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**Subject: What's Up with Bees and What Can We Do?**

**Traverse City** – Since 2007, the news has reported that bees are in trouble. At first, the cause was blamed on Colony Collapse Disorder. Next, the blame was placed on cell phones, pesticides or a yet undiscovered disease. The bee problem continued and even became more prevalent. During some of the years since 2007, beekeepers lost as much as sixty percent of their hives. Now more than a decade later, there is no single answer with even more culprits surfacing – habitat destruction, climate change and bee ailments.

Join Alta Walters, a lawyer, novelist and organic gardener, on Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m., at the Traverse Senior Center, 801 E. Front Street, as the reasons for the so-called bee and bug apocalypse are explored, how bee losses impact our agriculture and what can be done to help, looking to where bees are recovering, where agricultural communities are addressing multiple and known bee stressors.

Walters has been a beekeeper for five years. Before that, as an environmentalist and the granddaughter of a beekeeper, she followed issues in beekeeping for decades before personally taking the plunge.

The discussion, What's Up with Bees, is free, but advance registration is required.

For more information or to register, email [dmikowski@grandtraverse.org](mailto:dmikowski@grandtraverse.org) or call the registration number at 231-922-2080.

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