanthum, and Armeria.

The grant funds were used as follows:

Weed barrier and staples	\$ 45.00
Temporary plant tags	\$ 17.94
Plants	\$601.74

The remaining \$35.32 will be used for educational signage and plant tags. We are so excited to welcome visitors in the Spring to enjoy the beauty of the space and learn about how to attract pollinators to their own gardens.

Thank you again for your support. Without it, this garden renovation would not have been possible.

