



Clement Kent Ph.D., Speaker

I'm a gardener, re-greener, scientist and plant lover. Although I'll try growing almost anything for fun my core interest is using gardens, parks, and other public spaces to re-green the ecology of where we live. I'm the author of "How to Make a Pollinator Garden", and practice what I preach, having helped create many pollinator gardens in front yards, city parks, and roadsides.

I have a particular interest in what it takes to make grassroots re-greening initiatives successful. I was on the Advisory Board of the City of Toronto's Pollinator Protection program, and I do workshops with groups wanting to create green oases in their neighbourhoods.

I study insects - their behaviour, their genetics, and the "big-data" area called genomics. Among the insects, bees are a special focus.

I've been a member of the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (honeybee professionals) and I received the Canadian Pollinator Advocate award for 2011 from the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. I'm an adjunct professor at York University and VP of the Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto. I helped found the Parkdale society in 1987 and Project Swallowtail in 2019.

