El Pueblo Historical Monument

Bee Bath At-Home Workshop

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This workshop is fun for all ages and created with things you may already have at home. Create a homemade bee bath out of a plate and rocks.

Historic Facts about Bees

Bees, like people, are regular visitors to El Pueblo which is a park with lots of flora and fauna that are pollinated by bees. Some of these include jacaranda trees, pomegranate trees, and bougainvillea plants. There are many types of bees native to Southern California including the Sweat Bee and the Leafcutting Bee. The Mayan people kept native bees for thousands of years. The most familiar type of bee we know today is the Honeybee. The earliest account of Honeybees being brought to Southern California is from the 1850s. Bees are an important part of the ecosystem, pollinating crops and flowers and creating honey. Bees, like people, need water and a bee bath is an easy way to help our insect neighbors during their long workday in the sun!

Materials

- A glass or ceramic plate
- Rocks or Glass Pebbles
- Water

Steps/Instructions

Step One: Collect all your materials on a flat surface.

Hint: For the step-by-step images we will be making (2) different bee baths.

Step Two: Lay out your plate.

Hint: This project is a great opportunity to recycle any plates you may have that are chipped!

Step Three: Add glass pebbles or rocks or a combination of both to your plate.

Step Four: Add water to the plate just to the edge of your stones.

Hint: The stones allow any bee visitors to climb out of the water safely!

Step Five: Place your bee bath in a shady area.

Hint: You can also place them on your patio or balcony to allow bees flying by to take a break!

Step Six: Be sure to refresh the water in your bee bath every day and clean it once a week!

Congratulations! You have created your very own beautiful and unique bee bath!

Stay safe and we hope to see you soon on your next visit to El Pueblo Historical Monument!