

Roanoke Valley Bees and Butterflies
Grandin Theatre May Exhibit - Upper Level
"We Love Bees and Blooms"

*Whimsical Bee and Bloom Paintings by Beth Rodgers, below
Vibrant Bee, Butterfly and Bloom Images by Deana B Marion*



Grandin Theatre, 1310 Grandin Rd SW
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Friday—Sunday
12—10 pm

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**“On The Way”
Leap Day, 2012**

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The Importance of Bees

Pollinators, primarily honey bees, contribute in excess of \$24 billion in pollination of crops, wildflowers, forests and gardens, including one-third of American's food.

"There is an important link between the health of American agriculture and the health of our honeybees for our country's long term agricultural productivity," stated former Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan.

Crops That Would Disappear Without Pollination by Bees

Almonds	Apples
Avocados	Blackberries
Blueberries	Cantaloupes
Cherries	Cranberries
Cucumbers	Grapefruits
Onions	Oranges
Peaches	Pears
Plums	Raspberries
Pumpkins	Watermelons

State Insect

Arkansas	Georgia	Kansas
Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine
Mississippi	Missouri	Nebraska
New Jersey	North Carolina	Oklahoma
South Dakota	Tennessee	Utah
Vermont	West Virginia	Wisconsin

Please Help

Support local beekeepers

Appreciate the beauty and wonder of bees

Plant seasonal pollinator-friendly flowers and shrubs

Read and follow ALL pesticide label directions and precautions

Artist Statement

The collection of macro images of bees and blooms in their native environment celebrates the art of nature, the beauty and wonder God created in the bees and blooms. The colorful metal and metallic canvas images showcase the features of the small natural world as photographed in blooming trees and flower gardens.

The plight of pollinators, their value to our food supply, and the causes for their declining population are receiving national attention, with pollination by honey bees responsible for one-third of our food and nearly \$20 billion in value to agricultural crops each year in the United States. Deana B understands the issues are extremely important and has witnessed the alarming population decline firsthand.

Deana B's macro photography commenced in the 2002 with weekend classes taught by Barbara Brundage through the University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, along with numerous workshops where she was encouraged to "get closer, get closer." She gained tremendous insight from a mentorship with Barbara focusing on enhancing the images to capture the intricate features of flowers with bees. Since 2010, she has specialized in photographing bees on blooms in exquisite detail at a distance of several inches.

The unique body of images focus upon the beauty of bees in nature, all different but sharing a common theme, with attention to microscopic level features, use of color and position of blooms. The images made their debut with an "Art in the Garden" exhibit at the Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion at Virginia Tech with the former director commenting, "It's really outstanding and couldn't bee (pun!) more garden-oriented." During "Seasons with Bees and Blooms" they were described as "amazing, astonishing, exquisite, incredible, strikingly beautiful, stunning - beautiful works of art."

Large images of colorful bees and blooms, allow the viewer to appreciate the art of nature at eye level and see the beauty and wonder of bees and blooms, their interdependence and importance. Georgia O'Keeffe wrote that she magnified her flowers because "... nobody sees a flower - really - it is so small - we haven't the time." Deana B has used O'Keeffe's premise and brought bees to life in their natural habitat for everyone to see and treasure.

The large glossy metal and metallic canvas prints utilize high definition photographic imaging to enhance the "bee-utiful" details, depth of field and background illumination.

Concurrent with the Grandin exhibition of "Roanoke Valley Bees, Butterflies and Blooms", Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC is hosting "The Power of Pollinators" through late August.

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