

POLLINATORS

Exhibition Vision & Framework



Pollinators (working title) is a traveling exhibition produced and toured internationally by Flying Fish in collaboration with One Hive Foundation.

Exhibition is development and is subject to change.



Small creatures. Big impact.

Discover the fascinating world of pollinators, including bees, butterflies, birds, and bats, in this immersive exhibition. See how these small but powerful heroes sustain ecosystems, support our food supply, and inspire us to help them thrive.



EXHIBITION BIG IDEA

Pollination, which is responsible for much of Earth’s essential biodiversity, including flowering plants, fruits, and vegetables that are essential to life, is made possible by pollinators—small in scale but enormous in impact.

Pollinators are a diverse group of species, ranging from honey bees—essential to commercial agriculture around the world—to wild bees, other insects, birds, bats, and even mammals. All of these play a role in moving pollen through environments, supporting plant reproduction, ecosystem stability, and food security that humans and wildlife depend on.

The exhibition will highlight the profound connection between humans and pollinators in our shared ecosystem, with a major spotlight on bees and their unique characteristics and behaviors. Visitors leave feeling a unique kinship to pollinators and feel inspired to take actionable steps to create pollinator-friendly habitats in response to growing environmental pressures.



CORE IDEAS

The exhibition framework is built around these core ideas.

- Centered around pollination as the driving storyline
- Showcasing pollinators and their extraordinary diversity
- Emphasizing bees' crucial role while recognizing the contributions of other pollinators
 - Featuring honey bees and their distinctive behaviors
- Highlighting the ecosystem services pollinators provide, which are essential to life on Earth
- Highlighting the ecological connections, and emerging emotional connections, between humans and pollinators
- Guiding visitors through a narrative that builds kinship and empowers action



PROPOSED THEMES & SUBTHEMES

- **Pollination 101**
 - Introduction to pollination and pollen
- **Coevolution of Plants and Pollinators**
 - Flower colors, shapes, scents, blooming
 - How plants and pollinators shape one another
 - Pollinator tools
- **Pollinators and Their Roles**
 - Diversity of pollinators
 - How plants and pollinators shape one another
- **Bees**
 - Honey bees
 - Commercial agriculture
 - Wild bees
 - Behaviors and attributes
- **Pollination System Under Stress**
 - Habitat loss
 - Pesticides and public policy
 - Climate change
- **Humans and Pollinators**
 - Humans as a part of the system
 - Agriculture
 - Becoming better partners



EMOTIONAL JOURNEY

Awe & Wonder

Pollination is everywhere, shaping life on Earth

Revelation

Plants and pollination evolved together, shaping one another over time

Surprise & Delight

The remarkable diversity of pollinators is revealed

Emotional Bond

Bees and other pollinators display social structures and behaviors visitors recognize

Concern Grounded in Understanding

These interconnected systems are under growing stress, affecting ecosystems worldwide

Empowerment & Kinship

"I see myself in this system, and I know what actions I can take to help."



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The One Hive Foundation is a private foundation that supports nonprofit research and community partners through our mission to promote pollinator health and ecologically responsible agriculture. We advance this mission primarily by making grants that increase available data on the environmental impact of human actions, accelerate solutions that combine science, innovation, and respect for the environment, and support the next generation of diverse farmers who will carry ecologically responsible agricultural practices into the future. In addition to grantmaking, One Hive functions as a hub for sharing research findings, facilitating communication among partners and funders, and raising public awareness around pollinator health and sustainable agriculture.

One Hive is guided by five core values that shape our mission and strategic plan and are shared by our founder, advisors, and collaborators: science-based decision-making, inclusivity, community, collaboration, and family.

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