

NEWS

SEPT. 20-26 HAPPENINGS

Tuesday

11 a.m.

Build Your Own
Pet Rock Garden
Highsmith Union Plaza

Wednesday

11 a.m.

Waldemar Januszczak's Paradise
Found: Wonders of Islamic Art
Lipinsky Hall Auditorium

7 p.m.

Ron Rash presents *The Risen*
Humanities Lecture Hall

8 p.m.

Peace Day movie: *Inside Peace*
Highsmith Union Grotto

Thursday

Noon

Live at Lunch Series
Highsmith Union Grotto

7 p.m.

A Cultural Genocide: ISIS and
the Destruction of Cultural
Heritage in the Middle East
Humanities Lecture Hall

Friday

11:30 a.m.

Fab Friday Lecture: The
2016 Election and the
Future of Our Country
Reuter Center 102

8 p.m.

Movie: *Room*
Highsmith Union Grotto

Saturday

9 p.m.

Unveiled: A One Woman Show
Highsmith Union Grotto

Monday

7 p.m.

Annual Squibb Lecture
Highsmith Union 159



Photo by Audra Goforth

Students cut the ribbon in celebration of the Bee Hotel Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Bee Hotel sustains independent pollinators

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UNC Asheville community members gathered around the pollinator garden in celebration of UNCA's Bee Hotel Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

"I hope we use this opportunity as a teaching space, a gathering space, as a place to build community and a way to visualize our values," said Mary K. Grant, UNCA's chancellor. "I think that this can do a whole lot over time and we can use this project for on-going research."

The Bee Hotel, a unique structure of wooden boxes between University Heights and UNCA's pollinator garden, was a collaboration between UNCA and the Asheville Design Center. After a series of meetings and interviews, ADC select-

ed the Bee Hotel as its annual Asheville DesignBuild Studio program. The official unveiling was on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Chancellor Grant said she thought the Bee Hotel was a wonderful idea and she supported it from the ground up.

"I loved it when they brought it to me. I thought that it was a really wonderful idea," said Chancellor Grant. "I loved the fact that it was a visual representation of the important work that has gone on in this institution and this campus for years around sustainability. I loved the partnership of this project and I am grateful for those involved."

Sonia Marcus, UNCA's director of sustainability said the Bee Hotel was a \$5,000 project, but additional contributions were donated.

"I would have to check the exact amount of money invested, but basically there were a lot of sponsoring businesses that gave us materials to use for the project," Marcus said. "But the whole thing, kit and caboodle, was \$5,000. That was the limit of what we could spend. Essentially people donated themselves to put the project together."

Jennifer Ward, a UNCA biology associate professor who worked alongside the Bee Hotel, said the biggest challenge faced was picking a proper location.

"The location for this project was one of the most controversial things because the ADC needed it somewhere that would be visible to people, but we did not want to place it somewhere

too public," Ward said.

"This place made for a good compromise," Ward said. "Bees are relatively insensitive to noise so the traffic disruptions will not disturb them, unlike having people touch and bother them. In addition, the plants from the pollinator garden provide a great food source for them."

UNCA's Bee Hotel was constructed of mostly reclaimed and recycled materials. Some of the lumber and cement blocks were left over from past building and remodeling projects, while other materials used were higher grade.

"The structure is made up of mostly steel and wood," said Jackie Hamstead, environmental specialist at UNCA. "The pros of this is that the struc-

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LGBTQ+ population at higher risk for addiction

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According to research referenced in the *Textbook of Addiction Treatment: International Perspectives*, the LGBTQ+ addiction rate falls around 30 percent, while the heterosexual population suffers an addiction rate of around 10 percent.

The same research found the LGBTQ+ community suffers unique stressors, such as rejection, violence, harassment and

discrimination.

Some students such as Justin Day, a senior drama student from Greensboro, believe social circumstances play a large role in the increased amount of LGBTQ+ addiction.

"A lot of people turn to addiction in times of mental and emotional crisis, or at least start using things, not to mention the high rate of queer poverty. Not only queer poverty, but the high rates of mental illness, the high rates of homelessness and

finding means to make money, a lot of times that's where a lot of things turn to," said Day, who identifies as homosexual and transgender, specifically nonbinary.

According to a study published in the 2009 edition of *Addiction*, being a target of discrimination increases the risk of addiction and legal protection of the LGBTQ+ community does not extend far.

Lorena Russell, an associate professor in the English depart-

ment, identifies as a lesbian and said she agrees the legality of discrimination contributes as a stressor.

"Well I think these problems are societal. They're created by our society and could be corrected by our society and I think we need to change things on multiple levels," said Russell. "Bills such as HB2, North Carolina's recent ruling on limiting access to bathrooms of one's

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