

EARTH DAY AT JOHN ABBOTT COLLEGE – REPORT

Earth Day at John Abbott College featured local biodiversity and protection of pollinators. A wooden model home for orchard bees and a display on butterflies, plus art from recycled materials, were some of the important displays.

Thanks to the generosity of the S.C.B.D., students visiting the display received biodiversity mementos, such as pins, pens, and bookmarks, at the Nature Connection display, where the 2010 posters helped to draw in students, who could then learn about the importance of biodiversity protection and chat with informed parties.

The main display was set up near the cafeteria exit. About 800 students saw the displays and as they departed, most were saying “oh, so 2010 is the year of Biodiversity!”

There were also S.C.B.D. posters near the main entrance of the college, next to the Library display case, which also featured a biodiversity collage.

The Director General, Mme. Ginette Sheehy, made space on the agenda of a meeting of all the Montreal CEGEPs’ Director Generals to discuss the International year of Biodiversity. She passed around information and mementos, including pins, which would mean that when the Director Generals wear the pins, people will probably ask about them.

Two students organized a yoga class, and two teachers did a garbage audit to show students how to be more sustainable.