

## **Morph Your Yard into a Bee Grocery Store—Not a Bee Fast Food Joint! Building Homes and Habitat for Native Bees and Pollinators**

Tuesday February 19, 2019, 7-9 pm  
Arlington Mill Community Center, Rm. 527  
909 S. Dinwiddie St. Arlington VA 22204

**Free and Open to all!**

Speakers include: Sam Droege, USGS Wildlife Researcher, and Alonso Abugattas, Arlington County Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Manager. They will provide examples of native bee habitat structures that you can build at home.

Sam Droege is a wildlife biologist at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, part of the US Geological Survey. He is widely published in journals and edited numerous government publications on birds and insects. His work cataloging and photographing bees has been featured by NPR, The Weather Channel, and the National Wildlife Federation, as well as in numerous publications including Wired, the Wall Street Journal, and Popular Science. Also, see his work at the USGS Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab: <https://www.flickr.com/people/usgsbiml/>.

Alonso Abugattas is a well-known local naturalist, environmental educator, and storyteller in the Washington, D.C. area. He is the natural resources manager for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the co-chair for the Beltway Chapter of Region 2 of the National Association for Interpretation. He has trained as a master gardener, was made an honorary Virginia Master Naturalist for his role in starting two chapters, and serves as an instructor for both. He co-founded the Washington Area Butterfly Club and has held several offices, including president, for the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. He invites you to check out his personal blog "[Capital Naturalist](#)" and [Facebook group](#) where he posts regular nature notes using his own photography.

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