

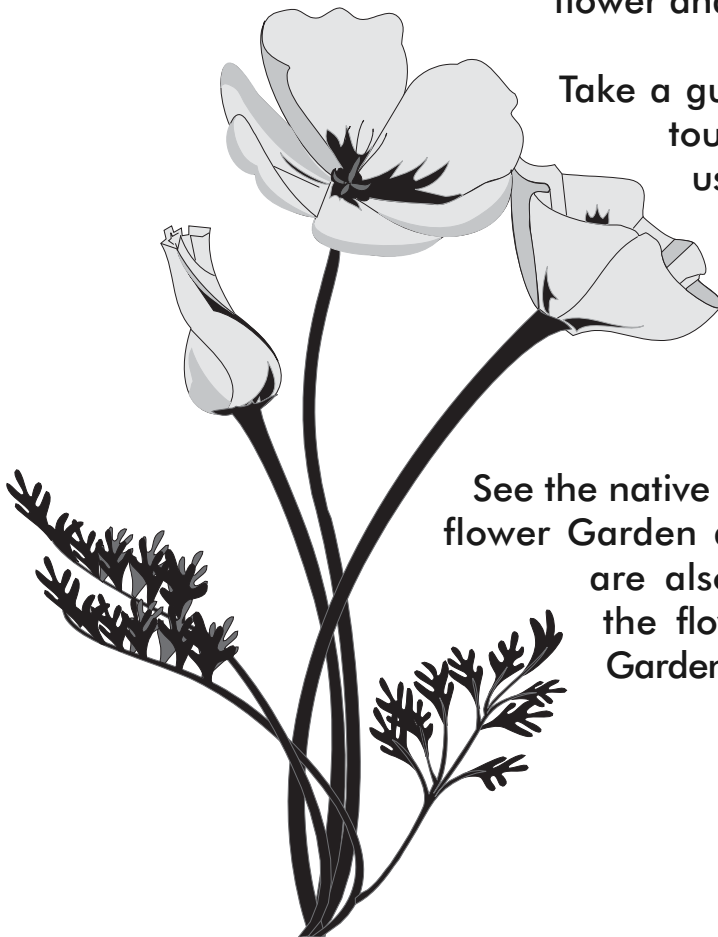
Maintain a Healthy Chemical-Free Environment

Synthetic chemicals are not the answer for pest management. The cheapest and safest pest management strategy is to protect and attract a myriad of beneficial insects by planting attractive flowers, giving them a water source and by maintaining permanent plantings around the garden. Synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides can cause pollution and health issues.



Ecosystems are interdependent. When you are tempted to use chemicals for control remember and consider how everything you do right now ripples outward and affects our environment and all that lives in it—consider alternatives.

Think polyculture as an option, where many types of plants are grown in one area. Plant flowers such as asters, poppies, calendula, sea holly, borage, yarrow, salvia, chives, rue, cushion flower, catnip marigolds and a variety of herbs throughout your flower and vegetable garden.



Take a guided or self-interpreted tour of the Station Gardens using the guide book in the Station. Note how many of the above plants are interspersed among very diverse plantings.

See the native wild flowers in the Wild-flower Garden and how native flowers are also incorporated through the flower beds in our Station Gardens.