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Local Girl Scouts enrich Burton Valley School Garden with Silver Award Project

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Abigail Hui and Rena Liu Photo Queenie Hill

Girl Scout Troop 33551 was honored to present Abigail Hui, Lucy Kao, Aila Lind and Rena Liu with the Girl Scout Silver Award.

As alumni of Burton Valley Elementary, the girls had fond memories of the school's thriving garden and sought ways to enhance it for current and future students at the school. They identified a goal to increase bee and bird activity in the garden.

After consulting with the school's garden teacher, Mrs. Tasha McNamara, the scouts developed a plan to build a bee habitat and two birdhouses. They tried to use as much reclaimed material as possible, sought out donations, and borrowed tools from neighbors to construct the habitats. Finally, to share all that they learned with Burton Valley's students, they created educational posters on the importance of birds and bees

in the garden and a video on how to clean and maintain the habitats. Each scout spent over 50 hours planning and executing the project.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette in grades 6-8 can earn. To earn the Silver Award, the girls must explore a community issue, conduct research, and develop a project that addresses the root cause of the issue. The scouts were supported in their Silver Award efforts by troop leaders Liz Shipman and Queenie Hui, teacher Mrs. McNamara, as well as numerous neighbors, family and friends.



Lucy Kao and Aila Lind Photo Leah Kao

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