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**"A Pollinator Patch from the Ground Up"** - Bees, beetles, birds, and butterflies are among the important pollinators vital for plant propagation and the production of seeds and fruits. Worldwide, our pollinators are in danger. You can make a difference by designing gardens that supply native pollinators with habitat, food, and shelter. Where do you begin? Which plants are best for your pollinator patch? Come and explore the beautiful possibilities and be amazed at the diversity of life at work all around us.

Catherine Kavassalis is a passionate gardener and conservationist. A former chemist and teacher, she did her doctoral work at M.I.T. and later received a master's in environmental education from the University of Toronto. She has taught and worked with not-for-profit organizations promoting biodiversity. Now she volunteers as an educator and inspirational speaker. She is an active member of the Halton Region group of Master Gardeners of Ontario (MGOI) and helps moderate the MGOI Facebook Group. She was a former President of Oakville Horticultural Society and member of the Board of Directors for the Royal Botanical Gardens. Catherine loves to garden and believes that caring for plants is critical for our well-being and that of our planet. Catherine enjoys learning and sharing knowledge and by doing so endeavors to stimulate interest and awe in the living world.



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